

## RHS wins state baseball championship

The Rappahannock Raiders celebrated at Radford University last Saturday after hanging on for an 8-7 win over Windsor in the Virginia High School League Group 1A state baseball championship. The Raiders forced two pop-ups for the final two outs and Windsor left two runners on base as Rappahannock picked up the school's third 1A state baseball title. Rappahannock advanced to the final with a 4-2 semifinal win over Eastside last Friday. The championship win avenged Rappahannock's 14-1 loss to Windsor in the Region 1A East final two weeks ago. Photo by Lisa Whelan

## Summer Slam Camp slated for July 25-29

by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi

Grab the bat, ball and glove and head to Dream Fields near Kilmarnock, July 25 through 29, for the annual Youth Club of Lancaster County Summer Slam Youth Baseball/Softball Camp.

The camp is open to boys and girls ages 7-12 and is \$150 for the week for a full day camp, or \$100 for the week for half day camp, according to director Damien Crissey.

Virginia Commonwealth University assistant baseball coach M.L. Morgan and VCU baseball players will teach baseball campers in basic skills of hitting, fielding and base

running. VCU players also will demonstrate drills that the VCU team uses during its daily practices. There also will be scrimmages and individual position training, said Crissey.

Sarah Kleinfelter, a 2016 graduate of George Mason University, where she was a pitcher, will instruct the softball camp. Kleinfelter and her assistants will also teach basic skills of hitting, fielding and base running.

Lunch will be provided daily and campers are asked to bring their own drinks. The morning session runs from 8:30 a.m. to noon with lunch from noon to 12:30 p.m.

Campers staying for a full day from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. will be picked up by the Northern Neck Family YMCA bus following lunch and transported to YMCA facilities in Kilmarnock or the Lively Aquatic Center, depending on the weather. Campers will return to the YMCA, 39 William B. Graham Court, Kilmarnock, by 4:30 p.m. for pickup by 5 p.m.

Checks should be made payable to Youth Club of Lancaster County and can be mailed to Damien Crissey, c/o YCLC, P.O. Box 1491, Kilmarnock VA 22482. A complete registration form can be downloaded at dream-fields.org

## Parry McCluer beats Mathews High, 8-0, for VHSL Group 1A softball championship

by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi

Parry McCluer High School picked up its second straight Virginia High School League Group 1A softball state championship last Saturday at Radford University.

The Lady Fighting Blues shut out the Mathews High Lady Blue Devils 8-0. McCluer's Kelsi Martin threw her fifth shutout in post-season play this season, allowing three Mathews' hits and striking out three.

Madison South, Caroline Crittenden and Lexie Miles had the only hits for the Lady Blue Devils.

This was Mathews' first state tournament appearance since 2011. The Lady Blue Devils finish the season at 19-3 and will bring back eight of nine starters next year.

The Region 1A East champion, Mathews beat Galax, 8-0, in a state semifinal last Friday to advance to the championship game.

Parry McCluer knocked Essex High School out of the tournament last Friday in a 3-0 semifinal win at Radford. The Lady Fighting Blues took a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the fourth on a triple and a single and added two more in the sixth to end the Lady Trojans' post season run.

Advancing to state play as the Region 1A East runner-up, Essex got only five hits off Martin. The Lady Fighting Blues also threw out three Essex runners.



## Riley Scholar Award is presented to Humphreys

Joseph Hubbard Humphreys III is the 2016 recipient of the Jamie Riley Scholar Award. The scholarship was established in memory of Jamie Riley, son of Charles and Susan Haydon of Weems. It is awarded each year to a Christ Church School football player who, like Riley, is willing to sacrifice his desires for the betterment of the team and has a keen desire to please his coaches. From left are coach Ed Homer, Humphreys, Susan Haydon and Charles Haydon. Humphreys is the son of Joseph and Kathryn Humphreys of White Stone.

## Prime Tyme Basketball Camp announces 25th season in July

The Prime Tyme Basketball Camp will celebrate its 25th year this summer. Camp will be held July 11 through 15 at the Northumberland Middle/High School gymnasium, 201 Academic Lane, Claraville.

The camp will be held daily from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; early drop-off starts at 8 a.m. Boys and girls, ages 5-18, are urged to participate, said coach and director Michael Stevenson.

The fee is \$75 per camper prior to June 30; or \$70 per camper for more than one immediate family member prior to June 30. After June 30, the fee is \$85 per camper.

To celebrate the "silver anniversary," the first 25 campers to register by phone at 580-9014, or 815-2776, will pay \$60.

In addition to advance registration by phone, registration will be held on the first day of camp, said Stevenson.

The fee includes a T-shirt, daily breakfast and lunch, trophies, certificates, prizes, individual competition and fundamental stations, games every day, quality instruction, Prime Tyme Team Camp and lots of fun and encouragement, he said.

Instruction will be led by Stevenson, who serves as head basketball coach at Northumberland High School. His record is 657-216 games in over 30 years as a junior varsity and varsity coach.

Stevenson has been recognized seven times as District Coach of the

Year and twice was named Regional Coach of the Year.

Additional coaching staff will include coaches from Lancaster, King and Queen and Northumberland, he said.

"My goal is to give back to the youth of the Northern Neck so that one day they may be of service to someone else. I believe that basketball is a tool to develop life skills that will make our youth a more caring and giving generation," said Stevenson.

Prime Tyme Basketball Camp was established in 1991 by Eric Jones, Bryan Shabazz and Stevenson. The idea was to develop a reasonably priced, accessible, and a high-quality basketball camp to serve youth in the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula.

At that point the area did not have an off-season basketball program or camp, he said. Youth only had camp options outside of the area and very expensive.

### Team camp

In addition to the individual youth camp experience, ages 14-18 may participate in the Prime Tyme Team Camp, said Stevenson. Teams of seven or more players can register for the team camp.

After stations in the morning and competitions after lunch, players will have an opportunity to build some team chemistry. There will be 12 games in the week.



## Bridging over

Girl Scout Troop 368 held a bridging over ceremony on Friday, June 3. Cadets Hailey Banes and Jaylyn Carter assisted the younger girls with their pledges. From left are (front row) Emoni Morris, Aynia Dixon, Jauncia Morris, Gigi Mataya, Riley Jackson, Lily Hughes and Jayden Coates, who all bridged over to Juniors; (next row) Hailey and Banes. Scarlett Jackson, front right, bridged over to a Brownie.



From left are Tom Smith, Steve Callis and Roger Atkins.

## Tom Smith wins shotgun match

Tom Smith claimed the first-place ribbon in the Rappahannock Pistol & Rifle Club's 5-Stand shotgun match on June 5. He tallied a score of 33.

Steve Callis finished second with a score of 28. Roger Atkins was third with a score of 26 after winning a tie-breaker shoot-off with Paul Elbourn.

The competition consisted of two standard rounds of 25 targets for a total of 50 targets, said Smith.

"We were pleased to have two RPRC youth members, Bailey Elbourn and David Hall, participate, shoot well, and finish just a few targets short of winning a ribbon," he

said.

Shotgun 5-Stand has five stations with each station having one single target, one report pair (second target released at the sound of the first shot), and one true pair (two targets released at the same time), he continued.

Competitors say that the faster targets, various flight paths, report pairs and true pairs requiring quick transitions from the first target to the second can be quite difficult, but are good practice to simulate hunting conditions for dove and waterfowl hunters.

## SPORTS SHORTS

### 4-H camp

Registration is open for 4-H Junior Camp for residents of Lancaster and Northumberland counties, July 18 to 22 at the Jamestown 4-H Center near Williamsburg. The camp is for ages 9-13.

The fee is \$250. Scholarships are available. For registration forms and scholarship information, call the Extension office at 462-5780 in Lancaster, 580-5694 in Northumberland, or email tbrent@vt.edu.

### Dream Fields fishing tourney

The eighth annual Dream Fields Spanish Mackerel Fishing Tournament will be held August 20. Cash prizes will total \$5,000, based on a field of 60 boats, reported Edie Jett. Tri-Star Supermarket Inc., Kilmarnock, has sponsored a \$25,000 prize if the state record is broken.

The entry fee is \$150 prior to July 1, or \$175. For an entry form, visit dream-fields.org, or call 724-9279.

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# Anglers club posts upcoming activities; Cobia Classic added to tournament roster

The Northern Neck Anglers Club (NNAC) will meet at 7 p.m. June 25, at the Wicomico Parish Church Hall, 5191 Jessie duPont Memorial Highway, Wicomico Church.

Club president John O'Connor will moderate a panel discussion of experienced anglers addressing the eight target species of the six remaining 2016 member tournaments—bluefish, cobia, croaker, flounder, puppy drum, Spanish mackerel, spot and striped bass.

This is an opportunity for experienced anglers to refresh fishing tackle and techniques and for inexperienced anglers or those new to saltwater fishing to gain knowledge, reported vice president and

tournament director Mark Roy. The public is invited and guests are welcome at all NNAC member meetings.

The next scheduled tournament is the Flounder Bash July 9 and 10, sponsored by Marine Electronics of Hartfield. The target species will be croaker and flounder. Prizes will be awarded for the top two fish (by weight) for each species.

On May 24, the Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC) voted to close the recreational cobia season in Virginia waters on August 30, along with changes in size and possession limits and prohibition on gaffing cobia, said Roy.

A mandatory reporting

system for cobia (caught and released) will be implemented in 2017, he said. Anglers are urged to visit the VMRC website for current cobia fishing regulations and requirements.

Meanwhile, cobia has been removed as a target species from the NNAC's September Grab Bag Tournament. As an alternative, the club has added a new member tournament, the Cobia Classic, July 23 and 24, weather permitting, with cobia, croaker and flounder as the target species.

This will allow the club to hold a tournament this season with cobia as a target species and will add a second tournament opportunity for members to fish for croaker and flounder, said Roy.



From left are Harold Guy, Coy Best, Julie Dudley, Mike Petty and Gordon Sheridan.

## Lions Club holds golf tournament

The Lancaster County Lions Club recently held its annual Charity Golf Tournament in honor of Lion E.W. Haynie, who passed away earlier this year.

Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club near Kilmarnock hosted the event, in which foursomes competed for best overall score as well as prizes for closest to the pin, and a large number of raffle prizes donated by many local businesses.

"This is our largest single

fundraiser of the year," said tournament chairman Julie Dudley. "We use these funds to support the services we provide this community, including eye and hearing exams, eyeglass recycling, music and educational scholarships and more, and these funds stay right here in this county."

Tournament winners were Mike Petty, Harold Guy, Coy Best and Gordon Sheridan with a combined team score of 63 for 18 holes. Paul Sciacchitano, Welby Saudners, Steve Parker and Scotty George placed second with 64, while third place at 67 went to Barbara Breeden, C. Young, Jack Blunt and David Dew.

"I want to thank so many people for the success of this venture, including the players, the Lions who helped out, the staff at Indian Creek and a special thanks to the businesses who sponsored individual holes, and to Tri-Star that donated over 50 box lunches for the tournament," said Dudley.



### Cobia catch

From left, Bill Wignall, Eddie Wignall and Daniel Hocugg fought hard to capture this 53-pound, 4-ounce cobia in local waters. Fishing recently with Capt. Bob Reed of Bob-A-Long "Your Boat" Charters, the crew from Maryland and North Carolina enjoyed the hour-long battle, reported Reed.

## Flotilla 33 will offer chart reading course

U. S. Coast Guard Flotilla 33 of Kilmarnock will conduct a Chart Reading and GPS course from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. June 25 at Chesapeake Bank Training Center, 55 School Street, Kilmarnock.

The course is a modern learning experience that focuses first on chart reading skills and then on the GPS equipment typically owned by the recreational boater, said Brian McArdle. Owners of hand-held GPS units are invited to bring them to class to increase the interactivity of the educational experience and involvement of students.

Among discussion topics, the course will address chart and plotter symbols, restricted areas, anchorages and Aids to Navigation.

Students may purchase GPS for Mariners by Robert Sweet and How to Read a Nautical Chart by Nigel Calder, available at various sellers of nautical books. Although these books are not required for the course, they are references that students may find useful, said McArdle.

The \$45 fee will cover the cost of a local nautical chart that students can take home after the course. Registration and payment are due by June 20. A second member of the family may share the chart for an additional \$20.

To enroll, contact education officer Win Schwab at 703-635-4100 or winschwab@gmail.com.

## 15 boaters earn education cards

Fifteen boaters recently earned their Virginia Boating Education Cards for completing the Boat Virginia boating safety education course.

The eight-hour course was taught in two half-day segments by U.S. Power Squadron members Dave Cook, Tony Russo, Ray Reuter, Tom Linville and Wayne Corey.

Multiple topics were covered, said Reuter. The lessons included selecting and wearing a proper life jacket, operating a Personal Water Craft (PWC), pollution prevention, titling and registering your water craft, carrying the required boating safety equipment, trailering and launching a boat, as well as boating etiquette.

Because hazardous situations can materialize quickly while boating, emphasis was put on wearing a life jacket at all times while boating, he said. Completing the Boat Virginia Course made the students more aware of safe boating practices and entitles them to operate all types of watercraft in Virginia waters.

The recent grads include Mary Barna, Theodore Barna, Phillip Brennan, Steven Bushong, Denise Hasse-Bushong, Audrey Caparrotta, Kelvin Davis,

Howard Kyzer, John Lackert Sr., Michelle Lackert, Kenneth McKim, Margaret McKim, Katherine Rohacek, Richard Rohacek and Irene Russo. They also participated in Ready Set Wear It Day activities.

By July 1, every boat operator in Virginia, regardless of age or watercraft, must carry proof of having taken an approved Safe Boating Course, said Reuter. Any person can meet the requirement for boating safety education if they pass a boating safety education course that has been approved by National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA).

Wearing a life jacket while on the water is the easiest safe boating practice every boater can do, he said.

## Bird walk set for June 27

The Northern Neck Audubon Society (NNAS) on June 27 will conduct a bird walk at Beaverdam Park, 8687 Roaring Springs Road. The walk will begin at 9 a.m.

This walk will be led by Frank Schaff and Jeff Wright, said NNAS publicity chairman Maggie Gerdts.

The park has a 63.5-acre lake and many trails for bird watching, said Gerdts. Possible sightings include osprey, herons, swallows, belted kingfishers, warblers, woodpeckers and bald eagles.

Birders are reminded to call Schaff, 462-0084, so a return call may be made if the walk is cancelled.

## Golfers raise \$10,000 for Fight against Cancer

Some 92 golfers joined forces June 5 at Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club to raise money for the Fight against Cancer.

Cyndie Stephenson and Lynn Georgiadis served as the event chairmen and worked with their team to raise \$10,000 for the Massey Cancer Center and Bon Secours Rappahannock General Hospital, reported PGA head golf professional Brenda Mayer.

Winners were first, Nelson Horsley, Richard Pittman, Susan Whitmore and Joe Benson; and second, Matt Pope, Bob Johnson, Nancy Monroe and Suzanne Haaland. Closest to the pin winners were Margie Rankin on hole #4 and Karen Zimmerman on hole #11.



From left are Suzanne Haaland, Nancy Monroe, Matt Pope and Bob Johnson.



From left are Joe Benson, Susan Whitmore, Richard Pittman and Nelson Horsley.



From left are Lynn Georgiadis and Cyndie Stephenson.

## CLUB GOLF

### King Carter

King Carter Golf Club men's play day winners for June 6 were first, Jon Baer; and second, (tie) Carroll Craig and Wayne Graves. June 8 winners were first, Tom Chapman; second, Barry Beswick; and third, (tie) Craig and David Gwaltney. June 10 winners were first, Steve Craig; second, Jim Timm; and third, Bruce Adams.

### Piankatank River

Piankatank River Ladies Golf Association first flight winners for June 9 were first, Christy Pitts; second, Kelly Lowe; and third, Judy Spain. Second flight winners were first, Roseanne Moncure; second, Ann Stanley; and third, Marny Richardson. Third flight winners were first, Lynne Richardson; second, Bev Hudgins; and third, Betty Johnson.

### Quinton Oaks

The Quinton Oaks Ladies Golf Association winners for June 1 were team low net, Terri Sartori, Susie Sellman and Judy Wise; June Bug ball, Andrea Walker, Mary Beth Dawn and Sharon Taylor; team low net and June Bug ball, Linda Dennis, Faith McDermott, Joan Frie and Marion Spurlin.

The Quinton Oaks Senior Men's League first flight winners for June 7 were first, Terry Brueser; second, Lin Wadsworth; and third, Marion Dongieux. Second flight winners were first, Stan Wybersky; and second, (tie) Don Matthews and Mike Crowson.



# Weekly Tides

Windmill Point – Sunrise & Moon – June 2016

<b>Fri. 6/17</b> 87% Moon	Low 4:04 High 9:41 Low 4:00 High 10:06	0.2' 1.1' 0.2' 1.3'	Sunrise 5:43 Sunset 8:29 Moonset 3:57 Moonrise 5:55	<b>Tue. 6/21</b> 99% Moon	High 12:08 Low 6:52 High 12:28 Low 6:48	1.4' 0.0' 1.2' 0.1'	Sunrise 5:44 Sunset 8:30 Moonset 6:56 Moonrise 9:24
<b>Sat. 6/18</b> 93% Moon	Low 4:49 High 10:25 Low 4:44 High 10:48	0.2' 1.1' 0.2' 1.4'	Sunrise 5:44 Sunset 8:29 Moonset 4:35 Moonrise 6:50	<b>Wed. 6/22</b> 98% Moon	High 12:48 Low 7:32 High 1:09 Low 7:30	1.4' 0.0' 1.2' 0.1'	Sunrise 5:44 Sunset 8:30 Moonset 7:52 Moonrise 10:09
<b>Sun. 6/19</b> 97% Moon	Low 5:31 High 11:07 Low 5:26 High 11:29	0.1' 1.1' 0.1' 1.4'	Sunrise 5:44 Sunset 8:30 Moonset 5:17 Moonrise 7:43	<b>Thu. 6/23</b> 94% Moon	High 1:29 Low 8:13 High 1:51 Low 8:15	1.4' 0.0' 1.2' 0.1'	Sunrise 5:45 Sunset 8:30 Moonset 8:51 Moonrise 10:52
<b>Mon. 6/20</b> 99% Moon	Low 6:12 High 11:48 Low 6:07	0.1' 1.1' 0.1'	Sunrise 5:44 Sunset 8:30 Moonset 6:04 Moonrise 8:35	<b>Fri. 6/24</b> 88% Moon	High 2:12 Low 8:55 High 2:36	1.4' 0.0' 1.2'	Sunrise 5:45 Sunset 8:30 Moonset 9:53 Moonrise 11:31

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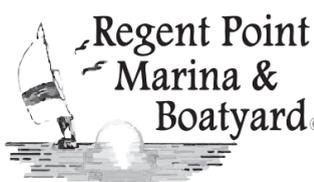
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Graduates give their mortarboards a toss. Photo by Madison White Franks

## Commencement 2016: 96 graduates join the NHS alumni ranks

by Audrey Thomasson

CLARAVILLE— With hoots, applause and a reckless disregard for where their caps would land in the traditional post graduation toss, 95 graduates in the Northumberland High School Class of 2016 celebrated commencement last Saturday morning.

Some 800 family members and friends attending the ceremony overflowed the school auditorium, filling the gym and a classroom to honor and celebrate the accomplishments of the school's newest alumni.

Speakers acknowledged that graduates are leaving the security of a school system they have been in for 13 years and entering a world that can be overwhelming.

"We've spent 3,240 days side-by-side...being a part of each other's lives," said student council president Macy Swift. "People have helped us...it's time to help someone else."

Swift advised graduates to acknowledge others for their support and to remain humble and kind. "Once an Indian, always an Indian. You always have a place to come home to," she said.

Class president Mary Kathryn Hall told classmates to "Have a vision—a picture in your mind of what you want."

"In middle school we imagined going to high school. In high school we imagined being seniors...and then graduating. Now, here we are. Imagine what you want to be and go for it. Hold on to your dream. It gives you the power to get there," she said.

Salutatorian Stephen Parker said, "As long as you try to be the best you can be, everything will work out for you."

Best friends and co-valedictorians Micaela Wilson and Allison Burgess said they worked together all through school to earn the top grades and become valedictorians.

"We all want to be loved, we all seek approval," said

Wilson. "Being yourself is all that matters."

"You can do anything," said Burgess. "Follow your dreams and do what makes you happy."

"With graduation comes a sense of sadness," said keynote speaker The Hon. R. Michael McKenney. "For 13 years you've known what you'll be doing. You're a great group of people and will do phenomenal things."

He said hard work will get them where they want to be.

"It doesn't matter what the job pays. Do what you love and make a difference...and like Macy said, always come home to the Northern Neck. We need you to come back...and help build our future. You don't have to be here every day, but stay committed."

Judge McKenney said most people are nice and would want them to succeed. He advised the graduates to always be kind and respectful. "Being nice will go a long way in making you successful. Be grateful. Thank someone who helped you to succeed." From the stage, he had graduates thank the faculty and classmates who supported them when things got tough.

"Be optimistic. Some say the American dream is over. I don't believe that. You're smart, insightful. I'm excited for the things you are going to do," he said.

The ceremony included the presentation of the colors and Pledge of Allegiance by the JROTC cadets. Olivia Vogel sang the national anthem. Principal Dr. Travis Burns announced scholarship winners and superintendent Dr. Rebecca Gates conferred the diplomas.

Also, Allison Burgess and Edwin Slater Rice IV were awarded associate degrees from Rappahannock Community College, the first NHS students to obtain them through the school's dual enrollment program.

For more commencement photos, visit [RRRecord.com](http://RRRecord.com).



From left, co-valedictorians Micaela Wilson and Allison Burgess deliver their address. Burgess also received an associate's degree from Rappahannock Community College. Photo by Audrey Thomasson



Qu'Ran Veney is congratulated by principal Dr. Travis Burns. Photo by Audrey Thomasson



Graduates move their the tassels to the left. Photo by Audrey Thomasson



Stephen Parker presents salutatory remarks. Photo by Audrey Thomasson



Graduation is something to smile about. Photo by Audrey Thomasson



Shauna McCranie, director of the gifted program, takes a picture of Edwin Rice IV with teacher Teresa Simpson. Rice received his high school diploma as well as an associate's degree from Rappahannock Community College. Photo by Audrey Thomasson



From left are (front row) Colette Haynie, Claire Keesee and Lily Reihs; (next row) John Vail, Jonathan Bryant, Charlie Li, Chas Faulkner and Braxon Galleher.

## Chesapeake graduates Class of 2016

Chesapeake Academy on June 7 held commencement exercises for the Class of 2016.

After an invocation by 2015-16 Student Council president Lily Reihs, head of school Deborah M. Cook welcomed the school community, conferred the school's honor roll and headmaster's list certificates for the year, and presented sandbox awards.

### Graduates

Board of trustees chairman Jeff Szyperki and assistant head of school Julianne Keesee joined Cook for the Final Roll Call and presentation of diplomas. The following students, after successfully completing the requirements of the Chesapeake Academy curriculum, officially matriculated to become Osprey alumni:

- William Jonathan Bryant of Irvington, the son of Mr. and Mrs. William S. Bryant.
- Charles William Faulkner IV of Wicomico Church, the son of Mrs. Susan Simmons and Mr. Charles Faulkner.
- Clifford Braxton Galleher of Weems, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne B. Galleher.
- Colette Reed Haynie of Burgess, the daughter of Mr. Philip J. Haynie III and Dr. Lisa Jenkins-Haynie.
- Claire Julia Keesee of Christchurch, the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Neal K. Keesee.
- Charlie Li Jr of Kilmarnock, the son of Mr. Wen Li and Mrs. Fiona Chao.
- Lilia Mackenzie Reihs of Kilmarnock, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Britt.
- John Watson Vail of Irvington, the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Scott Vail.

Cook addressed each of the matriculating students individu-

ally, noting personal highlights, growth, aspirations, and fond memories from their time at Chesapeake Academy.

Most importantly she conveyed the school's affection for these graduates and confidence in their preparation as they move on to their next schools, reported development assistant Beth Clark.

### Awards

Sandbox awards were presented to Keesee, Vail and Reihs, who joined the school in pre-kindergarten 3 and 4 and continued through eighth grade.

Szyperki presented the Norma Jean Edwards Volunteer Award to Kimberly Vail. This award, established in 2004, was named for one of the school's all-time great volunteers, Norma Jean Edwards of White Stone, and recognizes the parent volunteers who have worked tirelessly without hesitation, without reward, always putting the good of the academy and children first.

Philip Haynie received the C. Jackson Simmons Award for Excellence in History and English, established in 1999 in memory of one of Chesapeake Academy's founders, attorney C. Jackson Simmons.

Reihs and Li received the Pamela I. Herrell and the J. E. Bouis Athletic Awards, given to a girl and boy, respectively, for outstanding athletic achievement.

Abby Souders received the Tidewater Foundation Scholarship, given to a returning student in the middle school who is deemed valuable to the school.

Elizabeth Stanley received the H. Hiter Harris Family Award, established in 1998 by the Hiter Harris family of Richmond to be

awarded to a student who exhibits excellence in academics and citizenship.

Emma Smith received the Catherine E. Schroeder Award, established in 2001 by the alumni association to honor Catherine E. Schroeder and presented to the student who represents a fantastic work ethic, strong academics, high levels of participation, and a big heart.

Keesee received the Excellence in Art Award, established in 2006 and given at the discretion of the school's art teacher to the student excelling in all aspects of the fine arts.

Keesee also received the Excellence in Music Award, established in 2005 and awarded at the discretion of the music director to a student excelling in one or more aspects of vocal or instrumental music.

Vail received the school's highest honor, The Schroeder Cup, established by Capt. and Mrs. William A. Schroeder to recognize a middle school student who fully gave his/her all to school life: academically, athletically, and socially.

The Salutatorian Award was presented to Colette Haynie for achieving the second highest academic average in grade eight and meeting or exceeding expectations for conduct and work habits.

The Head of School Award was presented to Reihs for achieving the highest grade point average in the eighth grade and meeting or exceeding standards for conduct, citizenship and work habits.

## Kids art workshops to begin on Monday

The Rappahannock Art League (RAL) and Chesapeake Academy have teamed up to offer children's art workshops at the Studio Gallery, 19 North Main Street, Kilmarnock, and at the academy, 107 Steamboat Road, Irvington.

Workshops will be held during June, July and August, said Kids Workshop chairman Sukey Starkey. Morning sessions will be held from 10 a.m. to noon and afternoon sessions will be held from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

At the Studio Gallery June 20 through 24, Starkey will teach Impressive Printmaking and 3-D Mosaics. From July 11 through 15, Lancaster Middle School art teacher Marilyn Sprouse, will teach

Drawing Adventures and Irresistible Arts! And August 1 through 5, Sprouse will teach Drawing Adventures and Make, Build, Play.

At Chesapeake Academy June 27 through July 1, art teacher Sonja Smith will teach Bend It, Mold It, Anyway You Like It! and Color Me Happy-Painting and Pastels. From July 18 through 22, Sprouse will teach Paint Play

and Super Pop. And July 25 through 29, Smith will have Cardboard Creations and Mini Masters.

All of the workshops will be great fun and introduce kids to creative ways to create art, said Starkey. Kids ages 7 years and older are eligible. For more details about each course, fees, or registration, visit the gallery, or call 436-9309.

## SCHOOL REPORT

### Grace Episcopal scholarships

Grace Episcopal Church scholarship applications are due by July 1 in the Grace Church office, 303 South Main Street, Kilmarnock. Guidelines and applications are available at the Lancaster High School guidance office, the church office, or the Grace Church website.

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### WCLC Scholarship recipient recognized

The Women's Club of Lancaster County recently awarded its 2016 scholarship. From left are recipient Samantha Woodcock, scholarship committee member Susie Pierce and Woodcock's mother, Cindy Woodcock.



### P.E.O. awards scholarships

P.E.O., an international philanthropic organization, supports educational opportunities for women through scholarships, grants, awards and loans. The Virginia State P.E.O. Scholarship Fund in particular, provides scholarships to women who reside in Virginia and who plan to attend an accredited Virginia school of higher education. Pat Julian (center), a member of local Chapter BH, recently presented state P.E.O. scholarships to Lancaster High School seniors Caroline Beck (left) and Abby Nelson.

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**P.J. Haynie of Reedville will soon harvest his field of canola.**

## Haynie to harvest his second crop of canola

by Madison White Franks

That beautiful sea of yellow passersby saw in a farmer's field near Heathsville during the winter and spring months was canola.

Attempting to find an alternative winter crop, P.J. Haynie of Haynie Farms in Reedville has been planting and raising canola for the past two years.

"We are trying to give a three-year comparison to the wheat and barley crop in the winter to see if it is more profitable or not. I was also pleased with last year's crop. As for this year, the crop faced some warmer temperatures so the jury is still out until I crunch all the numbers," said Haynie.

He planted the canola in October and it will be harvested this month, he said.

Canola has gained in popularity in southern states over the past 10 years and he wanted to give it a try, said Haynie. It is grown primarily in the mid- to northwestern states.

"This is a self-learning and self-funded crop and we are steadily learning," said Haynie. "There is also no local market to sell, so we have to sell and haul [the canola] out of state."

Trent Jones, a Virginia Cooperative Extension agent for Northumberland, confirmed that canola producers in this area must factor in the cost of freight when



**In the winter and spring months this field of yellow added color to Heathsville.**

developing their crop budgets.

However, canola could become a regular crop here if it turns out to be more profitable than wheat or barley.

"If farmers are able to integrate canola into their operation while still earning an adequate profit, I see no reason why it couldn't be incorporated into our local crop rotations," said Jones.

He said many people were wondering what was being grown in the field across from Food Lion.

Focused on soil health, Haynie

indicated he wants to leave the land better than his ancestors. He also is an advocate for agriculture. He said that he loves to educate kids on farming and when there is a kid with their family standing near one of his fields, he will gladly offer a tractor ride.

Haynie grew up on the family farm helping his dad, Phillip Haynie. After attending Virginia Tech and receiving a bachelor's in agricultural economics, he moved back home and is raising his family on the farm in Reedville.

## Bright season ahead for Virginia berries

It's the time of year when fresh Virginia-grown blueberries and blackberries are ripe for the picking, and berry lovers can savor locally sourced summer fruits.

Pam Hall, events and on-farm administrator for Westmoreland Berry Farm in Oak Grove, helps operate the farm's pick-your-own operation. Despite a late freeze and an abundance of rain this spring, "both the blueberries and blackberries are looking fine and abundant this year," she said.

"We are projecting that people should be able to begin picking blueberries in the middle of June and pick until the middle of July," said Hall. "Blackberries should be ready to pick in early July and last until the end of August."

Hall suggested visitors check the 2016 Growth Calendar on the berry farm's website and call

ahead to check berry availability. Temperatures well below freezing for several nights in early spring had small-fruit growers in Virginia wondering if it would affect their berries.

Dr. Jayesh Samtani, small-fruit specialist for Virginia Cooperative Extension, said the freeze "caused cane and bud damage to early-season blackberry and blueberry varieties. Yields will be reduced slightly as compared to past seasons."

Bill Apperson, an owner of MillFarm Christmas Trees & Berry Farm near Williamsburg, was optimistic that his blueberry and blackberry harvests would be plentiful.

"The farm will have a good

crop of blueberries this year, even considering the killing freeze. We will be open to the public to start picking blueberries starting June 11 and will continue for six to eight weeks," he said.

MillFarm is primarily a pick-your-own operation, but also sells berries at several farmers' markets.

"This is the best year we've ever had for blackberries," Apperson said. "The only damage from the freeze was to one early variety. We've already cut back some primocane, or first-year canes, that were over 10 feet. Blackberries will be ripe and ready to pick by the end of June or early July."

## Vineyard to offer yoga in the vines

Wine and oysters are a delicious combination, some of the most sought-after treasures on the earth and in the water. Add inner peace and deep breathing in the sunshine for an outdoor experience not to be missed.

Allyson Childress, RYT 500, will lead an all-levels yoga class at 11 a.m. Saturdays at The Dog and Oyster Vineyard in Irvington.

After class, The Wine and Oyster Stand will be open for guests to enjoy oysters, soft shell crab and wine.

"The Dog and Oyster Vineyard provides an incredible setting for yoga," said Childress.

Participants are strongly urged to bring their own mat. A limited number of yoga mats are provided on site.

To register, visit [siximpossiblethings.com](http://siximpossiblethings.com), or email Childress at [ally.the.artist@gmail.com](mailto:ally.the.artist@gmail.com).

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## Richmond County Fair will return August 9-13

Planning continues for the Richmond County Fair coming August 9 through 13 to the Richmond County Fairgrounds, 315 Community Park Drive, Warsaw.

There will be carnival rides, bands, bingo, entertainment and food concessions, as well as coconut cake, field crop, produce, flower, home craft and livestock competition and exhibits, reported secretary Mary Lou Dawson. The next meeting will be July 20.

Mayfly patches are on sale at Tractor Supply, Warsaw Small Engine, Murphy Seed and Service, T-Town Tack, Bowies Hardware, Bird Dogs County Store, Thomas Store, Farm and Home in Kilmarnock, Union Bank in Warsaw and Montross, Garners Produce in Warsaw and all Fredrick Northrup Handy Stores to benefit the Richmond County Fair Association scholarship program, said Dawson.

New attractions will include the BMX Bike Stunt Show and the Great Lakes Timber Show.

For competition rules, guidelines, entry forms, advance ride tickets, a schedule of events, vendor application, or sponsorship and volunteer opportunities, visit [richmondcountyfair.com](http://richmondcountyfair.com), or call 313-9940.

## Clarification

An article in the June 9 Rappahannock Record mentioned the Tri-Star Egg Farm.

However, many local folks would sooner recognize the property as the Clawson Egg Farm, its precursor.



### Concert support

**Commonwealth Assisted Living at Farnham recently contributed to the Music by the River series sponsored by the Friends of Belle Isle. From left are executive director Joan Horne and Friends member Faye Harmon. Mary & The Janes will be featured Saturday, June 18. The concert will begin at 6 p.m. in the picnic area at Belle Isle State Park, 1632 Belle Isle Road, Lancaster. A \$4 parking fee is payable at the front gate. Picnics are encouraged.**

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## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### ■ Federal retirees

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association Northern Neck Chapter 1823 will meet for an ice cream social at 1 p.m. July 5 at Trinity Episcopal Church, 8484 Mary Ball Road, Lancaster. The speaker will be Mary Ball Washington Museum & Library executive director Karen Hart.

For a nominal fee, attendees can tour the museum.

### ■ Business open houses

Beginning June 17, the businesses of Irvington will hold an informal gathering on the third Friday of each month, June through October. Participating businesses will hold open houses with extended hours from 4 to 6 p.m.

Light refreshments will be served at each location. Pets are welcome. Bring a can or bag of pet food for the Animal Welfare League.

### ■ Shoe drive

Weekends Fashions, 125 South Main Street, Kilmarnock, will host a shoe drive to support Soles4Souls, a disaster relief organization.

Beginning June 18, those who drop gently used shoes at the store will receive 20% off any new pair of shoes. The shoe drive will continue through July 9.

### ■ Farm conference

The seventh annual National Small Farm Conference will be held September 20 through 22 at the Virginia Beach Convention Center. The conference will feature short courses, presentations, exhibits, success stories and tours around Virginia Beach and the Chesapeake Bay.

The conference will be hosted by Virginia State University's College of Agriculture, Virginia Cooperative Extension and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The registration fee is \$325 through August 5, or \$400. To register, visit [vsu.edu/nationalsmallfarmconference](http://vsu.edu/nationalsmallfarmconference).



From left are Kimberly Headley and Bon Secours general materials management administrative director Joseph Whitmire.

## Hospital earns Partner Recognition Award for environmental efforts

Bon Secours Rappahannock General Hospital (BSRGH) recently received a Partner Recognition Award from Practice Greenhealth, a health care community dedicated to transforming health care worldwide so that it reduces its environmental footprint, becomes a community anchor for sustainability and a leader in the global movement for environmental health and justice.

The Partner Recognition Award is given to health care facilities that have begun to work on environmental improvements, have achieved some progress, and have at least a 10% recycling rate for their total waste stream.

BSRGH materials manage-

ment director, Kimberly Headley, led the efforts behind this achievement by collecting and submitting data pertaining to RGH's waste, energy and water usage, as well as information on sustainability projects.

"This award demonstrates our commitment to protecting the health of our patients, staff and community," said Headley. "We look forward to working with Practice Greenhealth to continue navigating the path to sustainability for the future of health care."

The Practice Greenhealth Environmental Excellence Awards were presented May 19 in Dallas, Texas, at the CleanMed Conference & Exhibition.



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