



Lancaster quarterback Ricky Gibson (3) carried the ball 19 times for 170 yards and two touchdowns against Middlesex last Friday. Photo by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi



Lancaster's DeVante Stewart rushed for 80 yards and a touchdown last Friday against Middlesex. Photo by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi

## SCOREBOARD

**High School sports**  
**Varsity football**  
 Middlesex 32, Lancaster 23  
 Rappahannock 27, Washington & Lee 20  
 Northumberland 20, Mathews 14  
 Essex 44, Nandua 0  
 Sussex 54, Colonial Beach 22  
 West Point 55, Surry 32  
**JV football**  
 Lancaster 50, Middlesex 0  
**Varsity volleyball**  
 Mathews def. Lancaster, 3-0  
 Lancaster def. Middlesex, 3-2  
 Lancaster def. Christchurch, 3-2  
**JV volleyball**  
 Mathews def. Lancaster, 2-0  
**Golf**  
 1. Rappahannock 172. 2. Lancaster 181.  
 1. Essex 172. 2. Lancaster 193.  
**Cross Country**  
 Girls meet  
 1. Lancaster 34. 2. Mathews 36. 3.  
 Middlesex 84.  
 Boys meet  
 1. Mathews 27. 2. Lancaster 45. 3.  
 Middlesex 67. 4. Essex 106.

### Upcoming games

**High School sports**  
**Varsity football**  
 (7 p.m.)  
 September 27:  
 Lancaster at Northampton  
 Colonial Beach at King George  
 Mathews at Essex  
 Northumberland at Middlesex  
 Rappahannock at King & Queen  
 Washington & Lee at King William  
 Surry at Greensville  
 Southampton at Sussex  
**JV football**  
 (6 p.m.)  
 October 2:  
 West Point at Lancaster  
**JV/Varsity volleyball**  
 (JV 6 p.m., varsity follows)  
 September 26:  
 Essex at Lancaster  
 October 1:  
 Lancaster at Washington & Lee  
 October 3:  
 Lancaster at Rappahannock  
**Cross Country**  
 September 28:  
 Lancaster at Maymont Park Invitational,  
 Richmond (8 a.m.)  
 October 2:  
 Lancaster at Essex (5 p.m.)  
**Golf**  
 September 30:  
 Rappahannock River Conference  
 Tournament, Golden Eagle Golf Course  
 (10 a.m.)  
**Field hockey**  
 September 28:  
 Lancaster at Northampton (9 a.m.)  
 October 2:  
 Lancaster at Northumberland (6 p.m.)

## Former coach here leads Chargers in upset of Lancaster

by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi

Former coach Billy Jarvis was greeted with smiles on his return to Lancaster High last Friday night... until the fourth quarter when fans started to frown. Jarvis returned to the Lancaster field as Middlesex High's new head coach and his Chargers gave the Red Devils more than they could handle in a 32-23 upset.

Jarvis left Lancaster seven years ago after a successful run and went to Warhill High School in Williamsburg. He returned to Group A coaching this fall and took over a struggling Charger program. Middlesex High, which has broken ground on a new athletic complex, is playing all of its 10 games on the road this season.

Marques Holmes rushed for 176 yards and scored two times in a fourth-quarter comeback for the Chargers, who improved to 2-1.

The loss was Lancaster's first of the season as the Devils dropped

to 2-1.

In the early going, the game was shaping up to be like Lancaster's last two — a blowout. The Devils took a quick 14-0 lead off a 12-yard run by DeVante Stewart, a 22-yard keeper by quarterback Ricky Gibson and a pair of PAT kicks by Jack Kelley in the first four and a half minutes.

Middlesex got on the board with 3:54 to go in the first on a one-yard TD run by Holmes that seemed to just spark the LHS offense. The Devils answered with a 51-yard drive in six plays that included a 46-yard run by Gibson. However, the Chargers put up a stand deep in their own territory to bring up a fourth and eight for the Devils. On came Kelley to split the uprights on a 32-yard field goal kick that would have been good for another 10 yards. That kick put Lancaster up 17-6 to end the first quarter.

The Chargers battled back in the second with two straight TDs, including a 29-yard scoring pass

from Holmes to Brett Carter and 20-yard run by Holmes. Carter set up that score with an interception at the MHS 33 and a 25-yard return. The Chargers also converted a fourth and one to keep the drive going. Middlesex converted three fourth downs in the game.

Middlesex was leading 19-17 at the half but Lancaster regained the lead, 23-19, late in the third when Gibson scored on a one-yard run to cap a 41-yard drive.

But the fourth quarter belonged to the Chargers, who took the lead for good on a 36-yard carry by Holmes just 50 seconds into the period. After one incomplete pass and another deflected one, Middlesex went for it on a fourth and five and got the big run by Holmes.

Middlesex capped the scoring with four minutes to play after stopping Lancaster on a fourth and six at the MHS 45. Six plays later, Holmes fumbled the snap backwards but scooped it up and went 12 yards for a TD.

Offensively, Middlesex had 412 total yards and Lancaster 347. Holmes led the Charger rushers while Gibson led the Devils with 170 yards on 19 carries to score twice. Stewart had one TD on 19 rushes and 80 yards. Gibson also completed four of 14 passes for 89 yards but had one interception. Holmes completed eight of 22 for 102 yards and a TD.

On the receiving end, Lancaster's Tyrell Henderson caught two for 69 yards and Stewart grabbed one for 15. D'Angelo King had six catches for the Chargers for 86 yards and a score.

Devonte Haskins led the LHS defenders with four solo tackles. He got in on six and a half and had five assists.

The Red Devils will head to the Eastern Shore tomorrow night to face Northampton in a non-conference game. Kickoff is at 7 p.m.

**Middlesex.....6 13 0 13—32**  
**Lancaster.....17 0 6 0—23**



Nick Nonnemacker shot a personal best 44 for Lancaster in a nine-hole match against Rappahannock last Tuesday. Photo by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi



Patrick Kelley turned in a score of 47 in Lancaster's match at Quinton Oaks Golf Course. Photo by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi

## Raiders, Trojans win golf matches; Golden Eagle will host tournament

by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi

Rappahannock was a stroke a hole better than Lancaster last Tuesday when the Raiders beat the Devils in a Northern Neck District golf match at Quinton Oaks Golf Course near Callao.

Chance Herbert shot the match low 36 to lead the Raiders, who finished with a team score of 172 on their home course. Lance Wheeler

shot a 40, Seth Elborn a 47 and Austin Scott a 49 as Rappahannock's four scorers.

Alex Nelson led the visiting Devils with a 40. Nick Nonnemacker shot a 44, Patrick Kelley a 47 and Shawn Valdrighi a 50 for Lancaster, which finished with a team score of 181. William Clarke also played for the Devils.

At the Golden Eagle Golf Course near Irvington last Thursday, Essex High's Larkin Gross shot a 35 on

the front nine as the individual medalist in a two-team district match. Gross led the Trojans to a team low 173 for the win.

The Red Devils shot a 192 on their home course with Nelson scoring the team low 39.

Valdrighi shot a 48, Kelley a 52 and Nonnemacker a 53.

Carter Morgan shot a 39 for the Trojans, Daniel Clark shot a 44 and Charlie Bussler a 55.

Essex's Andrew Suggs and Lan-

caster's Clarke also played but their scores did not count in team scoring.

The Devils were scheduled to end regular season play earlier this week and will host the Rappahannock River Conference tournament at the Golden Eagle Golf Course on Monday, September 30. Rappahannock, Lancaster, Northumberland and Essex will compete in the 18-hole tournament. Tee-off is 10 a.m.

## Wounded Warrior golf tourney slated at Piankatank September 27

The Virginia Wounded Warrior Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, September 27, at the Piankatank River Golf Club in Hartfield.

Hosted by the Knights of Columbus, Fr. John Boddie Assembly 3349, this event is a four-player captain's choice competition open to everyone. All proceeds will benefit the Virginia Wounded Warrior Program.

Team prizes will be awarded for first, second, and third place in each of three flights. Golfers will also compete for individual driving and accuracy prizes.

The entry fee is \$80 per player which includes use of the practice range, golf cart rental, greens fee, on-course beverages and dinner in the Steamboat Restaurant. Registration begins at 11 a.m. with a shotgun start at noon.

Contact Al Langer at 804-776-7427, alanger1@va.metrocast.net, or Gary Richardson at 804-776-0949, or lynnegary@va.metrocast.net.



Corinna Ireland was fourth in the girls' race to help lead Lancaster to a team win in last week's four-team meet at LHS.



Lancaster's Sean Jones ran a 19:07 race last week in a four-team meet at LHS. Photos by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi

## Lancaster girls win cross-country meet

by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi

Lancaster had four runners finish among the top eight varsity harriers last Wednesday to win a home cross-country meet against Mathews and Middlesex.

Essex had individual runners in the race but did not score as a team.

Freshman runner Mary Frere turned in a personal best time for Lancaster's harriers as the runner-up in 20:57 on the 3.1-mile course at LHS. Corinna Ireland was second for the Lady Red Devils and finished fourth overall in 22:37 as Lancaster scored a team low 34 points. Mathews was second with 36 and Middlesex third with 84.

Leigh Harrow of Middlesex paced the pack of 33 female runners with a time of 20:48 as the individual medalist.

Vilesa Waller (23:32) was sixth among varsity runners, Elizabeth Robertson (24:27) eighth and Moira Hull 14th (26:56) to join Frere and Ireland as the five scorers for Lancaster.

**Boys**  
In the boys race, Middlesex High's Ridge Ellis was the winner with a time of 17:18. However, Ellis was the only Charger to finish in the top 15 overall and Middlesex placed third in team scoring with 67 points.

Mathews had six finish among the top 10 varsity runners to win the meet with 27 points. Lancaster was second with 45 and Essex fourth with

106.

Ronnie Cutler led the Devils' boys team with a third-place finish in 17:45. Lancaster's other four scorers included Weston Schomer, who was fifth among varsity runners in 18:34.5. Sean Jones was tenth in 19:07, Tanner Steensma was 16th in 19:59 and Drew Smith was 17th in 20:18.

**W&M Invitational**

Lancaster's runners also competed in the 55th annual William and Mary Invitational in Williamsburg Saturday with Schomer leading the boys team and Frere the girls.

Schomer ran 19:41 on the three-mile course at Eastern State Hospital to finish 44th among 135 boys. Jones ran a 20:01.8 race. Smith's time was 21:32.4, Tanner's 21:36.3 and Beau Nickerson's 22:24.4 as the five scorers.

In the girls race, Frere was 22nd out of 92 girls with a time of 23:05.5. Ireland was 32 in 23:55.9. Waller ran a 26:07.2 race, Robertson a 26:18.6 and Davenport a 30:35.2.

Northumberland did not compete as a team but had Bea Trinity finish 13th (22:24.6), Sarah Schindler 31st (23:48.7) and India Eguiguren 48th (25:15.8).

Kathryn Beddoo had the best finish among Northern Neck runners in the William and Mary race. Beddoo was fourth with a time of 21:25.2.

Lancaster's boys and girls teams will head to Richmond this Saturday, September 28, for the Maymont Park Invitational.

## Pistol orientation course is scheduled October 4-5

The Rappahannock Pistol and Rifle Club Inc. will conduct a National Rifle Association "First Steps Pistol" orientation course on October 4 and 5.

Local NRA-certified instructors will teach the basics of safe pistol shooting and familiarization to any interested adults.

Club president Robert Duffer said the course is the NRA's response to the public's need for a firearm orientation for new handgun purchasers. All owners of pistols are encouraged to take the First Steps course which is designed to provide a hands-on introduction to safe handling and proper operation of a handgun.

The objective of the course is to answer these questions: How does the pistol work? What kind of handgun is best for me? How can I be sure I am using it properly and safely? The instructors will take a close look at all of these questions. They will explain the basics, show how to choose a handgun, and introduce the fundamentals of shooting a pistol.

Successful completion of this course is accepted by local sheriff's departments to qualify for a concealed carry permit application.

To enroll and obtain additional information, contact John Henley at 435-6550.

## BOWLING RESULTS

### Ladies League

Express Auto won three games from Yeatman's Forklift. Marie Piccard posted a 346 set with games of 120, 119 and 107. Sandra Evans bowled a 322 set with games of 122 and 112. Vicki White had a 110 game and Vivian Callaway a 100 game.

For Yeatman's, Mary York scored a 300 set with games of 104 and 101. Alma George rolled games of 110 and 109. Val Crosbie had a 109 game.

Terry Stillman led D&L Doc n' Divas in two wins over R. P. Waller with the week's highest set, a 362, with games of 131 and 139, the week's highest score. Beverley Benson had a 310 set with games of 111 and 104. Darlene Griffith had a 107 game.

For R. P. Waller, Ola Rae Nash scored a 340 set with games of 137 and 106. Ann Newsome bowled a 107 game. Jean Reynolds had a 103 game.

The Corner Restaurant took two games from Tri-Star. Gayle Conrad's 338 set included games of 108, 118 and 112. Debi Berry rolled a 304 set with a 113 game. Mary Savalina had a 108 game.

For Tri-Star, Kara George bowled games of 104 and 100. Cathy Hoskins had a 106 game.

## BRIDGE RESULTS

Five and a half tables were in play at the Woman's Club of White Stone on September 19. Winners north/south were first, Dianne Monroe and Babs Murphy; second, Cynthia Birdsall and Arden Durham. Winners east/west were first, Ronnie Gerster and Ginger Klapp; second, Iris Panzetta and Helen Blackwell.

Five and a half tables were in play at the Woman's Club of White Stone on September 23. Winners north/south were (tie) Cynthia Birdsall and Arden Durham and Jane Bunnell and Malena Mcgrath. Winners east/west were first, Alison Holman and Shirley Pleasants; second, Betsy Heller and Nancy Hall.

The next bridge for this group is Tuesday, October 8, at 1 p.m.



Paige Nuckols and Jemm's Baldur.

## Heathsville horse wins awards

Jemm's Baldur, a 6-year-old Norwegian Fjord gelding owned by Paul and Denise Swann of Heathsville, recently participated in the Norwegian Fjord Horse Registry evaluation program held at Frying Pan Park in Herndon. "Punkin" participated in the conformation class in which horses are judged on their breed type and movement at the walk and trot in a pattern shown in halter.

Shown by Paul and Denise Swann, Punkin earned a score of 73 by the judges earning him a

red ribbon.

Punkin also was shown in the Introductory English Performance test under saddle, where the horse is judged while mounted performing gaits and maneuvers such as medium walk, free walk, halt, backing, working trot, and walking canter in a dressage ring. The gaits and maneuvers are performed at specific letter markers placed around the ring. Punkin was shown under saddle by Paige Nuckols of Merry Point and earned a score of 89 and a blue ribbon. Punkin and Paige earned the highest score in this class competing against other horses and riders from numerous states.

Punkin also earned a level 4 white silver medallion of quality at the evaluation.



## JV Devils win, 50-0

James Coleman was one of five players to score for Lancaster's JV football team last Wednesday in its 50-0 win over Middlesex. Trevon Henderson, Deamonte Sutton, Jayquon Dillion, Shyheim Noel and Coleman all scored on offense and Noel also turned in two special team scores, running back a pair of punt returns for touchdowns. Lancaster (3-0) will open Northern Neck District play next Wednesday, October 9, at home against Washington & Lee. Kickoff is at 6 p.m. Photo by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi

## Animals For Adoption

The Animal Welfare League has many animals for adoption to good loving homes. The dogs, cats, puppies and kittens change rapidly, in lieu of listing them, interested persons may call the league at 435-0822 or Joyce at 462-0091 to be advised as to what is available at that time. Visits to local animal shelters also are encouraged.

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Windmill Point - Sunrise & Moon - September - October 2013

Day	High	Low	Height	PM times are in boldface type
<b>Fri. 9/27</b>	High 5:15 1.1' Low 11:38 0.6' High 5:47 1.3'	Sunrise 6:58 Sunset 6:54 Moonset 2:25		
<b>Sat. 9/28</b>	Low 12:38 0.7' High 6:14 1.1' Low 12:38 0.7' High 6:46 1.2'	Sunrise 6:58 Sunset 6:53 Moonrise 12:50 Moonset 3:05		
<b>Sun. 9/29</b>	Low 1:33 0.7' High 7:14 1.1' Low 1:38 0.6' High 7:42 1.3'	Sunrise 6:59 Sunset 6:51 Moonrise 1:44 Moonset 3:41		
<b>Mon. 9/30</b>	Low 2:23 0.6' High 8:08 1.2' Low 2:34 0.6' High 8:32 1.2'	Sunrise 7:00 Sunset 6:50 Moonrise 2:39 Moonset 4:15		
<b>Tue. 10/1</b>	Low 3:09 0.5' High 8:57 1.3' Low 3:25 0.4' High 9:18 1.3'	Sunrise 7:01 Sunset 6:48 Moonrise 3:36 Moonset 4:48		
<b>Wed. 10/2</b>	Low 3:51 0.3' High 9:41 1.4' Low 4:12 0.3' High 10:00 1.4'	Sunrise 7:02 Sunset 6:47 Moonrise 4:35 Moonset 5:20		
<b>Thu. 10/3</b>	Low 4:31 0.2' High 10:23 1.5' Low 4:56 0.2' High 10:41 1.4'	Sunrise 7:03 Sunset 6:45 Moonrise 5:35 Moonset 5:52		
<b>Fri. 10/4</b>	Low 5:10 0.2' High 11:04 1.5' Low 5:40 0.2' High 11:22 1.4'	Sunrise 7:04 Sunset 6:44 Moonrise 6:37 Moonset 6:25		

**Corrections**  
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**Buddy Loving Foundation Tournament winners at ICYCC were, from left, (top photo) Tom Teal, Harold Guy, Macon Edwards and Charlie Price, and (bottom photo) Helen Carson, Linda Price, Sharon Rowe and Margaret Teal.**

## CLUB GOLF

### ICYCC Buddy Loving Tournament:

The Buddy Loving Foundation contributes annually to a college-bound high school senior from either the Lancaster or Northumberland County golf teams. Fifty-six Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club members came out to support the foundation by playing in a scramble tournament.

Men's division winners were first, Harold Guy, Macon Edwards, Tom Teal and Charlie Price; second, Rob Corrie, Bob Johnson, Emerson Gravatt and Jack Blunt; and third, Gib Carson, Bob Chambers, Ed Roccella and Mark Toia.

Women's division winners were first, Margaret Teal, Linda Price, Helen Carson and Sharon Rowe; second, Carol Johnson, Janet Blunt, Nancy Monroe and Betsy Heller, and third, Ellie Davis, Seale George, Isabelle Bunch and Ellen Edmonds.

### Hole in One

On September 18, Carol Davis had a hole in one at Quinton Oaks Golf Course on the 84-yard 3rd hole. She used a pitching wedge.

### ICYCC Women

The 18 Hole Women's Golf Association competed September 17 as Blind Partners. First-place winners were Linda Price and Betsy Chambers; second, Sharon Rowe and Noreen Matt; third, Nancy Monroe and Joyce Mullins.

### ICYCC Men's Midweek

Eleven men competed in a best 3 balls on par 5s, best 2 balls on par 4s and best one ball on par 3s net format. The winning team was Bob Chambers, George Urban and Andy Kauders. Finishing second was the team of Tom Southard, CT Lewis, Tom Gibson and Pat Thomas.

### King Carter Men

In men's play days results at King Carter Golf Club the winners for September 16 were first, (tie) Wayne Graves, Dave Gwaltney and Klaus Schaschek.

September 17 winners were first, (tie) Ned Crockett and Ron Cary; and third, (tie) Bruce Adams and Butch Miller.

September 23 winners were first, Butch Miller; second, (tie) Jon Baer and Ron Cary.

### Quinton Oaks Ladies

The ladies played Pinehurst scotch on September 18. Flight A winners were first, Faith McDermott and Linda Dennis; second, Carol Reese and Bettye Garner; third, Terri Sartori and Darlene Bean.

Flight B winners were first, Joan Frye and Mary Frances Trunnell; second, Carol Davis and Judy Wise; and third, Mary Beth Hawn and Jane Herron.

### Quinton Oaks senior men

The first flight winners for September 17 were first, (tie) Ray Wiersma, Jake Russell and Ray Jones; second, (tie) Phil Gates and Ken Conway.

Second flight winners were first, John Goddard; second, (tie) Bob Beasley and Dave Conrad; and third, (tie) Bob McNally, Dave Fine and Mike Dennett.

## Coast Guard Chief visits Flotilla 33

Chief David Dickinson, Officer in Charge of United States Coast Guard Station at Milford Haven, met with members of USCG Auxiliary Flotilla 33 in Kilmarnock at their last monthly meeting.

"Auxiliary members from Flotilla 33 are 'force multipliers' for our station," said Dickinson. "We appreciate the help and assistance you provide, with the exception of law enforcement, in everything we do."

Dickinson also reviewed some history of the Coast Guard and how their mission changed. Transferring the Coast Guard from the Department of Transportation to Homeland Security after 9-11 indicated the importance of protecting the coastline in addition to being America's lifesavers, he said.

The Coast Guard has over 40,000 men and women guarding the nation's waterways, saving lives, conducting port security and vessel safety checks and a number of other jobs.

"That is not a lot of people to do the job they are assigned," said Ed Hind, Flotilla 33 commander.



**Milford Haven Chief David Dickinson (left) discusses activities with Flotilla Commander Ed Hind.**

"Luckily, there are over 30,000 Coast Guard auxiliaries that give up their time and volunteer to work alongside the Coast Guard to aid in completing their mission, including two-boat training that assists new members of the Coast Guard to qualify for their assignments."

Dickinson recognized the various ways in which the auxiliary assists the Coast Guard, from providing qualified chefs for a week or two at a Coast Guard Station or cutter, to radio watch standing, search and rescue, port container inspections, instructing at a Coast

## River Run/Walk in Tappahannock is October 19

The 2013 Rappahannock River Run/Walk hosted by the St. Margaret's School Alumnae Association will be held Saturday, October 19, at St. Margaret's in Tappahannock.

Now in its 15th year, a portion of the proceeds from the event will benefit The Haven, a local non-profit organization committed to preventing and eliminating all types of domestic violence and sexual assault.

The event for both competitive and recreational runners and walkers features a 5k (3.1 mile) course through the streets of historic Tappahannock. All in the community are invited to the St. Margaret's campus for the dog-stroller- and kid-friendly event.

Runners and walkers can register now. The cost to participate is \$25 per person, which includes a race packet with an event t-shirt. Discounts are available for early bird registrants until Monday, October 7, and for running groups of five or more people. On-site registration and packet pick-up will begin on race day at 7:30 a.m. in front of St. Margaret's Hall at 444 Water Lane. The race will begin at 8 a.m. with an awards ceremony to follow.

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To register for the run/walk, visit [www.sms.org/run](http://www.sms.org/run). To join as a sponsor, visit [lharmon@sms.org](mailto:lharmon@sms.org).

## SPORT SHORTS

### ■ Bridge and Mahjong luncheon

The First Friday Bridge and Mahjong luncheon will be held from noon to 3 p.m. on Friday, October 4, at the Woman's Club of White Stone. Bring a brown-bag lunch; drinks and desserts will be provided. The cost is \$4. Call 435-6207.

### ■ Masters Swim Team registration

The Northern Neck Family YMCA Masters Swim Team is accepting new participants for its 2013-14 season until September 30. Members must be 18 years of age or over, and be able to swim at least 50 yards without stopping, and have a level of fitness to continue swimming with rest. Practice times are Tuesdays at 7 a.m. and 8:45 a.m., and Thursdays at 7 a.m. An unofficial workout is available on Saturdays at 8 a.m. To join the team, contact the YMCA in Kilmarnock at 435-0223.



**From left, the Docks of the Bay softball team includes (front row) Hunter Sanders, Matt Harding, Preston Madden, Justin George and Conner Madden; (next row) Ryan Kent, William Saunders, Luke Saunders, Ryan Barefoot, Russell Haynie, Scotty George and Blake Williams.**

## Docks of the Bay softball team has successful season on the road

by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi

After some local success, the Docks of the Bay softball team decided to take its show on the road.

The team, managed by Matt Harding and Scotty George, competed in eight regional and state tournaments from spring until last weekend, when they finished as the runner-up in the Softball Nation National Championship in Virginia Beach. The local team went 6-2 in the 26-team tournament and lost in the last inning of the championship to defending national champion R&B Lawn Care of North Carolina.

"We were three outs away from the championship," said player Ryan Kent. "It was a good game."

Prior to that, the team also

finished second in the Softball Nation State Championship, losing in extra innings. They also took third in the Mid-Atlantic Championships and won both the Richmond Metro Championship and The Hooters Fall Classic. Although most men's travel softball teams play 15 to 25 tournaments a year, Docks of the Bay selected only eight in which to participate.

"We picked a great group of guys who we thought would do really well with our team philosophy of 'team first,'" said Kent, "and we did really well this year."

The Dock of the Bay team got its start nearly 10 years ago and played in the Kilmarnock's men's league at Dreamfields before the league disbanded. The team then joined the soft-

ball league in Callao and has won that league championship six years running. Dock of the Bay also won the Kilmarnock league championship one year for seven consecutive local championship titles.

"We decided we had a really good team and thought we could do pretty well in some of the bigger tournaments around the state," said Kent. "I'm excited to see where this team can go."

Docks of the Bay competed in the Silver Division, which is the highest level in Softball Nation, in all of the tournaments.

Conner Madden batted .806 in the national tournament and Matt Harding had a .718 average. The team had a combined batting average of .644 for the tourney.

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## Music in the schools

National Symphony Orchestra cellist Yvonne Caruthers visited September 16 to present a music education program to 400 students in Northumberland County. The Rappahannock Concert Association sponsored the event as part of their Student Outreach Program. Members of the Rappahannock Music Study Club, which awards music scholarships to local students desiring to further their music education, were invited as guests.

## Health Explorers program at RTH to offer high-schoolers a look at health career options

A Learning for Life Health Explorers program premier this fall at Riverside Tappahannock Hospital (RTH), sharing healthcare career options of all kinds with area high school students. Those interested in healthcare careers will meet once a month at the hospital from October until May to explore different areas of the health care field.

"We'll explain all of the roles available in the hospital, including lab technicians, administration, quality and safety staff, physical therapy and other roles that make the hospital work. We want to share all of the areas available, not just doctors or nurses. Many people are interested in healthcare and want to help, but don't know what's available," said Jackie Nunnery, marketing business

partner at Riverside Tappahannock.

Sessions will include an orientation for parents and students, a visit to the emergency room, an overview of diagnostic imaging (for example, x-rays and MRIs); laboratory and pharmacy services; and surgical care. Students will gain clear ideas of what each type of job entails, and also assistance in planning how to get the education needed to qualify for the positions.

Nunnery, a former educator and career coach, notes the importance of creating a path for students to achieve the type of career they want, and giving them a practical understanding of what it will take to get there. "I want them to understand what classes they need to take in high school

before they graduate, and the different ways they can get there. For example, someone might be interested in nursing and decide to start as a certified nursing assistant before attending a degree program."

Health care careers continue to experience increased growth, and many areas have constant shortages.

"We pursued this program because we are always trying to bring the next generation of people to care for our community. We will always need those providers," she added.

Jaime Cook, director of human resources at RTH, also is excited about the development of the Health Explorers program. "A career in healthcare is a career of learning and truly feeling you make a difference. It offers individuals opportunities to advance and

specialize in fields they may not have considered when in high school. It is a very rewarding career choice."

The program is being promoted to high school students in the RTH service region of Essex, King and Queen, King William, and the Northern Neck counties of Richmond, Westmoreland, Northumberland and Lancaster. Learning for Life charges a fee \$21.75 to cover the costs of the program and insurance. Students also will need to fill out an application and obtain a flu shot prior to beginning the program.

Interested parents and students may attend an Open House at Riverside Tappahannock Hospital from 5 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, October 1, or contact Nunnery at 443-6015.

## RCC 'sails' toward excellence with online 'kudos' and 'flags'

A new initiative at Rappahannock Community College—Student Assistance and Intervention for Learning Success (SAILS)—introduces an academic early warning system to help students succeed, and to help faculty and staff encourage them to complete their education.

RCC's implementation team worked over the summer to customize the system for the college; SAILS will "go live" on September 30 for use by developmental English and mathematics classes, and will expand to involve all RCC classes in the Spring 2014 semester.

When "kudos" or "flags" are raised by an instructor through RCC's online class information system, an automatic email is generated which states, over the instructor's signature, positive or negative changes in a student's class status. The instructor may personalize the standard message, if desired, with comments on the student's individual performance. Flags can indicate concerns about attendance, low assignment or test scores, infrequent class participation, the danger of failing the class or other matters. Kudos can be awarded for "outstand-

ing academic performance," "keep up the good work" or "shows improvement."

In addition to these specific notices, which can only be sent by the class instructor, the SAILS system can be used by the staff of RCC's Student Development Office to express general concerns about a student's progress. Also, when a flag is raised, student development staff and the student's faculty advisor receive a notification. Staff members who follow up and resolve a flagged issue may clear the flag from the student's name, preferably with a comment to explain

why it is no longer in effect.

All flags, kudos, and comments become part of the student's permanent record, and are disclosable under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act and subject to subpoena under the Freedom of Information Act. Instructors are cautioned to restrict comments to academic issues, and to avoid opinion, conjecture, and supposition.

## W&L selected for College Application Week program

Washington & Lee High School has again been named one of 32 schools in Virginia to be part of the Virginia College Application Week (VCAW), beginning November 18. In its first year, many Washington & Lee seniors participated in the program and were accepted that week by visiting colleges.

This year's program doubled the number of participating schools from 16 to 32. Washington & Lee High School is the only school in the Northern Neck region that was selected.

The participating schools were chosen based on their district's percentage of students receiving free and reduced lunches. The ability of the school's administration to support the initiative also was a key factor.

The VCAW program is co-sponsored by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) and the Council of Independent Colleges in Virginia. The schools are given the tools, time and support to enable students to sit down at computers and fill out college applications. Many colleges came last year to the school and assisted and met with the students. Colleges are encour-

aged to waive their application fees.

Erin McGrath, SCHEV project coordinator, said the amount of work required to prepare for the event is daunting. "I think all of us were surprised by the amount of work involved in making this happen, but we learned a lot that will make the VCAW easier," she said. The plan is to gradually expand VCAW to other schools in Virginia.

Washington & Lee will begin a series of college preparation courses for its students on October 2 and finish the first segments by November 13. The courses will be taught by Patty Long, home and public relations specialist, and Sue Straughan, a career consultant. The courses will begin with the college search, college essay, resume writing, what is the common application, FAFSA, scholarship searching, and preparing a portfolio.

Entitled the "College Rocks Sessions," the program is open to all juniors and seniors. Students will have completed packets when the VCAW week begins on November 18. For more information, call 493-8018.

## Keesee named assistant head at Chesapeake Academy

Julianne D. Keesee has been appointed Assistant Head of School at Chesapeake Academy.

Keesee graduated from the College of William and Mary and earned a master's in educational leadership from the University of Illinois at Chicago. Keesee, a master teacher, joined Chesapeake Academy in 2008 as the Academic Dean responsible for curriculum design, the integration of technology and 21st-century skills into the curriculum, and faculty professional development.

Prior to joining Chesapeake Academy, she worked in Montgomery County Public Schools, the Episcopal High School of Baton Rouge, Porter-Gaud School and Christchurch School.

"Julie has brought innovative and educationally sound initiatives to Chesapeake Acad-



Julianne D. Keesee

emy," said Head of School Deborah Cook. "Her deliberate and thoughtful execution of her responsibilities has earned her great respect among the school's community." Keesee resides in Hartfield.



From left, attending the Rappahannock Scholar dinner were Westmoreland County Public Schools' Dr. Rebecca Lowry, Callie Morgan, Kayla Payne, Gabriela Valdez, Katie Johnson, Megan Squires, Patricia Eddings, Carmen Crisco and Iris Lane.

## Rappahannock Scholars from W&L honored at dinner

The Rappahannock Scholars Program, a partnership between six Northern Neck region high schools and the University of Mary Washington, celebrated the beginning of a new year with a kick-off dinner at Lowry's in Tappahannock on September 19.

Among the honored scholars were Washington and Lee High School seniors Callie Martin and Katie Johnson; junior Gabriela Valdez, and sophomores Kayla Payne and Megan Squires. Also representing Washington and Lee were counselors Carmen Crisco and Patricia Eddings.

Superintendent Dr. Rebecca Lowry attended the event in the company of Ms. Iris Lane, chair of the Westmoreland County School Board.

The Rappahannock Scholars Program was formed in 2007 to identify students who attend Essex, King and Queen Central, Lancaster, Northumberland, Rappahannock and Washington and Lee high schools who exhibit leadership characteristics and promising academic skills. The students are nominated by their guidance counselors and usually are from economically disadvantaged back-

grounds.

Graduating Rappahannock Scholars are guaranteed admission to UMW. They receive assistance in meeting financial needs, as well as guidance and support from UMW throughout their high school years to be fully prepared for college success.

Other Rappahannock Scholars from W&L who were unable to attend are seniors Milan Bullock and Terrin Dickerson; juniors Tyler Ashton, Kathryn Beddoe and Luis Chitres; and sophomores Jauneth Cisneros and LaShara Tate.



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## Museum to host home schoolers

The Reedville Museum's John Smith barge (above) will be one of the many exhibits at the Kilmarnock Museum's second annual Home School/Artifact I.D. day from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, October 12. The public also is invited to bring items such as arrowheads or any type of artifact found locally that they would like identified. Call 296-0930.

## SCHOOL REPORTS

### ■ Deihl graduates

Ashley Marie Deihl of Heathsville received a Bachelor of Arts at Mary Baldwin College's 171st commencement ceremony on Sunday, May 19. At the undergraduate level, the College for Women serves about 800 students on

the historic main campus in downtown Staunton.

### ■ JMU graduate

Jamie Davell Veney of Kilmarnock graduated from James Madison University in Harrisonburg August 13 with a degree in kinesiology.

As of the Fall 2013 semester, Rappahannock Community College has hired a new library coordinator. Dan Ream divides his time between the Glenss and Warsaw campuses, managing the library operations at both locations as well as the Richmond County Public Library, which shares space with RCC's Warsaw Campus library.

"My favorite part of the job is teaching students," Ream said, "both in class sessions and one-to-one in the library. I have visited several thousand classes to teach them how to use library and internet search tools better, and my favorite moment is seeing the excitement students feel when they realize the power our search tools give them to find information faster and more efficiently than they ever imagined."

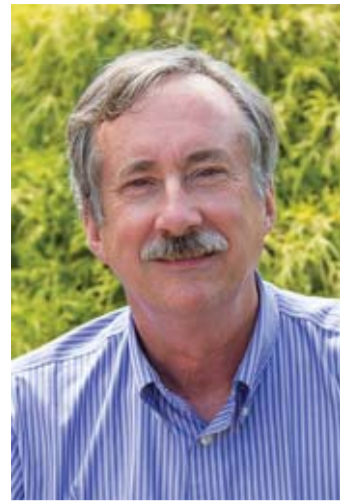
He adds, "I've enjoyed getting to know our faculty and staff at RCC. They're intelligent and nice people. . . lots of fun to work with, especially the library staff, who have been extremely

supportive as I learn the ropes."

Ream holds a master's in library science and education from the University of South Florida and master's in English from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville (UTK). In addition to working as a reference librarian at UTK for seven years, he held a variety of department head and management positions in public services and instruction during 26 years with the Virginia Commonwealth University libraries in Richmond, including hosting the radio show "Anarchy from the Archives" on VCU's student internet radio station.

"Probably the most unusual thing I have done as a university librarian," Ream reflects, "was to serve as president of the Faculty Senate at VCU from 2007 to 2009. It was an exciting time, as VCU transitioned from past president Eugene Trani to current president Michael Rao."

Other career highlights include speaking at national



Dan Ream

conferences on such topics as information literacy, Wikipedia, and "glitch management"—handling the technology malfunctions that occur while teaching.

Ream's goal, he said, is to make RCC's library and its resources "more important to our students, faculty, staff and the community than they have ever been before. We have great resources here, in both our talented library staff and our collections—especially

online collections—and way too many people don't realize what we have to offer." Further, he aims to ensure that every RCC student has "a positive experience doing library and Internet research while they are here, so that they'll feel ready for the research they'll need to do at their next school or job."

Ream is married to Lucretia McCulley, a University of Richmond librarian. Their son, Paul, graduated from Davidson College in 2012 and now works for the Department of Justice in Washington as a legal researcher and translator. In his spare time, Ream enjoys walking, travel, reading, music, fishing, baseball and college basketball. He and his wife are active members of Second Presbyterian Church in downtown Richmond. Just before he began working at RCC, Ream participated in a 10-day church trip to Guatemala. "I was inspired to find people who lived in extreme poverty, yet remained cheerful, generous, and hopeful about their future," he said.

## Boys & Girls Club's Steak & Burger Dinner to honor members and club's first president

The Boys & Girls Club of the Northern Neck (BGCNN) will hold its second annual Steak & Burger Dinner to honor the accomplishments of its club members and celebrate its fifth anniversary at 6 p.m. on Thursday, November 14, according to event chair and board member Jeffrey Wainscott.

At the dinner, the youth will dine on steak while the adults eat hamburgers.

The featured speaker will be business leader Julien Patterson of Irvington, chairman of OMNIPLEX World

Services Corporation, a company he founded 22 years ago. The company is one of the nation's leaders in providing high quality security services and innovative investigative solutions.

In addition to honoring the young club members and their accomplishments, the first God, Country and Community Award will be presented posthumously to the family of the club's first president and leading founder, Captain William H. Knull Jr., who served for 26 years in the U.S. Navy.

Tickets for the event are \$100 per person. Tables of six may be purchased for \$500. Two club members will be seated at each table so that guests can meet the members and learn about their activities and accomplishments. Tickets may be purchased at the BGCNN office on North Main in Kilmarnock or by emailing info@bgcnn.com.

"This promises to be a fun event where we recognize the accomplishments of our children and youth, hear an inspiring speaker, and honor those who have made the last

five years possible," Wainscott said. "It's so important for us to help our children understand how they can reach their goals."

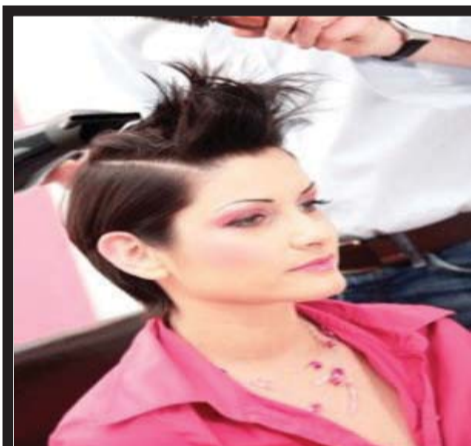
Patterson began his career with the CIA, leading its mobile training teams. He left the CIA in 1987 to begin his career as an entrepreneur. In 1997, he was named the Greater Washington Entrepreneur of the Year. He is a graduate of Norfolk State University. He and his wife, Terri Wesselman, recently opened the art gallery Objects in Irvington.



Julien Patterson will speak at the Steak & Burger Dinner.

## W&M alumni plan Oct. 10 oyster roast

The College of William & Mary's Lower Northern Neck Alumni Chapter will gather for an Oyster Roast at Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club near Kilmarnock on Thursday, October 10, from 5 to 8 p.m. Alumni and their guests are invited to enjoy fire-roasted oysters on the veranda, followed by a buffet barbecue dinner in the club. Dress is casual, and there will be a cash bar. Call 438-5739 to RSVP.



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## Art League schedules events during October

The Rappahannock Art League will sponsor a number of shows, exhibits and workshops during October.

Members will hold an Abstract Show from September 24 to October 12 featuring original works of art in a variety of mediums. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday at the Studio Gallery in Kilmarnock. The public is welcome, admission is free and all art work is for sale. A reception for the Abstract Show is from 5 to 7 p.m. October 4.

An Expressions exhibit will be on display at the Studio Gallery October 15 to October 26. Over 50 pieces of art created by Commonwealth Assisted Living residents from nine Virginia communities will be displayed.

An abstract painting workshop with Rose Nygaard will be held October 15, 16 and 17 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day at the gallery. Areas to be covered include elements of design, use of color, texture and composition. Ms. Nygaard will do a demonstration for the class touching upon the various elements of abstract painting. For registration information, call 436-9309 or stop by.

A "Mosaics 101" workshop with Sukey Starkey will be held October 23 and October 26. She will teach the processes, materials, and techniques, and each participant will create a 10-inch-by-10-inch mosaic accent mirror. The one-day class will be held at her home studio in Ophelia. For registration information, call 436-9309.

An Art Forum on the anatomy of a painting will be presented by Rachel Sawan White, a member of the art and design faculty at Orchard House School, at 1 p.m. on October 28. While dissecting works by artists such as Michelangelo, Rembrandt and Van Gogh, participants will discover the fundamentals that have made them endure through history.

## DENTAL IMPLANTS – Are they right for me?

by Leslie J. Fina, DDS, PhD

Lost or losing a tooth? I bet you've studied your teeth in the mirror and considered ignoring it. What is one less tooth? Most people want to do something if a tooth is missing in the front because it so dramatically affects our appearance. Conversely, what about a tooth in the back? Is it really worth replacing, or can I get away with just leaving it alone?

The answer is mixed. If we make the decision to do nothing about a missing tooth in the back, maybe we will get lucky. Under the right conditions only minor long-term effects take place. On the other hand, serious complications can occur by doing nothing. What often happens is that the surrounding teeth drift into the empty space. Drifting of teeth change the way the upper and lower teeth meet which can adversely impact chewing, and even grind and break off parts of healthy teeth. We don't want such an out-of-control process taking place in our mouths.

Another change that accompanies missing teeth is loss of bone. The bone that normally supports a missing tooth literally dissolves away without the constant stimulation that chewing provides. The jaw bones get thinner and less dense in all dimensions. The process occurs slowly over time and at different rates for different people. If the bone loss proceeds for an extended period of time, implants become more involved and often necessitate extra bone grafting procedures. This involves extra time, extra cost and extra surgeries – not for me thank you!

What about the empty space left by the tooth? It's covered with gum tissue. When we bite something hard near that space, it will get shoved down and cause quite a bit of pain and discomfort. Every time we eat we have to be conscious of not hurting that part of our mouth.

Ultimately, missing teeth can impact our appearance, chewing efficiency and overall health. Considering these common problems people experience after tooth loss, do we really want to leave it up to chance? We could be asking for a lot of problems in the long term by doing nothing now.

What are the alternatives and why might I choose dental implants if I can use a less expensive option? Let's spend a minute considering the options for a missing tooth. They are 1) a removable partial denture, 2) a permanent bridge or 3) an implant.

First, the removable partial denture comes in and out of your mouth. This is the main

disadvantage. It in fact needs to be taken out of the mouth daily for cleaning and to give the gums a rest at night. Its main advantage is that it's less expensive than a bridge or implant. The removable partial denture does not stop bone loss but does prevent teeth from shifting.

A bridge is a well-established replacement method for a missing tooth or multiple teeth. A bridge involves cutting down two virgin teeth on either side of the missing tooth, placing caps on those teeth with a spacer tooth rigidly attached to the caps. This option is permanent and so behaves more like natural teeth than the above option. Cutting down two good teeth is an important disadvantage. The cost of a bridge is more than the removable partial denture and the bridge needs to be cleaned under the spacer tooth.

Dental implants involve a surgical procedure whereby a screw is put into the jaw bone and a cap is permanently attached to the screw after a period of integration. They contain the most advantages of the three options. They are a permanent treatment, prevent shifting of teeth, prevent bone loss, do not require cutting of good teeth and behave the most like natural teeth. The cost is about the same as a bridge and typically involves no more pain than having a tooth pulled.

Dental implants are the newest treatment of the choices now available. They have undergone a fast evolution of bioscience and materials in the last five decades. Today implants are considered to be the best treatment available and the most enduring.

*Dr. Les Fina, who has an office at 746 Jessie Dupont Memorial Highway in Burgess, graduated from the NYU College of Dentistry in 2008. He has undergone two years of extended training in implant placement and restoration, one year at the Smile USA center in Elizabeth, N.J., and one year at the Triangle Dental Institute in Durham, N.C. He has attained the distinction of a Fellow of the International Congress of Oral Implantologists. For further information, call 804-453-3101.*



### Fundraiser for Kirstin Cole

Rappahannock General Hospital staff entertained visitors and co-workers with performances by the "RGH Men" to raise funds in support of Kirstin Cole and her family. Kirstin, of Middlesex County, is recovering from a car accident. Her father is an RGH employee.

## Why so few crabs? Scientists say cannibalism may be a cause

by Robbie Feinberg  
Capital News Service

WASHINGTON—Chesapeake crabbers and scientists say 2013 has been one of the worst years in decades for blue crab harvesting, and scientists are attributing the collapse, at least in part, to a murderous biological process: crab cannibalism.

Brenda Davis, manager for the Maryland Department of Natural Resources' Blue Crab Program, said last year's count of 765 million crabs in the Chesapeake Bay was a 20-year high. With so many creatures clumped together, Davis said, the crabs took care of each other.

"When you get in that situation, there's something called density-dependent mortality," Davis said. "Basically, they're incredibly cannibalistic, and they eat each other ... Last year, there were lots and lots of little crabs. So they're likely to be eating each other at a fairly high rate."

According to a 2013 dredge survey from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, crab numbers were down even before the crabbing season started this year. The survey, which was conducted this winter, indicated there were only 300 million blue crabs in the bay, a decline of more than 60% from last year.

Davis said crab cannibalism wasn't the only factor that led to a decreased population. She said Maryland's warmer, saltier waters in 2012 also played a part, as the increased temperatures allowed fish like striped bass and red drum, predators of

the blue crab, to invade the area.

"So water temperatures probably won't have a direct effect on blue crab abundance," Davis said, "but it will affect an abundance of their predators."

Dan Brooks, president of the Chesapeake Bay Seafood Industries Association, said the declining crab harvest has severely hurt the seafood industry, even forcing some watermen to leave their boats and find new jobs.

"Just the scarcity of crabs," Brooks said. "Prices are up significantly. But luckily for Maryland watermen, this has not only been a bay-wide event but a coast-wide event. One thing that's kind of strange is that it's up and down the East Coast, from Florida to Delaware."

Crab numbers in the bay have been low before, dipping to 254 million in 2001. To protect the species from collapse, both Maryland and Virginia took action in 2008, with each state imposing a 34% reduction in the catch of female blue crabs.

Those restrictions, combined with natural biological processes, led to the blue crab population recovering and reaching a 20-year high of 765 million in 2012. This year, both states have imposed an additional 10% restriction on the catch of female blue crabs.

John McConaughy, a professor of biological oceanography at Old Dominion University, said the states are taking the right approach, and there's no need to worry just yet.

"The good news is that it seems to be a very robust fishery and that it can come back," McConaughy said. "That's the thing with fisheries. You have good recruitment years and bad recruitment years, and they normally come back."

### Graduation cruise

Nicholas Slaughter enjoys cake as he celebrates his graduation from Northumberland High School on a seven-night Bermuda cruise. He and his mother, Mary Slaughter, joined a group of 35 friends from the Northern Neck and surrounding areas on the cruise arranged by Adventure Travel and hosted by David and Carol Hallett.



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## BUSINESS BRIEF

### ■ Accepting donations

Wicomico Parish's annual Market Day will be held from 8 a.m. to noon October 12. The silent auction committee is soliciting donations from the community for "significant" items that are in good condition. Past donations have included sailboats, Boston Whalers, a wind surfer, and a riding mower. Other types of watercraft, cars, farm equipment and similar new or gently-used "big-ticket" donations also are welcome.

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# Area Planning District Commission receives national innovation award

The Northern Neck Planning District Commission, based in Warsaw, received a 2013 Innovation Award from the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) Research Foundation for the Northern Neck Regional Tourism Initiative.

The Northern Neck Tourism Commission (NNTC) is a public-private partnership between the Northern Neck Chesapeake Bay Region Partnership and the Northern Neck's tourism-industry stakeholders, such as lodging and dining establishments, wineries, and recreational and historic attractions. The mission of the NNTC is to facilitate and

promote tourism by capitalizing on our natural, historical, cultural and recreational resources, and increasing lodging and dining opportunities in a way that enhances the local community and visitor experiences. For more information on events and attractions in the Northern Neck, visit [northernneck.org](http://northernneck.org).

NADO is a Washington, D.C.-based association that promotes programs and policies that strengthen local governments, communities and economies through regional cooperation, program delivery and comprehensive strategies. The association's Innovation Awards program recognizes regional

development organizations and partnering organizations for improving the economic and community competitiveness of the nation's regions and local communities. Award winners were showcased during NADO's 2013 Annual Training Conference, held August 24 - 27 in San Francisco, Calif.

"For nearly 30 years, NADO's Innovation Award has provided regional development organizations the opportunity to be recognized for their hard work and dedication to promoting economic development in rural and small metropolitan communities across the country," said NADO president John Leonard, execu-

tive director of the Southern Georgia Regional Commission in Valdosta, Ga. "Building on the unique strengths and challenges of each region and community, award recipients continue to promote sustainable economic growth not only now but for many years to come."

For more information, contact the Planning District Commission at 804-333-1900.



# Tourism hits new record in Virginia

Governor Bob McDonnell announced last week that visitors to Virginia generated \$21.2 billion in revenue from tourism in 2012, a 4 percent increase over 2011 and a new record high for the Commonwealth. The governor also announced that tourism in Virginia supported 210,000 jobs over the year, an increase of one percent in employment, and provided more than \$1.36 billion in state and local taxes.

Governor McDonnell said, "Tourists from around the country and the world are being drawn to Virginia to walk in the footsteps of Lincoln, participate and learn from our ongoing Civil War Sesquicentennial events, visit our increasingly globally recognized vineyards and enjoy all that this great state has to offer from Atlantic Ocean beaches to Appalachian mountains. From the moment we began our gubernatorial campaign in 2009 we've been focused on doing more to promote all of Virginia's great sites, history and beauty because we know that tourism plays a key role in our economic development in the Commonwealth."

"In short: tourism equals jobs," the governor said. "We've worked with leaders from both parties to invest wisely in this growth industry and make it an integral part of our overall economic development strategies and policy. That investment is clearly paying off. I congratulate all the Virginians involved in our tourism industry for their great work to set this new state record. I look forward to another record breaking year ahead."

The Virginia Tourism Corporation is the state agency responsible for marketing Virginia to visitors and promoting the Virginia is for Lovers brand. Virginia is for Lovers is the longest-running state tourism slogan in the country.

# Southern States Cooperative celebrates 90th anniversary

On Saturday, September 21, Southern States Cooperative celebrated 90 years of service to agriculture in the southeast.

Established in 1923 as the Virginia Seed Service, the organization started with 150 original farmer-members who met in Richmond to develop a reliable supply of clover and grain seeds better suited to the soils found in Virginia. The service changed its name to Southern States Cooperative ten years later and grew into a multi-state agri-

culture supply cooperative with well over 200,000 members in 11 core states.

Southern States now serves co-op members and retail customers through more than 200 company-owned retail stores, managed cooperatives, and agronomy facilities. In addition, a private dealer network of nearly 300 locations distributes Southern States products throughout the southeast.

For more information, visit [www.southernstates.com](http://www.southernstates.com).

# White Stone event features car show and chili cook-off

The White Stone Business Association (WSBA) will sponsor its third annual Oktoberfest and car show, open to all collectible cars, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, October 26, behind the White Stone Fire Department.

Plaques will be given to the first 100 vehicles and a special award will go to the oldest vehicle, mayor's choice and WSBA choice.

Chili cook-off entries are open to any business or nonprofit and vendors have been requested to sign up by calling president Carrie Barrack at 435-4321, or email [carrie.barrack@bankatunions.com](mailto:carrie.barrack@bankatunions.com).

This year the fire department is sponsoring a parade at 2 p.m. Entries are invited. For entry and lineup information, contact Ryan Stevens at 436-4703.

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Job workshops

Upcoming Virginia Employment Commission workshops include Creating a Personal Spending Plan on September 26 at 3 p.m. Kathleen Watson of the Virginia Cooperative Extension will be the presenter. The workshop will be held at the VEC Workforce Center at 14243 Historyland Highway in Warsaw.

### Vendors needed

The White Stone Business Association is seeking vendors for the third annual Oktoberfest on October 26 on the grounds behind the White Stone Fire Department. Crafters, artists, collectors, civic groups, hobbyists, businesses and others are invited and urged to register now. Each vendor space is \$15 for approximately 10 feet by 10 feet. Contact Carrie Barrack at 435-4321 to make your reservation, or email [carrie.barrack@bankatunions.com](mailto:carrie.barrack@bankatunions.com).

### Obama healthcare

"Dispelling the Myth—The Truth behind Medicare, Medicaid and Affordable Care Act," will be presented by Bay Aging VICAP coordinator Lisa Walker at 7 p.m. Monday, September 30, at the Northumberland County Community Center, 679 Browns Store Road in Wicomico Church. VICAP is the Virginia Insurance Counseling and Assistance Program that provides insurance counseling to Medicare beneficiaries in Virginia. Everyone is invited.

### Festival vendors

Fairfields United Methodist Church recently announced spaces are available for vendors who wish to participate in the 18th Annual Fairfields Fall Festival Saturday, October 12. Vendor space is approximately 12 by 14 feet and the fee is \$25 per space.

Interested vendors can call event coordinator Al Hall at 301-752-5743, or e-mail [ladycheltenham3@aol.com](mailto:ladycheltenham3@aol.com).

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