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## Season opener is Aug. 25

The Middlesex High School volleyball teams open their 2008 seasons on Monday, August 25, at home against Essex. JV games begin at 6 p.m. and are followed by varsity games at 7:30 p.m. Above, serving ace Ashley Figg, one of the Lady Chargers' three returning seniors, practices her speciality. (Photo by Tom Chillemi)

## Deltas edged in semifinal; Gloucester wins title

by Stephen Blue

A Major League Hall-of-Famer once said, "Baseball is a game of inches." The Deltaville Deltas are believers.

Deltas starter Mike Newton scattered 7 hits, and Dave Cunningham was inches from tying the game in the 9th, but Deltaville fell to the York Cannons 1-0 Saturday night in the Southern Virginia Baseball League (SVABL) tournament semifinals.

Billed as a showdown of well-matched opponents, the game lived up to expectations. The right-handed Newton and Cannon southpaw Justin Harrah locked in a pitchers duel, and defense was the name of the game. In fact, through the first 7 innings, the score was still tied at 0-0. Neither team committed a defensive error.

The top of the 8th inning would be Newton's only dent. Cannon leadoff hitter and VCU standout Justin Wright lined an 0-1 pitch over the right field wall, just over the extended glove of outfielder Tim Grandy, to break the stalemate.

Harrah held the Deltas in the 8th and Newton worked a scoreless 9th, bringing the middle of the Deltas lineup to the plate for the bottom of the 9th. Cleanup hitter Chris King drew a one-out walk, and Brett Crawford moved him to second base with a sacrifice bunt.

Yorktown now faced Deltaville veteran hitter Dave Cunningham. With King on second and two outs, and Harrah's pitch count exceeding 125 pitches, the Cannons went to the bullpen. ODU reliever Robbie Watkins came to the mound. Cunningham worked the count, and slashed Watkins' 2-2 offering between shortstop and third base.

"Six inches more to the left, and the ballgame is tied," Deltas manager Jerry Crittenden said after the game.

However, it wasn't. The Cannon shortstop dove, stopped the ball from getting to the outfield, which forced King to hold at third base on Cunningham's infield single. Matt Brown came to the plate and battled Watkins in a 10-pitch showdown. With a full count, Brown fouled off four consecutive pitches before foul tipping Watkins' 10th pitch into the mitt of the York catcher for the final out.

A baseball bat is less than 3 inches in diameter—Brown was missing the game tying hit by just an inch.

Again, "Baseball is a game of inches."

Newton shined in the loss, scattering just 7 hits over a complete game 9 innings. He struck out 7 and walked just 2. His record fell to 5-4 with a

day except Labor Day weekend with games at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Two 5-inning games will be played.

A concession stand will be open.

The Middlesex team is looking for sponsors and donations.

Contact Jerry Crittenden at 804-241-5630, Michael Eades at 804-824-4851 or Brian Loos at 804-761-6034 for more information.

## Middlesex joins Fall Wooden Bat Baseball League; games begin Saturday in Deltaville

Middlesex is joining a Fall Wooden Bat Baseball League for the first time. The league will include Middlesex, Mathews, Lancaster, Richmond, Northumberland and Westmoreland counties. There will be both varsity and JV teams.

All home games will be played at Deltaville Ballpark beginning this Saturday, August 16, and continue every Satur-

day except Labor Day weekend with games at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Two 5-inning games will be played.

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Contact Jerry Crittenden at 804-241-5630, Michael Eades at 804-824-4851 or Brian Loos at 804-761-6034 for more information.

## Deltaville firemen's golf tourney set for August 22

The 3rd Annual Lower Middlesex Volunteer Fire Department Golf Tournament will be Friday, August 22, at Piankatank River Golf Club (PRGC) in Hartfield.

All proceeds will benefit the Tommy Purcell Memorial Educational Trust. The late Tommy Purcell was a longtime Deltaville fireman and local youth sports coach who died unexpectedly last year.

The four-person captain's choice teams will be flighted based on total team handicap. There will also be a flight for fire department teams. Prizes will be awarded in each flight.

Other prizes include closest-to-the-pin prizes on all par three holes; longest drive on hole 18; hole-in-one prizes on all par 3 holes provided by Holiday Chevrolet in Williamsburg, including a new truck on hole 17.

Dinner and prizes will be served following the tournament.

The cost to register a team is \$280. Registrations must be received no later than August 19. Pick up a registration form at PRGC (776-6516), or call Chucky Oliver at 776-6934 or

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## MHS football practice begins

The Middlesex High varsity football team has been practicing for its September 5 season opener at Mathews. Above, from left, wingback Ronnie Watkins, reserve quarterback Chris Baylor and fullback Avery Bundy work on a play fake. Kneeling in the center is starting quarterback Chuckie Morris, who is on light duty with an injured left wrist. Morris is expected to be ready to play on September 5. (Photo by Tom Chillemi)



Latane Montague (left) of Urbanna is the defending Hampton One Design national champion and responsible for bringing the championship races back to Urbanna.

## Hampton One Championship is this weekend in Urbanna

In the late 1930s and early 1940s, Urbanna had its own Hampton One Design sailboat fleet and weekend races were held throughout the summer on the Rappahannock River off Urbanna Creek.

This year that racing tradition will return to Urbanna as the Hampton One Design National Championships will be held the weekend of August 15-17. Sixteen boats will be participating in the three-day championship event.

Latane Montague of Urbanna is the 2007 National Champion, which earned him the honor of selecting the 2008 race location to defend his title. Montague picked the Rappahannock River off Urbanna Creek.

"I picked Urbanna because

it was the site of the third Hampton One Design Fleet that was established shortly after the original fleets in Hampton and Norfolk," said Montague. "When I was a kid sitting in Marshall's Drug Store everyone knew what a Hampton was, and everyone from Virginia Burton to Bobby Taylor had a story about racing them off Urbanna Creek."

In a time when racing wooden sailboats was very popular, the Hampton One was designed in 1935 in Hampton, Virginia. It came at a time when wood was the main material of choice for most boats.

There has not been a One Design sailboat race off Urbanna since the Urbanna Sailing Association moved to

Fishing Bay in Deltaville in the 1950s.

The boat Montague is sailing was built by wooden boatbuilder David Judson of Gwynn's Island in 2003, and has no trouble keeping up with modern fiberglass sailboats that predominate the fleet today.

Members of the Urbanna Creek Yacht Club will be helping with the races, and the yacht "Colonel," which is a wooden 1920s marine patrol vessel, will be the main committee boat. "Colonel" is a longtime fixture on Urbanna Creek and owned by Carol and Dana Davies of Urbanna.

Races begin on Friday, August 15, at 2 p.m.; on Saturday, August 16, 10:30 a.m.; and on Sunday, August 17, at 10:30 a.m. There are two races on Friday, three on Saturday and one on Sunday. For more information, including spectator boat options, call Montague at (703) 626-3543 or email rlmontague@hllaw.com; or email class commodore Ed Cassidy at Ed.Cassidy@mail.house.gov.

## Little League plans Fall Ball for ages 9-12

Middlesex County Little League will register boys and girls ages 9-12 for its upcoming Fall Ball Season. The cost to play is \$25.

This is a continuation of the regular season targeting ages 9-12. A child has to have participated in the 2008 Little League regular season to meet eligibility for the Fall Season. Play will begin around September 6 and continue through October, concluding with a Fall Classic Tournament with local counties.

If interested, contact Tammie Putney at 804-514-5303 to register by phone.



## Japanese Little Leaguers visit

Saitama City, Japan, and Lancaster Stars of Tomorrow players take part in Friday's opening ceremonies at Dreamfields near Kilmarnock. (Photo by Alex Haseltine)



## Safe at home

Greg Pitts of Middlesex slides into home in the 3rd inning of Friday's Stars of Tomorrow game against Richmond County at Dreamfields in Lancaster County. (Photo by Alex Haseltine)



**Christchurch volleyball camp participants**

In August, 39 volleyball players (above) in grades 6-12, from as far away as Chesapeake and Loudoun County, attended the Christchurch School Volleyball Skills Camp. The camp was led by Christchurch volleyball coach Karen Byrd and Richmond Volleyball 18's coach Don Gresham. Competition winners were: lower net, Casey Davis of Saluda, Anna Moore of Saluda, Taylor Hinson of Kilmarnock, Ashley Warwick of White Stone, and Sarah Reinagel of Williamsburg; higher net, Raquel Pierce of Locust Hill, Amelia Dunston of Gloucester, Sarah Jones of White Stone, and Maggie Scribe of Hallieford. Above, the campers pose for a photo.

## Chris Madden smokes the field to win the 29th Annual USA 100

Chris Madden of Gaffney, S.C., captured Saturday night's 29th Annual Miss Utility USA 100 presented by the U.S. Army at Bill Sawyer's Virginia Motor Speedway at Jamaica.

In dominating fashion, Madden led all 50 laps of the \$10,000-to-win feature race. When the smoke cleared, Madden had a clean sweep of the night's events, picking up the Altorna Mats Shock the Clock time trials, a \$1,000-to-win qualifier, and the 50 lap "A" Main.

In other action Saturday, Tim Shelton of Fredericksburg led all 25 laps of the Truckin Thunder Sportsman feature to get his fourth win of the season. Shelton had to endure a green, white, checkered finish that included a little bumper tag from Roger Jamerson of Mechanicsville.

In the Budweiser Modified 25-lap feature it looked as if it was going to come down to a three way battle for the win between Page Harrison, Matt Marshall and Bret Hamilton. Harrison led the first 18 laps before a red flag came out for a wreck in turn 2. Once the cars were back under way, Harrison was unable to get the car started, handing the lead to Marshall. Over the final seven laps Marshall had to fend off the advances of Hamilton to get his fifth win in another close finish.

Bill Sawyer's Virginia Motor Speedway returns to action Sat-

urday, August 16, to host "Central Virginia Food Bank Food Drive Night" presented by Pepsi, Comcast, Sports Radio 910, and Radio 102.1 The X. For every four non-perishable food items donated at the gate, a fan will get a free ticket to the night's racing events.

The Central Virginia Food Bank is in great need of food donations and requests for assistance are at an all time high.

Racing will be the Victory Lap Late Models, Truckin Thunder Sportsman, New Generation Racing Sprint Cars, and the Limited Stock Cars in Thurston Spring Service Dirt Series Championship action.

The youngsters of VMS will get a chance to win a Sony PlayStation 2 game console and the Gran Turismo game, courtesy of Bob Terry Motorsports and 610 Pawn Shop in Stafford.

Spectator gates will open at 4 p.m. Saturday. On-track activities will begin at 6:15 p.m. with hot laps.

Adult admission is \$10; senior and military \$8; students ages 13-17, \$7; children ages 7-12, \$4; and children 6 and under free. The speedway offers a "family pack" for two adults and two children 12 and under for \$20.

Bill Sawyer's Virginia Motor Speedway is a ½ mile dirt oval track located on Route 17 at Jamaica, 8 miles north of Saluda. For more information, call 758-1VMS or visit the

track's website at [www.vamotorspeedway.com](http://www.vamotorspeedway.com). Last week's top 10 finishers are as follows:

- Miss Utility 100**  
 1. Chris Madden, Gaffney, S.C.; 2. Rick Eckert, York, Pa.; 3. Jamie Lathroum, Mechanicsville, Md.; 4. Tim Fuller, Watertown, N.Y.; 5. Doug Horton, Bruceton Mills, W.Va.; 6. Jason Covert, York Haven, Pa.; 7. David Williams, Avenue, Md.; 8. Chuck Harper, Beverly, W.Va.; 9. Jimmy Bernheisel, Lebanon, Pa.; 10. Booper Bare, Rockbridge Baths. Fastest lap—Chris Madden, 17.099 seconds, 105.269 mph.

- Modifieds**  
 1. Matt Marshall, Sturarts Draft; 2. Bret Hamilton, Powhatan; 3. John Ferguson, Gloucester; 4. Kelly Samuels, Richmond; 5. Jack Foulkes, Fairfax Station; 6. Bill Roberts, Mechanicsville; 7. Chris Moore, Walkerton; 8. Josh Harris, Gloucester; 9. Roy Skaggs, Highland Springs; 10. Mark Schools, Midlothian.

- Sportsman**  
 1. Tim Shelton, Fredericksburg; 2. Roger Jamerson, Glen Allen; 3. Okey Synan Jr., Fredericksburg; 4. Jimmy Duncan, Fredericksburg; 5. Tony Wood, New Kent; 6. Todd Traylor, King William; 7. Taylor Doggett, Ruther Glen; 8. Kenny Moreland, Waldorf, Md.; 9. Michael Hayes, Ruther Glen; 10. John Kirby, Sandston.

## Bess cards a hole-in-one on par 4 hole

Bill Bess of Topping accomplished a rare athletic feat July 27 when he had a hole-in-one on a par 4 at Hidden Lakes Golf Club in New Smyrna Beach, Florida. Bessaced the 240-yard hole 17.

## Wright catches citation flounder on 'Francis Jay'

Berkley Wright of Amelia landed a 27-inch, 8-lb., 4-oz. citation flounder aboard the "Francis Jay" with Captain Randy Marable on August 9. The citation was registered at J&W Seafood in Deltaville.

## MHS golf team hosts W&L Tuesday

The Middlesex High golf team opened its 2008 season Tuesday and will play a home match at 4 p.m. Tuesday, August 19, against Washington & Lee at Piankatank River Golf Course in Hartfield.

- MHS Golf**  
 Thursday, Aug. 14, at Northumberland w/Essex  
 Tuesday, Aug. 19, W&L  
 Thursday, Aug. 21, at Lancaster  
 Tuesday, Aug. 26, at King William  
 Thursday, Aug. 28, West Point  
 Tuesday, Sept. 2, at Mathews w/W&L  
 Thursday, Sept. 4, Mathews  
 Tuesday, Sept. 9, at West Point w/Mathews  
 Thursday, Sept. 11, at West Point  
 Tuesday, Sept. 16, King William  
 Thursday, Sept. 18, Rappahannock  
 Monday, Sept. 22, District Tourney at PRGC, 10 a.m.  
 \*All matches are at 4 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

## Golf . . .

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695-4718 to register a team by phone. Entry fee may be paid on the day of the tournament, or mail to L.M.V.F.D., P.O. Box 440, Deltaville, VA 23043.

Hole sponsorships are available for \$100. Sponsorship fees must be received by August 19.

"Come join us for a great day of golf, while supporting your local volunteer fire department!" said an event spokesperson.

## Laurel Shelter golf tourney due Sept. 8

The Laurel Shelter Golf Invitational will be held at Piankatank River Golf Club in Hartfield on Monday, September 8. Registration will be at 11 a.m., and a shotgun start will be at 1 p.m.

All proceeds will go to benefit the clients of Laurel Shelter Inc.

Teams of four can register for \$400 and individuals pay \$100. Team entry includes complimentary drinks, cigars, and tickets to the awards dinner at 6 p.m. The package also includes 18 holes of golf and cart, practice range balls, team pictures, raffles, and much more.

Those interested in playing or sponsoring can call Kenny at 695-4090 or Cherie at 694-5890, or visit the Laurel Shelter website at [www.laurelshelter-inc.org](http://www.laurelshelter-inc.org) for more information.

## Deltas . . .

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3.46 season ERA. Deltaville managed just 5 hits off of the Cannons. Jimmy Denny led the Deltas with a pair of singles, and Cunningham, Brown, and Ryan Wiggins each singled.

Deltaville finished the season in third place with an overall record of 17-7. The Cannons (18-7) went on to face the Gloucester Astros for the championship on Sunday, falling by a score of 6-3. The Astros (18-5) became the first team in SVABL history to capture three championships (2004, 2006, 2008).

For more information on the Deltas season, including statistics and game photos, visit [www.DeltavilleDeltas.com](http://www.DeltavilleDeltas.com).

## FISHING NEWS

by Capt. Jerry Thrash  
 Queens Creek Outfitters  
 Cobbs Creek



Spanish in good numbers are still available along the drop-off at Windmill Bar and there have been fish caught near R2 and southward towards Wolf Trap. Spanish bite best at 6-8 knots as shown on the GPS. Slower speeds produce bluefish.

Small to medium croaker and good-sized spot continue to be caught at Cherry Point off Gwynn's Island in 25-30 feet of water and at The Spike (#3 Rappahannock marker) and at Butlers Hole. White perch are mixed in.

Flounder have slowed. We only registered one citation this week and it came from jigging rather than trolling or drifting.

Red drum continue to be available almost anywhere there is grass or shell bottom. They are mixed in with croaker, spot and small stripers and are hitting Gulp baits. The creeks are full of small menhaden and the drum are feeding on them, as are speckled trout and bluefish.

Eli Shirley of Ruther Glen displays the citation flounder (26.5 inches, 7 lbs., 1 oz.) that was caught August 7 at The Cell on a jig. The citation was registered at Queens Creek Outfitters at Cobbs Creek in Mathews County.

Blues caught trolling are pretty good size (1-3 lbs.) and there are a lot of them around The Cell, Buoy 42 and Windmill Bar.

A citation flounder (26.5 inches, 7 lbs., 1 oz.) was caught August 7 at The Cell on a jig by Eli Shirley of Ruther Glen.

## Band members and boosters seek items for haunted house

Members of the MHS Band and the Band Booster Association are seeking donations for a new event/fundraiser for this year.

Members are seeking items to be used in the creation of a haunted house. New or like-new Halloween items, costumes, rolls of black plastic, plywood, paneling or lauan board, 2x4's, black paint, sheets and blankets, bales of straw, strobe lights, smoke machines, etc., will gladly be accepted.

Monetary donations also

will be appreciated. Please make check payable to MHS BBA, P.O. Box 65, Saluda, VA 23149.

Contractors who are doing remodeling projects or demolishing homes, are asked to contact the band. "We will gladly help by removing items that can be used for our fund-raising event," said a band spokesperson.

Contact Michele Hutton at 570-956-4308 or Barbara Killian at 804-815-4685 or email the band director at [jranson@mcps.k12.va.us](mailto:jranson@mcps.k12.va.us).

## Dodgeball fundraiser is tonight at YMCA

A Dodgeball Tournament Fundraiser will be held Thursday, August 14, from 5-7 p.m. at the Middlesex YMCA in Hartfield. The tournament is the second part of Urbanna Oyster Festival Queen Contestant Ashley Figg's community service project.

The tournament will be sponsored by Figg and assisted by Clark Laster. The event will be open to boys and girls ages 12-15 and 16-18. The public is invited to attend. There is no

admission fee, but donations are greatly appreciated. The entry fee is \$20 a team, ranging from 4-5 players. All proceeds will go to the YMCA's Guardian Program.

A liability form and a complete set of rules will be given out prior to the tournament. Space is limited; to make sure your team is registered, to have a bracket reserved, or for more information, contact Figg at (804) 695-6943. Payment can be made during registration.

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<b>Fri 8/15</b>	Moonset 4:54 Sunrise 6:22 Moonrise 7:25 Sunset 7:58	Low 5:37 High 11:16 Low 5:37 High 11:41	0.2' 1.4' 0.2' 1.7'	<b>Tue 8/19</b>	Sunrise 6:25 Moonset 9:14 Sunset 7:52 Moonrise 9:09	High 1:36 Low 8:04 High 1:55 Low 8:30	1.7' 0.0' 1.7' 0.1'
<b>Sat 8/16</b>	Moonset 5:59 Sunrise 6:23 Moonrise 7:53	Low 6:16 High 11:57 Low 6:21	0.1' 1.5' 0.2'	<b>Wed 8/20</b>	Sunrise 6:26 Moonset 10:21 Sunset 7:51 Moonrise 9:36	High 2:16 Low 8:42 High 2:38 Low 9:17	1.6' 0.0' 1.8' 0.2'
<b>Sun 8/17</b>	Sunrise 6:23 Moonset 7:03 Sunset 7:55 Moonrise 8:19	High 12:20 Low 6:52 High 12:36 Low 7:03	1.7' 0.1' 1.6' 0.1'	<b>Thu 8/21</b>	Sunrise 6:27 Moonset 11:30 Sunset 7:50 Moonrise 10:07	High 2:58 Low 9:23 High 3:24 Low 10:08	1.5' 0.1' 1.8' 0.2'
<b>Mon 8/18</b>	Sunrise 6:24 Moonset 8:08 Sunset 7:54 Moonrise 8:44	High 12:57 Low 7:28 High 1:15 Low 7:46	1.7' 0.1' 1.7' 0.1'	<b>Fri 8/22</b>	Sunrise 6:28 Moonset 12:42 Sunset 7:48 Moonrise 10:44	High 3:45 Low 10:09 High 4:16 Low 11:05	1.5' 0.1' 1.8' 0.3'

**Corrections**

	High	Low	Height
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%

PM times are in boldface type. Unusually high & low tides are also in boldface.  
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## Cub Scout Olympics are this weekend at Locust Hill

The Cub Scout Olympics is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, August 16-17, at the home of Webelos Den Leader Keith Billings in Locust Hill. Webelos Scouts are invited to camp out Friday, August 15, and will assist the Boy Scout Troop in setting up for the Olympics. Webelos are asked to arrive at 6 p.m. on Friday. Cub Scouts arriving for the Olympics on Saturday, August 16, should register at 9 a.m.

For Scouts attending the Olympics and camping both nights, the fee is \$7.50 and covers dinner Friday night and all meals on Saturday as well as breakfast Sunday morning. Scouts attending only the Olympics and camping Saturday night will have a fee of \$5. This covers all meals on Saturday and breakfast Sunday morning. Meals will consist of hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, chicken or beef hobo packets, cereal, bacon, eggs and pancakes. Scouts should bring their

camping gear and are asked to contact Den Leader Billings with their choice of hobo packet prior to the event. Patches will be awarded for all attending Scouts.

The Chuckwagon Derby has been scheduled for August 23-24 at the Tappahannock Scout Hut. Covered wagons are needed for teams. T-shirts will be available for a small fee. Lunch will be provided; however, families will need to plan on providing their own dinners.

September 12 will be the first Webelos den meeting from 4 to 5 p.m. The boys will need to ride Bus 4 to arrive at Den Leader Keith Billings' home.

The first pack meeting for Pack 370 will be held at the Middlesex YMCA in Hartfield at 7 p.m. on September 30.

For more information on any of the scheduled events or to join Scouting either as a Scout or a volunteer leader, please call Dori Alcombrack at 776-0818 or Keith Billings at 758-2606.



Paramedics Sal and Lorie Messina will conduct the Emergency Medical Technician class at the Middlesex County Volunteer Rescue Squad building on Route 33 in Deltaville.

## EMT-B class planned

In order to meet the ongoing need for Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) to answer emergency and medical ambulance calls across the county and in nearby counties, the Middlesex County Volunteer Rescue Squad of Deltaville will again be offering training leading to certification as an Emergency Medical Technician.

Emergency Medical Technician classes will begin on November 11 and run through April 14 at the Deltaville Rescue Squad building on Route 33 in Deltaville. Classes are open to qualified persons, 16 years of age and older, interested in becoming an EMT-B. The EMT-B classes will prepare participants to take the Virginia State EMT-B certification test. Participants must have a valid Provider Level CPR certification prior to starting the class.

Classes will be held Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7 to 10 p.m. There will also be several Saturday classes from 9 to 4 p.m. The total number of

class hours will be 140 hours. The class is free.

Students are responsible for the cost of books and class expenses, which is \$25. The course textbook will be "AAOS Emergency Care and Transportation of the Sick and Injured, 9th Edition."

The state testing fee is \$25. Applicants who are accepted for active membership in the Deltaville Rescue Squad will be reimbursed for all expenses upon acceptance as active members of the squad. For more information or to register for the class, call Sal or Lorie Messina at 776-6606 or email lorie@cablefirst.net.

The Deltaville Rescue Squad welcomes new members and will train them as either drivers or EMTs.

## 'Boating Safely' course set for Aug. 22-23 at Bethpage

"About Boating Safely," a safe boating class offered by USCG Auxiliary 62 of Deltaville will be held at Bethpage Camp-Resort on Browns Lane just west of Urbanna Friday, August 22, from 7 to 9 p.m. and Saturday, August 23, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The public is welcome to attend.

This 8-hour course meets the basic and minimum requirements for a boater safety course. Topics include: Know Your Boat, Before You Get Under Way, Navigating the Waterways, Operating your Boat/

PWC safely, Legal Requirements of Boating, Boating Emergencies-What to Do, and Enjoying Water Sports with Your Boat.

This course is free of charge to the public. Those wanting to purchase the ABS Course Book, the fee is \$20.

Many boat insurance companies will offer discounts on boating insurance to boaters who successfully complete the About Boating Safely course.

To register or for more information, call 570-956-4308 or email michele.hutton@5srdivision6.us.

## MHS plans 'Outback Night'

The Middlesex High Athletic Department will hold "Outback Night" on Wednesday, August 27, at MHS in Saluda. Starting at 6 p.m.,

Outback Steakhouse will be serving a special selection of grilled favorites. The cost is \$12.50 per person. For information, call 758-3928.

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## Bam Bam and Pebbles sign up set for Saturday

The Middlesex County Parks and Recreation Department will hold registration for Bam Bam and Pebbles T-Ball this Saturday, August 16, from 10 a.m. to noon.

The absolute final deadline to register is Wednesday, August 20. The season begins Saturday, September 6.

All registrations will be held at the Tom Carter Gymnasium (old St. Clare Walker School) at Cooks Corner.

The league is for boys and girls ages 2-5. The fee is \$30 per child, which includes hat, shirt, trophy and picnic at the end of the season.

Those interested in coaching or sponsoring a team, please sign up on one of the above dates.

For more information, call the recreation department at 758-0057.

The Sentinel news deadline is noon on Tuesdays.

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## Crab Carnival seeks vendors

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For more information, visit [www.westpointvachamber.com](http://www.westpointvachamber.com). The deadline for applications is September 1.

## Tickets on sale for Mutt Strut

The Gloucester-Mathews Humane Society will hold its Third Annual Mutt Strut on the Catwalk Fashion Show and Luncheon on Tuesday, September 30, at 11 a.m. at the Abingdon Ruritan Club in Bena. This year's theme is "Mutt Strut Goes Hollywood," and the shelter animals are the stars of the show.

Tickets to the event are \$45 each. Reservations are available by calling 693-3566.



The team at Pulley's by Watermark Marine in Mathews

## Pulley's Marine earns honor

Pulley's by Watermark Marine in Mathews has been named one of the top 10 new outboard motor dealers in the United States by Bombardier Recreational Products (BRP), which is Evinrude Outboard's parent company.

BRP announced July 21 that Pulley's Marine has been invited to the 100th anniversary of the Evinrude dealer incentive trip to Maui, Hawaii,

in December 2008. Pulley's owner, Randy Stephens of Irvington, will attend the centennial celebration in Hawaii with his wife Tamara.

Stephens credits the team at Pulley's as being the "backbone" of this success. "In an economic down time for the marine industry, we have been able to do well by providing the best service we can," Stephens said.

Stephens also credits The Grow Boating Initiative and NMMA's "Certified Dealership Program" for their part in the growth of Pulley's Marine.

Pulley's Marine is a marine dealership with 30-plus years of experience at 1856 Buckley Hall Road in Dutton near the Route 3 intersection at Cobbs Creek.

## Quinton man dies in single vehicle crash

A man died early Sunday morning as a result of a single-vehicle crash in King and Queen County. The crash occurred at approximately 3 a.m. on Route 605 (Chain Ferry Road) at the intersection of Route 33 (Lewis B. Puller Highway).

Virginia State Police Trooper D.J. Wilson investigated the crash.

The trooper's investigation revealed that a 2007 Ford Ranger pickup was traveling northbound on Route 605 when the vehicle ran off the road to the left, overcorrected, and then ran off the right side of the road. Finally, the pickup overturned and the driver was thrown from the vehicle.

The driver of the vehicle was Dustin Lee Johnson, 18, of Quinton. Johnson, who was not wearing a safety belt, died at the scene of the crash.

The cause of the crash remains under investigation.

**The Sentinel news deadline is noon on Tuesdays; the ad deadline is 10 a.m.**

## Chesapeake Bank donates \$20,000 toward new Humane Society facility

The Gloucester-Mathews Humane Society is in the midst of a building campaign for a new facility on the Business 17 Bypass. Chesapeake Bank is donating \$20,000 to help jumpstart their \$3 million campaign.

The Humane Society in Gloucester serves seven counties and tries to find homes for over 3,300 animals each year.

Donations, membership dues and community organizations primarily support the shelter. For more information on the Gloucester-Mathews Humane Society and how to make a donation, become a member or volunteer, visit [www.gloucestermathewshumanesociety.org](http://www.gloucestermathewshumanesociety.org) or call 693-5520.



Above, from left, are Melissa Crawford, business development manager at Chesapeake Bank; Steve Callis, commercial loan officer at Chesapeake Bank; Ellen Thacker, executive director of the Gloucester-Mathews Humane Society; Ralph Jackson, building committee chairman for the GMHS building campaign; and Marshall Warner, executive vice president of Chesapeake Bank.

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Dr. Melton earned his medical degree at Medical College of Virginia. He remained at MCV for his internship in Internal Medicine and residency training, and had his first year of rheumatology at MCV under Elam Toone, M.D. He left MCV and began a second fellowship at the New York University Rheumatic Disease Study Group under the directorship of Edward C. Franklin, M.D. He finished his fellowship Board Certified in Rheumatology.

Dr. Melton practiced medicine in Washington D.C. at Arthritis Rehabilitation Center, left there and opened a solo rheumatology practice in Chevy Chase, Maryland. During his years in the Washington/ Chevy Chase area, he was clinical associate professor of medicine/rheumatology at Georgetown University, chief of medicine at Doctors Hospital in Washington, D.C., and chief of rheumatology at Sibley Memorial Hospital.

Dr. Dugan received his undergraduate degree from the University of Maryland and his medical degree from the Central University Del Caribe. He also attended Royal College of Surgeons in Dublin, Ireland. Dr. Dugan completed his residency at Franklin Square Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland and St. John Hospital in Detroit, Michigan. He is Board Certified in General Surgery by the American Board of Surgery.



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## Middlesex Woman's Club seeks donations to restore wall in front of historic clubhouse

Since 1929, members of the Middlesex County Woman's Club—as well as Woman's Club members across the country—have been thought of as “the ladies who wear hats and gloves, and carry handbags.” That was indeed the traditional attire for attendance at meetings in the past. However, it is still true that members wear gloves, hats, and carry bags—but a very different kind in today's world.

Always around Oyster Festival, they wear plastic gloves, hairnets, and carry brown bags filled with the ingredients for their crab bisque. They are seen in the warm months working in the yard of the clubhouse wearing garden gloves, straw hats, and carrying bags of weeding tools. These ladies wear many other “hats,” including champions of the arts, supporters of continuing education, providers of scholarships, collectors

of items for charities, and preservers of a historical building. It is this last hat that requires much of the energy and resources of the Woman's Club—the care and preservation of the first brick Middlesex County Courthouse. This building served Middlesex County for over 150 years and is one of only 11 existing courthouses in Virginia from the Colonial Period. It is a major site in the historical district of Urbanna and a significant tourist attraction for Middlesex County, named on both the Virginia List of Historical Sites and the National Register of Historic Places.

While the brick wall that surrounds the clubhouse was built about 1940, it is considered a part of this historical site. The wall was constructed of “soft” bricks and “soft” mortar. Over the years, some damage has occurred—from tree roots, vehicles, and the normal freezing/thawing of winter. Although it does not appear that the wall will fall down in the immediate future, it needs serious restoration. Over the years a number of “spot” repairs have been made using concrete, which is not compatible with soft bricks and mortar. Every place that this concrete has fallen out allows water to seep in and hasten deterioration.

Although more than half of the Woman's Club budget is designated for the maintenance and preservation of the property, there are not sufficient resources to restore the wall. Three masons with experience in restoring old walls have looked at the wall and essentially all three named the same needs—new footings under one corner and re-pointing of much of the wall using soft mortar matched in color to the original.

The estimated cost of this restoration is \$23,000. So members of the club are looking for sources of grants and donations to assist with this project.

The wall is an important part of this historic site. The building, which is available for community use, is a treasure to everyone in Middlesex County.

## Shriners plan crab feast

The ACCA Shrine Center Legion of Honor, one of the supporters of the 22 free Children Hospitals in the U.S., is sponsoring a Crab Feast on August 22 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the ACCA Shrine Cen-

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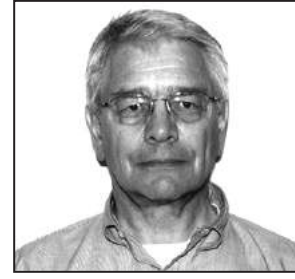
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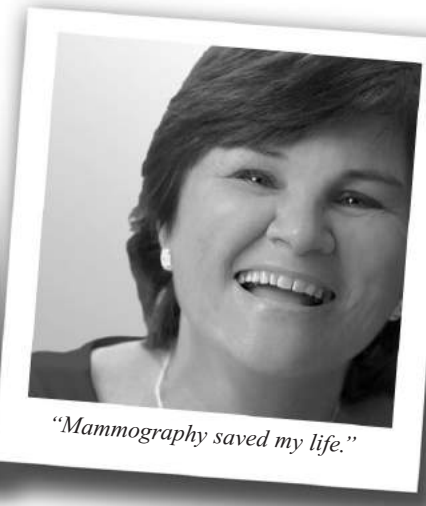
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## Local pharmacist presented community service award

The Virginia Pharmacist Association has selected M. Keith Hodges of Urbanna as the recipient of the 2008 Bowl of Hygieia Award for outstanding community service. A Wyeth Pharmaceutical representative presented the award to Hodges at the Virginia Pharmacists Association's Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet on August 5.

Hodges owns and operates Gloucester Pharmacy. He is a

member and past president of both the Virginia Pharmacists Association and Chesapeake Pharmacists Association. He is a certified nicotine cessation trainer and member and second vice president of the National Community Pharmacists Association; a member of the Academy of Independent Pharmacists; and a member of the International Association of Compounding Pharmacists.

He is vice regent of the Medical College of Virginia Chapter of Kappa Psi, chair of the BB&T Local Advisory Board, vice president of the West Point Ruritan Club, past president of West Point Area Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the Gloucester Point Rotary Club and the Riverside Gloucester Hospice Board.

Hodges is a volunteer pharmacist for Gloucester-Mathews Free Clinic. He also participates in Annual Pharmacy Day at the Virginia General Assembly, and in the 2008 Relay for Life he helped raise over \$12,000 for cancer research.

Hodges serves as an administrative board member of Urbanna United Methodist Church.

He is a graduate of the Medical College of Virginia School of Pharmacy and currently resides in Urbanna with his wife Shelly and their two daughters.

This year is the Golden Anniversary of the Bowl of Hygieia Award. The award is the most widely recognized international symbol for the pharmacy profession and is considered their most prestigious award.

## 'Irvington Stomp' to include square dancers and concert

For the fifth year, White Fences Vineyard will celebrate the harvest season with the Irvington Stomp on Saturday, August 30.

This year's Stomp will feature plenty of grape stomping in traditional barrels, with contests between town officials, family members and kids of all ages. Kids will step out of the barrels to put their purple footprints on clean white tee shirts as souvenirs.

As always, there will be a number of fun family activities including hay rides, face painting, a concert, and other attractions to be announced in the coming weeks. "Families are always telling me they enjoy this event so much because there is something for everyone, and their kids always leave happy," said White Fences co-owner Bill Westbrook.

This year's Stomp begins at 3 p.m. on August 30 and continues until dusk. Admission is

\$10 for adults and \$5 for ages 6-11; ages 5 and under are admitted free.

Pay at the entrance to White Fences Vineyard on Irvington Road.

The "Square Pegs" and the "Stepping Stones" will add a touch of down home country fun to the Irvington Stomp this year. The clubs are based in the Northern Neck and perform at square dancing festivals throughout the country.

In addition to performing at the Irvington Stomp, the dancers will invite audience members to take the floor for instruction and participation.

"We're thrilled to have the square dancers join us this year" said White Fences co-owner Susan Westbrook. "They are a perfect compliment to the family nature of the event, and I can't wait to see all the kids learn to dance."

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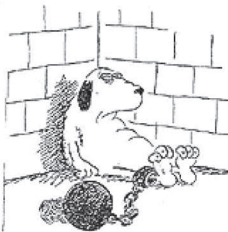


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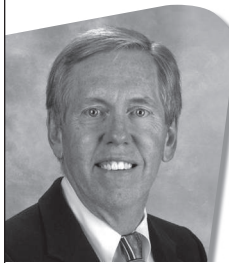
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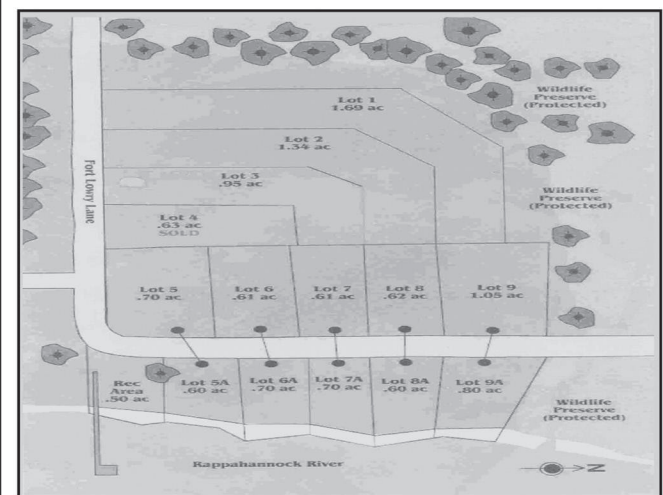


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# Supervisors want school board to consider seeking funds from MHS roof engineers

by Larry S. Chowning

The Middlesex County Board of Supervisors is encouraging the county school board to seek funds from PSI, the engineering firm that designed the new roof at Middlesex High School.

In July school superintendent Rusty Fairheart reported that school officials are seeking financial reimbursement from PSI for alleged slope errors in the design of the roof. When work started, an undetected slope calculation error resulted in delays and required the county to purchase more materials for the roof, which were not included in the original bid and contract.

The school board had requested \$67,281 in additional funds from the supervisors to pay for the extra materials.

PSI has indicated it does not plan to pay any reimbursement to the school system, but did release the school system from making a final payment of \$4,655 to the firm.

At an August 4 meeting, supervisor Fred Crittenden said he hoped the school board would pursue the matter, providing it was cost effective to do so.

County administrator Charles Culley

indicated he was not sure whether a legal confrontation would be cost effective for the county.

At the school board's July meeting, school board member Beth Hurd, who is an attorney, cautioned that it might not be cost effective to take the matter to court. She noted the \$67,281 was about 10 percent of the total cost of the roof job. She said these additional funds were "a lot of money," but not in the scope of the entire project.

School board chairman Richard Shores, who was at the supervisors' meeting in August, said he would take the matter back to the school board.

In other matters at the August 4 meeting, supervisors voted to:

- Approve an annual lease agreement between the county and Evelyn Fears Lawson that allows the county to use Lawson's property "only" for the annual Wings & Wheels festival and other airport-related activities. This year's Wings & Wheels festival will be on September 27.

The county agreed to pay Lawson \$400 annually for the use of the property.

- Deny a request from Bay Aging to exempt Phase 2 of the Port Town Urbanna

project from local real estate and personal property taxes.

- Agree to hold a public hearing in September on proposed revisions to the erosion and sediment control ordinance.

• Approve the annual Community Services Board (CSB) performance contract. Supervisor Crittenden had high praise for the work of CSB director Chuck Walsh.

• Approve a request from citizens to endorse speed reductions to 35 miles per hour in the Deltaville area, and 45 miles per hour on Fairfield Road (Route 708) in Hartfield.

Michelle Meredith wrote, "If you are familiar with the speed limits in Deltaville, you know there are many new businesses along General Puller Highway that are located within the 45 mph speed limit. With EVB going into the new shopping center along with the ABC store and Bella's Pizza, to name a few, making a left-hand turn out of that mall can be risky business."

Johnny Fleet presented a petition on reducing the speed limit on Fairfield Road and wrote, "We respectfully request the posted speed limit for our road to be 45 mph or less. This letter represents the request of all of the full-time residents."

## Planners meet tonight

The Middlesex County Planning Commission will meet tonight, August 14, at 7:30 p.m. in the historic courtroom in Saluda.

On the agenda is an update on the rough draft of the Middlesex Comprehensive Plan by planning director Matt Williams.

The commission will receive an update on a major site plan for Calvary Baptist Church, and consider a rezoning request for Christ Church

Parish and a special exception request by Alvin and Barbara Sibley.

One public hearing is on the agenda for a special exception to allow an accessory dwelling unit, submitted by Teresa Jean Hillman.

Under old business, the commission will discuss proposed density changes "by right" for major subdivisions in Village Community zoning districts, and a proposed amendment to the water and sewer ordinance.

## MAG goes to the movies Tuesday

On Tuesday, August 19, Mathews Art Guild (MAG) members and guests will gather at 7 p.m. at its gallery to watch the Sister Wendy's entertaining art videos, a series that originally appeared on public televi-

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