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Josh Holmes Memorial Highway dedicated

by Tom Chillemi

To further honor the late Joshua Holmes, the first African-American elected sheriff of Middlesex County, Oakes Landing Road (Route 618) has been designated as "The Joshua Holmes Memorial Highway."

On June 7 the Middlesex Board of Supervisors approved a resolution designating the road in Holmes' honor.

The actual name of the road will remain Oakes Landing Road and its residents will not have to change their addresses.

On August 2 the sign was unveiled by Holmes' daughters Julia Holmes Graham and Hallie Holmes with nearly 40 well-wishers in attendance, including members of the Middlesex county Board of Supervisors.

The road intersects Route 33 at Saluda and goes past the Historic Middlesex Courthouse and sheriff's office, which was Holmes' headquarters when he served as sheriff from 1978-1983. Holmes served the unexpired term of another sheriff (Ryland Hall) and was elected in 1979.

Stories abound of Holmes' strength and how he fearlessly walked alone into tense situations armed with his knock-out punch.

Holmes is the only African-American whose portrait hangs in the meeting room of the Historic Middlesex Courthouse, alongside former pillars of the community.

Pinkie Holmes, who spearheaded

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On Tuesday, August 2, the sign designating Oakes Landing Road as "The Joshua Holmes Memorial Highway" was unveiled by Holmes' daughters Julia Holmes Graham and Hallie Holmes, who are pictured above standing to the right of the sign post. Assisting them is Middlesex County Sheriff David Bushey. (Photo by Tom Chillemi)



Volunteers with Impact Virginia made the area a better place through their week-long mission to repair houses for the needy. Above, a roof is replaced on a home near Urbana.

(Photo by Tom Chillemi)

Putting faith into action

by Tom Chillemi

For the fifth summer, "Impact Virginia" volunteers were in Middlesex, Essex and King and Queen counties last week on a construction mission sponsored through a partnership between Mid-Tidewater Baptist Association of Virginia Inc. and the Baptist General Association of Virginia.

Crews of teenage workers and adults worked at nine houses, making repairs for those who could not afford to have them done.

The mercury crested 90 degrees by 11 a.m. on July 25, and Impact workers were removing shingles from the home of Sarah Stokes of the Urbana area.

"It's wonderful," said Stokes. "God blessed me really good with these folks because I can't afford a roof right now."

Stokes said some of the shingles on the 23-year-old roof flapped when the wind blew hard.

"They are a Godsend to me," Stokes said. "I hope the Lord will bless them and keep them safe."

While one crew worked on the roof, others worked below and served as the ground crew for the roofers.

"We just painted her shed and had fun doing it," said Alex Cardwell of King George, who is on her first Impact Virginia mission.

Her friend Makala Richards of Ferry Farm Baptist Church in Fredericksburg was on her second Impact Virginia mission. "We're changing people's lives," said Richards.

Her fellow workers got a laugh when Makala touched her hand to her forehead and left white paint between her eyebrows, which she didn't realize she had done. "You have a unibrow," one of them joked.

Adult leader Molly Richards, Makala's mother, said there was a last minute opening that allowed her to participate in her second Impact Virginia mission. "We're so happy to get the chance to come and help," said Molly. "It's very important to give time to God and our community and serve others who need help. He's blessed us with so much, and we want to repay Him by ministering to others."

Danny Adams, a youth director at Virginia Hills Baptist Church in

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Englishman's research turns into historical gem for Christ Church

by Larry Chowning

Christ Church Parish Episcopal Church is celebrating its 350th anniversary this year and, although not formally part of the event, an ancestor of one of the church's early rectors came to worship on Sunday, July 31, and commemorated the church's long history.

A while back, Nigel Mac-Fall of Middlesex, England, which is today part of London, was researching his genealogy and discovered one of his ancestors, Duell Pead, was a rector in Middlesex County, Virginia.

"It will amuse you to know when I started researching the history of my ancestor, 'Middlesex' kept coming up," he said Sunday during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. "I knew Duell Pead had been a minister in a church in London, and London is in Middlesex, but I couldn't understand the many references to baptizing Negroes and being paid in tobacco. Then the penny dropped, this isn't the County of Middlesex in England, but Middlesex County in Virginia."

"After that things got really exciting," he said. "When I found out it was Middlesex, Virginia, I looked to see if the church was still in existence and I could hardly believe it. When I Googled it—it came up!"

After this discovery, Mac-Fall contacted Christ Church verger Grace Parker and they began communicating, which eventually led to Mac-Fall's visit on Sunday.

Mac-Fall's research led to a discovery of a 17th-century portrait (circa 1661) of Duell Pead as a youngster. He obtained a copy and gave it to the Christ Church Parish. The church had it framed and it now hangs on the wall in the parish hall building.

Mac-Fall also presented a silver plate to the church with Pead's name and his years of service inscribed. "It is such a privilege to come and worship with you today," he said. "And, in the same building that my ancestor was minister. I have a feeling times here then were a little rougher than what they are today."

Interim church rector Rev. Stuart

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Nigel Mac-Fall (above) recently learned that his ancestor, Duell Pead, served as rector of Christ Church Parish in Middlesex from 1683-1690. Mac-Fall began corresponding with church verger Grace Parker and recently donated a copy of a childhood portrait of Pead to the church. Mac-Fall came from England to visit Christ Church Parish on Sunday, July 31. (Photo by Larry Chowning)

Middlesex Water Authority loan application extension is granted

The Middlesex Water Authority (MWA) has been granted a loan application extension while it reviews and negotiates with the proposing contractor for a central water system to serve parts of Deltaville, states an MWA press release.

The Virginia Department of Health granted the extension on acceptance of its low-interest loan offer through the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund to allow additional time for contract negotiations between the MBA and Sydnor-Bowman, states the release from MWA director Matt Walker.

The MWA has been in negotiations

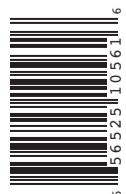
with Sydnor-Bowman throughout the month of July.

A letter has been sent to those who have signed up to be on the water system, notifying them of the extension.

Originally, Sydnor-Bowman officials said the proposed water system needed 614 customers, but only 424 signed up through the half-price sign-up period during the summer of 2015.

The sign-up incentive was extended for 4 months to June 3, 2016, but this attracted only 42 more new customers—giving a total of 466 total customers—148 shy of the goal.

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LETTERS TO EDITOR

The choice is clear

To the Editor:

Following World War I there was a brief worldwide economic boom on both sides of the Atlantic before the Great Depression set in. There were conservative European austerity programs, punitive war reparations, unregulated Wall Street ponzi schemes, and a U.S. banking contraction in a much too late attempt to substitute for missing financial regulations. Mass layoffs, resulting from productivity improvements of the modern assembly line, was the icing on the cake of despair.

In the West, the institutional forces of democracy and liberalism were well established, but under siege. In Central and Eastern Europe where liberal political, social and educational systems were lagging, conservative authoritarian Fascist governments led by Mussolini, Hitler, Franco and Petain rose quickly and then steamrolled across the Western World, leaving England and the U.S. as the bastions of liberal democracy.

President Franklin Delano Roosevelt—a man that Father Coughlin, a leading conservative broadcast personality, called a double crosser—led us through the crises by implementing the New Deal. The WPA, TVA and Social Security programs were created, public schooling and libraries were built to benefit all. The people that were uplifted by these social programs would eventually go on to defeat Germany and Japan.

President Dwight Eisenhower—a man the John Birch Society would later call a communist—built the foundations of post-war American strength with the GI Bill and the infrastructure of our National Highway System. Our war debts were huge, yet we also looked outward and financed the rebuilding of Japan and Europe in our image as liberal social democracies under the Marshall Plan.

In the words of Eisenhower: “Should any political party attempt to abolish Social Security unemployment insurance and eliminate labor laws and farm programs you would not hear of that party again in our political history. There is a tiny splinter group, of course, that believes you can do these things. Among them are a few other Texas oil millionaires and an occasional politician or businessman from other areas. Their number is negligible and they are stupid.”

Come November, will Americans choose the progressive path for a much-needed and long-overdue correction to the New Deal, and regulations to counter the corruption of international banking and business on our economy and jobs; or after some 80 years will Americans choose authoritarianism, xenophobia and servile elitism, to forsake liberal democracy?

The choice is clear.

Bob Golembicki
Wake

No longer a measure of greatness

To the Editor:

At last, a female has been nominated by a major political party to become President of the United States. What a momentous occasion this would be were it not for the fact the breakthrough was accomplished by a candidate who is best known for the dishonorable qualities she possesses. On the other hand, “What difference at this point does it make?”

We live in a world where morality is no longer a measure of greatness, and in this presidential election gender breakthrough is apparently taking precedent over measures of honesty and integrity, no matter the consequences. It's so easy to be blinded by the idea of being a part of history, even though it might be for the wrong reason.

The election this time around is about two candidates, both of whom have favorability ratings at basement levels. On the one hand, we have Donald Trump, the brash, non-politician, non-politically-correct, anti-establishment candidate. Yet, to his credit, as a successful outsider, he has nothing to gain personally by entering this rat-race with only the conviction that, for the sake of our country, the pervasive corruption in Washington must be brought to an end.

On the other hand, we have Mrs. Bill Clinton, the perfect example of someone with a compulsive lying disorder, who is widely acclaimed as untrustworthy, and whose ego is surpassed only by husband Bill who just can't wait to start up some new “relationships” with members of the White House staff.

Of course, there are other options available to us this election year, with the possibility of three other candidates being on the ballot, representing the Libertarian, Green and Constitution parties. We could do a write-in, or we could refuse to exercise our civic and patriotic responsibility and simply sit this one out. But logic tells us that all of these options will simply support the coronation of Hillary, the un-indicted felon and heiress to the Obama legacy.

John Groves
Hartfield

Holtons are 'pretty excited' about Sen. Kaine's candidacy

by Madison White Franks

The Irvington community may have closer ties to presidential candidate Hillary Clinton's Democratic running mate than many other localities across Virginia. His in-laws are local residents.

Clinton received the Democratic nomination for president last week during the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia. On July 22 she announced Sen. Tim Kaine would be her running mate.

Kaine was elected to Richmond City Council in 1994. He was then elected in 1998 by council to serve as the city's mayor. In 2001, he was elected Lieutenant Governor of Virginia and he served as Governor of Virginia from 2006 to

2010. He was elected to the U.S. Senate in 2012.

Kaine's in-laws, the Hon. A. Linwood and Mrs. Virginia “Jinks” Holton, retired to Weems in 2003 and moved to Rappahannock Westminister-Canterbury in Irvington in 2012. Linwood Holton served as Governor of Virginia from 1970 to 1974.

“We are pretty excited. We think he (Kaine) is a wonderful candidate and has a lot of talent. We encouraged him to go into politics because he is even-tempered and can handle any situation,” said Jinks Holton.

Kaine is married to Anne Holton and they currently live in Richmond. They raised three children, Nat, Woody and Annela.

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the effort to designate the road in honor of Holmes, said following the sign unveiling, “We hope our children will see this sign and ask, ‘Who was this man?’ We hope that someone will be able to tell them he was a great servant in Middlesex County, and he was part of the solution and

not part of the problem.”

Pinkie Holmes said she hopes Holmes' example of being a “servant of his community” will teach others that “they too can be servants. I hope someone will tell our children that to be great, you must become a servant.”

Rain cuts first Unity World Festival short, but officials see bright future for the event

by Larry Chowning

The Unity World Festival that was held Saturday, July 30, in Urbanna is the beginning of a phenomenal relationship between “our churches and our community,” said festival coordinator Mary Lou Hollingshead.

“For the first time in recent history, our churches joined together to bridge the gap with the community in general,” said Hollingshead. “Because of the turmoil that the world is in today, we desperately need to pull together to make it a better place for our children and grandchildren.”

Although inclement weather closed the festival at 2 p.m., there was live entertainment in the morning from area churches featuring such artists as Rev. Hyung Moon from Urbanna United Methodist Church, a quartet from First Baptist of Amburg, and dancing with “The Potter's Vessel of Praise.”

Other performers such as the praise band “Forgiven” from Lower United Methodist Church were not able to perform due to the inclement weather.

Many vendors offered their products, which included food by Rere's Home Cooking, baked goods by Immanuel Baptist Church, t-shirts by Peace Frogs, jewelry, artwork, and books by authors such as Middlesex's own Troy Lewis (“Gas Money”) and Pinkie Holmes (“The Forty Plan”).

Other organizations such as the Middlesex Department of Social Services, Middlesex



Above, sisters Alexis and Baylee Ann Swindell enjoy the children's activities at the Unity World Festival held on the grounds of the Middlesex Volunteer Fire Department in Urbanna on Saturday. (Photo by Larry Chowning)

Sheriff's Office, Middlesex YMCA, Middlesex Chapter of the NAACP, and Bethpage Camp-Resort also were there displaying their services.

Sharesse from Rere's Home Cooking said, “This has been a great adventure and sales for my company.”

Another festival participant was heard to say, “I had a great day despite the weather and look forward to next year's event. You have done a great job!”

It is through the generosity of such local businesses

as WestRock, C&F Bank and Bethpage Camp-Resort along with local civic organizations such as Middlesex Kiwanis, Middlesex Rotary Club and The Mathew Blackwood Foundation that the event took place.

“We are especially thankful for the great teamwork and diverse leadership that has made this event so successful. We avidly look forward to next year's Unity World Festival!” said Hollingshead.

Unity World Festival director Lou Belcher said, “We tried to have something for every

age. It was a great day for sales and bringing the community together.

“We had to close early because of the weather, but that did not impact the importance of holding this festival,” said Belcher. “I want to personally thank the Middlesex Volunteer Fire Department for allowing us to have the festival on its property and everyone who worked to make this happen.”

The 2nd annual Unity World Festival has already been scheduled for July 29, 2017 in Urbanna.

Deltaville's 'Three Wise Men'

by Doug Nabhan

In Deltaville, if you say the names Norton, Gene or Billy, everyone knows exactly who you are talking about. They would be Norton Hurd, Gene Ruark and Billy Norton.

They are completely different personalities, but they have one thing in common—they have brought so much to our community, for so long, in such a quiet way, and everyone knows that and truly appreciates their innumerable contributions.

This summer our prayers are focused on getting our Gene back to his old self. He has been through a lot with his diagnosis and treatments. The amount of community support for Gene is incredible. We miss seeing his truck, the GAR, constantly rushing around Deltaville, and we hope to see that truck moving about again soon.

Norton Hurd is quite liter-

ally the Moses of our community. As you may have seen, NBC News thought he was such an important figure in our nation that they recently did a piece on him for the Nightly News with Lester Holt. We are very excited that nine million people will get to see a glimpse of this gentle and sweet man who has been a part of our community for nearly 100 years (his 100th birthday is September 15).

I recently spent an entire day in Hurd's with the NBC film crew. Usually I am in the store at least two times on most Saturdays, but spending an entire day in the hardware store was eye opening. Why? It appears that almost everyone who lives in Deltaville manages to stop in Hurd's once a day, some with cute dogs in tow. I virtually saw everyone I knew in Deltaville that day. None of the other counties at the Rivah have such a community gathering spot.

We were honored to have Sylvie Haller, one of NBC News' top producers and four-time Emmy Award winning Kevin Tibbles as the interviewer in our little town. I think that breaks the record for Emmy Award persons in Middlesex County.

NBC has not set a date for the feature on Norton Hurd.

Billy Norton is the guy who is like a constant motion machine. He is simply everywhere. He is funny and productive. If you ever need a hand, look no further than this giant in our town.

There are lots of others who make up the complexion of our community, like the Wades and the many people who make the Deltaville Maritime Museum the wonderful resource and success that it has become. We have an abundance of really nice people in Deltaville.

I was in J&W Seafood recently, and if you start talk-

ing about fishing, perfect strangers will join in the conversation, pulling out their cell phones to show you recent catches, as well as giving tips for catching fish. That place is simply unbelievable.

Deltaville in Middlesex County has always been my “Heaven on Earth”; however, I have noticed that as a result of the hard work of so many for any number of years, Middlesex is really the premier county at the Rivah.

Why is that? It is a mixture of people. It has local people and “Richmonders.” It has African-Americans and Hispanics. It also has one Lebanese American; two if you count my friend Charlie Mack.

After the people from NBC News finished their interview with Norton, we stood in the parking lot talking. These people have lived and worked all over the world, and they looked at me and said, “Do you mind if we just drive around taking it all in? We want to get some pictures of the place, like these old church steeples and old crabbing boats and marinas. We did not think a place like this still existed in the United States.”

I said, “Help yourself, come back some time and stay a while.”

Doug Nabhan is an attorney with homes in Richmond and Deltaville.

Middlesex dog park hours change

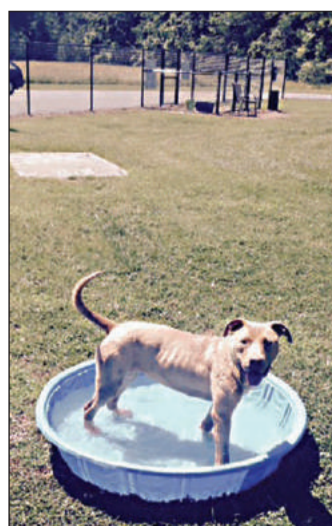
There is a change in the hours of the Middlesex Pet Friends for Life Dog Park at 2840 General Puller Memorial Hwy., just east of Cooks Corner.

The park, adjacent to the Middlesex County Animal Shelter, is reserved for shelter dogs only from 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. daily. The park is open to the general public from dawn to dusk except for the reserved hours, so the general public should bring their dogs before 10 a.m. and after 1:30 p.m.

“This lovely dog park, built entirely with donations from very generous animal lovers, offers dog owners in Middlesex County the opportunity to have their dogs play with other dogs and the freedom for them to run safely off leash,” said a park official. “It has been even more wonderful for the shelter dogs! Prior to the dog park, the shelter dogs could only be walked on leash by volunteers. Now the dogs can run and play in the park (and in the pool in this hot weather) seven days a week.”

Because of limited shelter staff, volunteers can only walk the dogs between 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

“We have a number of very dedicated volunteers but we are in desperate need of more volunteers to walk the shelter dogs



One of the dogs at the Middlesex County Animal Shelter at Cooks Corner cools off in the Middlesex Pet Friends for Life Dog Park pool.

and take them into the park!” said the park official. “If you would like to help our dogs who are waiting for forever homes, please call volunteer coordinator Maggie Gerds at 758-2963.”

Middlesex Pet Friends for Life is a 501(c)(3) tax deductible organization. Donations may be sent to P.O. Box 145, Saluda, VA 23149. Follow the group on

Facebook at Middlesex County Pet Friends Dog Park. Donations of dog food and treats also are accepted at the shelter between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Adoptions are by appointment at the shelter. Call 695-7772.

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PLUCK, PERSEVERANCE AND PROGRESS

The last tree at Forest Chapel

by Tom Chillemi

Late on the night of Thursday, July 28, 2016, a powerful storm blew down the last tree at Forest Chapel United Methodist Church near Warner. A neighbor's house shook when the mighty red oak split and fell 20 feet to the earth.

Forest Chapel Church is "the mother church of Methodism in Middlesex County," according to written church history.

The church was conceived in the early 1800s during "camp meeting days of the Methodist movement," states the church history. "Those who recall stories that were told about the beginning, tell of 'Brush Arbor' meetings in the open forest."

Last week, congregation member Frances Carlton explained that the church drew its name from the fact it was founded in a forest.

Land was deeded to the church in 1837. The original "House of Worship" was completed in 1840 and it still stands as part of the current church.

The age of Forest Chapel's last tree that fell on July 28 is unknown, but it is certain the mighty oak had stood for thousands of Sundays during the 176-year history of Forest Chapel Church.

Another huge red oak tree fell at the church on January 26, 1978. During the cleanup, a "hitching ring" was discovered imbedded in the tree. The hitching ring was used to tie horses while people were at church.



The big red oak at Forest Chapel United Methodist Church fell during the storm of July 28. (Photo by Tom Chillemi)

DMV 2 Go coming Friday

DMV 2 Go will have its mobile customer service center parked at the Middlesex Courthouse Complex in Saluda on Friday, Aug. 5, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

The full service mobile office provides all DMV trans-

actions, including the printing of birth, marriage and death certificates.

Customers also can obtain E-Z Pass transponders and apply for hunting and fishing licenses.



From left are Claudia Sands, Eagle Scout Patrick McCarthy, Kevin McCarthy, Eagle Scout Hughes Nelson, Scoutmaster and Eagle Scout Rich Graulich, and Assistant Scoutmaster Bill Goettle in the background. Hughes Nelson leads all Eagle Scouts attending in the Eagle Pledge.

Eagle Court of Honor held for McCarthy

Michael Patrick McCarthy, a graduate of Christchurch School and the son of Claudia Sands and Kevin McCarthy, earned the rank of Eagle Scout on April 11. He was recognized during an Eagle Scout Court of Honor ceremony on May 29 in the chapel at Christchurch School.

The son of a career Air Force mother and Navy father, Patrick has lived in many places and attended seven different schools. He was involved with Cub Scouts in Colorado and Virginia and went to Scout meetings with his older brother while living in Germany.

He crossed over from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts into Troop 133 in Achilles in Gloucester County in 2009. He then joined Troop 138 in Las Vegas, Nevada, from 2009-2011 and then Troop 789 in Dunkirk, Maryland, in 2011-2013.

Attending Christchurch School settled him into Troop 341 at Christ Church Parish where he completed the rank of Eagle Scout. The respect of this rank gives rise to the phrase "Once an Eagle, always an Eagle." The title of Eagle Scout is held for life.

As a 2016 graduate of Christchurch School, Patrick was awarded the Community Service Award and was on the headmaster's list. During his time at Christchurch he played varsity lacrosse, indoor track, football, crew and sailing. He sang in the school choir and had several solo performances. Patrick has studied Chinese for 3 years.

Later this year Patrick will attend the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa to study political science and international affairs.

To attain the rank of Eagle Scout requires dedication and determination. From the time Patrick joined Boy Scouting until he attained the rank of Eagle, he passed six boards of review, earned 13 required merit badges and 13 elective

merit badges, and served in several leadership positions including quartermaster and troop guide. Countless hours were spent in community service in addition to many hours spent organizing and carrying out his Eagle Scout service project.

In addition to the required merit badges and service to his community, a Scout has opportunities to experience many adventures. Countless nights of camping prepared Patrick to attend summer camps. In 2012 he attended Florida Sea Base, one of four Boy Scout national high adventure bases.

One of the requirements of the Eagle rank is to organize and carry out an Eagle Project. Patrick's project was to organize a repair and work day at River Birch Animal Farm in Locust Hill.

During Patrick's recognition ceremony Scoutmaster Rich Graulich served as master of ceremonies. Acting senior patrol leader Tanner Johannsen called the assembly to order and led the pledge. Dr. Neil Keese, associate headmaster of Christchurch School, blessed the proceed-

ings. Neaven Johannsen and Ryan Mahr served as honor guard. Assistant Scoutmaster Alice Nelson called to order the Court of Honor. Jack Graulich, Tanner Johannsen, Alex Bushey and Bryan Graulich presented the meaning of the Eagle Badge. The "Obligations of an Eagle Scout" were presented by Assistant Scoutmaster Bill Goettle.

Patrick's father Kevin pinned the Eagle badge on his son's uniform during the ceremony. Patrick presented his parents with special parents' pins. Eagle Scout Hughes Nelson (2013) led all Eagle Scouts present in the Eagle Pledge. Patrick was presented with several letters of congratulations from prominent politicians and armed forces leaders.

As is tradition, an Eagle chooses one or more people who influenced him in his life and/or Scouting career. McCarthy presented a mentor pin to Assistant Scoutmaster Alice Nelson.

Troop 341 chaplain Alvin Hill concluded the ceremony by giving the benediction. A reception was held immediately following the ceremony.

Bon Secours to close Urbanna Medical Center

In an effort to provide patient-centered care to the residents of Middlesex County and to the patients of Urbanna Medical Center, Bon Secours Medical Group has decided to close the Urbanna Medical Center, according to a press release from David Budinger, executive director of Bon Secours medical group of the Bon Secours Richmond Health System.

All existing patients will receive a letter that will outline suitable alternatives for care, and Bon Secours will continue to deliver care to patients of the Urbanna practice until August 31, 2016.

Urbanna Medical Center, which is located on Virginia Street where Urbanna Lumber Company once stood, opened as a family practice clinic under Dr. Glen Monteiro, M.D., in January 2014. In June 2016 Dr. Monteiro resigned to take a position in California in an effort to be closer to his family. A nurse practitioner has been the primary medical provider since Dr. Monteiro's departure.

All existing Urbanna Medical Center staff will remain with Bon Secours and be placed with the Hartfield Medical Center or Tappahannock Primary Care.

All patients and community members will be offered,

and can continue to receive, care through a variety of Bon Secours locations and services. Bon Secours will primarily offer Hartfield Medical Center as the site of health care. Urbanna and Hartfield are in the same county and the distance between the two practices is 11 miles.

Hartfield Medical Center has been an established practice in Middlesex County for over 15 years and offers primary care services Monday through Friday.

Bon Secours Medical Group will offer other important services and programs designed to increase patient access and continuity of care, including, but not limited to, online patient scheduling and Bon Secours 24/7, which is a telemedicine video tool where patients can download an app and then talk to a board-certified physician, licensed physician or nurse practitioner through their smart phone, tablet or personal computer. Medical providers are available through the app 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The closing of Urbanna Medical Center is the latest of several recent business closings in Middlesex County. Last week Urbanna Exxon and the 7-Eleven Exxon in Saluda both closed. Earlier this year, BB&T bank closed its Urbanna branch.

County attorney resigns

Longtime Middlesex County Attorney Michael T. Soberick will resign his position effective August 31, 2016, he wrote in a recent resignation letter to Jack Miller, chair of the Middlesex County Board of Supervisors.

"I have been thinking about this for several months and it seems that now is the right time to do this," Soberick wrote in

the two-paragraph resignation letter. "I've enjoyed my 27 years as county attorney and I appreciate the opportunities."

Soberick's resignation was accepted by the board after a closed session on Tuesday, August 2.

More details on Soberick's resignation will be in an upcoming issue of the Southside Sentinel.


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Public Library

You (or your family) may already be at the Middlesex County Public Library.

A few weeks ago, I had the pleasure of meeting a woman who introduced herself in the context of the library having several of her childhood photographs featured in one of the books on our shelves. "The Mathews Men" by William Geroux examines the relatively unsung heroism, triumphs, and tragedies of the men of the U.S. Merchant Marine during World War II through the lens of several families from neighboring Mathews County, including especially the seven brothers of the Hodges family.

Drawing from a truly impressive range of source material, Geroux presents a detailed and fascinating account of the conflict of national and global importance just off our shores between the U.S. Merchant Marine and the Axis u-boats determined to curtail the flow of American supplies to the far better known European and Asian theaters of the war,



grounded firmly in our own corner of the country.

Set in a very different time, but still in our own backyard, "Gas Money" by Troy Lewis paints through a series of autobiographical vignettes the personal triumphs and tragedies of growing up in Saluda during the troubled 1960s and his life afterwards. Always poignant and sometimes sad, Lewis' reminiscences are ultimately inspirational thanks to his focus on his central metaphor, that of gas money itself. For Lewis, "gas money" is far more than a few dollars to fill your tank, it is the acts of kindness and assistance from friends, family and strangers that enable you to make it a few more miles down your road,

ultimately shaping your life for the better and leaving a legacy of gratitude and hope.

Risking a fall from the sublime to the potentially ridiculous, I was surprised to learn a few months ago that the often irreverent novelist Tom Robbins spent a period of his youth living in Urbanna, as he relates in his memoir, "Tibetan Peach Pie." I'll be honest: I haven't read this one yet, but, having first encountered Robbins' "Still Life with Woodpecker" as an impressionable high school student, I am keenly aware that I might be playing with fire by mentioning it at all. I explicitly disavow any knowledge of what he has to say about that period of his life. Maybe it's heartwarming; maybe it's not. Don't shoot the messenger.

Whether it's one of these books, or the local histories, genealogies and parish records in the Urbanna Branch's Virginia Reference collection, or even the discovery of a novel that speaks directly to the heart of who you truly are, you might be surprised at how much of yourselves might be found on our shelves. I encourage you to come in and find out.



Thursday, August 4

■ **Rappahannock Writers Critique Group** 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Historical Lancaster Tavern, Rt. 3, Lancaster.

Friday, August 5

■ **NAMI Connection support group.** Noon-1:30 p.m. Gloucester Library, Main St. 804-480-0355.

■ **Arts on Main First Friday** 6-8 p.m. AOM, 6580-B Main St., Gloucester Court House. Jeff Helm, artist. Info.: 824-9464, gloucesterarts.org.

■ **DMV 2 Go mobile service** 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Middlesex Courthouse Complex, Saluda.

Saturday, August 6

■ **King and Queen NAACP** 7 p.m. New Mount Zion Baptist Church, 3110 Rosemount Rd., Walkerton. Info.: naacpk.qalive@gmail.com, 804-240-1318.

■ **Bam Bam/Pebbles/T-Ball sign up** 10 a.m.-noon. Tom Carter Gymnasium, Rt. 33, Cooks Corner. \$50 per child. Info.: 758-0057.

■ **QuickStart Tennis Camp registration** 10 a.m.-noon. Tom Carter Gymnasium, Rt. 33, Cooks Corner. Fees: \$50 one session; \$90 both sessions. Ages 5-10. Info.: 758-0057, 804-366-2319.

■ **Lower Middlesex Volunteer Fire Department Crab Feast** 5-8 p.m. Deltaville Firehouse. Music 8 p.m.-midnight. Tickets: \$30 in advance; \$35 event day; age 6 and under free. Available: Harrow's Home Center, Hurd's, J&W Seafood, Pat's Gallery, Urbanna Builders Supply, any fire dept. member, 776-9753.

■ **Soccer Camp, Alumni Game, Food, Music** 2-7 p.m., Middlesex High School, Saluda. Community service project of Urbanna Oyster Festival Queen contestant Meghan Shores. 824-4122.

Weekly Events

Thursdays

- **Cancer Center Support Group** 3-4 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday of the month at Rappahannock General Hospital. 435-8593.
- **Lower Middlesex Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary** of Deltaville 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month at the firehouse. 776-7160.
- **Middlesex County Republican Committee** 7 p.m. third Thursday of the month at the Cooks Corners Office Complex, 2911 General Puller Highway. middlesexgop.org.
- **Diabetic Support Group** meets the third Thursday of the month (except in August) from 3-4 p.m. at the YMCA in Hartfield.
- **Good Deeds for Special Needs Group** 6 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at the Pilot House Restaurant. Advocating, helping special needs. 694-6016.
- **Deltaville Community Association** 7 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at the Deltaville Community Association building.
- **Story hour and Craft-making**, Urbanna Branch of Middlesex Public Library, 10:30-11:30 a.m. for for 2½ to 4 year olds. Free. 758-5717.

Saturdays

- **Alcoholics Anonymous Open** 12-and-12 meeting, 5:30 p.m. every Saturday at Zoar Baptist Church. 776-7629.

Sundays

- **Cub Scout Pack 314** 2 p.m. every Sunday at Hermitage Baptist Church in Church View. 347-7323.

Mondays

- **Dementia Support Group** 10:30 a.m. the first Monday of the month at the Alzheimer's Association office, 7335 Lewis Ave., Gloucester. 695-9382.
- **Boy Scout Troop 370** 6 p.m. every Monday at the American Legion Hall, Saluda. 347-7323.
- **Toastmasters**, 6:30-7:30 p.m., RCC Kilmarnock Workforce Center. 514-4639.
- **Kiwanis Club of Middlesex** 6 p.m. every Monday at the United Methodist Church, Urbanna. 758-2020.
- **Bingo** 7 p.m. every Monday at Middlesex County Volunteer Rescue Squad, Deltaville.
- **Al-Anon/Adult Children of Alcoholics** meets at 8 p.m. every Monday at Kilmarnock United Methodist Church. 480-4292.
- **Middlesex School Board**, 7 p.m., 2nd Monday of each month, Historic Courthouse, Saluda.

■ **Lower United Methodist Church guided tours** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. LUMC, 120 Lower Church Rd., Hartfield.

■ **Historic Christ Church & Museum ice cream social** 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Historic Christ Church, Weems. Free. Info.: christchurch1735.org, 438-6855.

■ **Mathews Democrats crab and chicken dinner** 5:30 p.m. Piankatank Ruritan Club, Rt. 198, Hudgins. Tickets: 12 and up, \$25; 6-11 \$10; under 6, free. Advance tickets: 804-384-8040, keitz@verizon.net.

Sunday, August 7

■ **Middlesex Museum Civil War Talk Fundraiser** 4-6 p.m. Dozier's Regatta Point Marina, 137 Neptune Lane, Deltaville. Tickets: \$25; order from middlesex-museum.com, or at the museum.

■ **Middlesex Sheriff's "Ballistic Blankets" dinner fundraiser** 5-7 p.m. Piankatank River Golf Club, Hartfield. Tickets: \$25; hlw1122@yahoo.com, Harrow's Home Center, River Birch Gifts, Urbanna AOM, Middlesex YMCA, J&W Seafood. Hailey Walton's Urbanna Oyster Festival Queen community project.

Tuesday, August 9

■ **Bam Bam/Pebbles/T-Ball sign up** 10 a.m.-noon and 6-8 p.m. Tom Carter Gymnasium, Rt. 33, Cooks Corner. \$50 per child. Info.: 758-0057.

Wednesday, August 10

■ **Bon Secours Rappahannock General Hospital Senior University** 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. White Stone Church of Nazarene. Pre-register: www.rappahannockhealth.com, 435-8662.

■ **Middlesex Public Library** summer reading program grande finale 10 a.m. Prizes and refreshments. Urbanna Branch. Info.: 758-5717, 776-7362.

■ **Urbanna Business Association** 5:30 p.m. Middlesex Woman's Club building Urbanna.

■ **Parkinson's Support Group** 1 p.m. Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury, Irvington. Susan I. Jean, guest speaker. 804-435-9553.

Thursday, August 11

■ **Stepping Stones Club** introduction square dance class 7-9 p.m. Middlesex Shooting Sports Club, 1860 Twiggs Ferry Rd., Hartfield. Info.: 776-7280, 725-5083.

Tuesdays

- **Story hour and Craft-making**, Deltaville Branch of Middlesex Public Library, from 10-11:30 a.m. for 2½ year olds to rising 1st graders; and from 1-2 p.m. for rising 2nd-graders to rising 5th-graders. Free. 776-7362.
- **"Paws to Read"** 2-3 p.m. Deltaville Branch Public Library. Schedule a time: 776-7362.
- **Alzheimer's Association Caregiver Support Group** 10:30 a.m. the third Tuesday of the month at Harmony Grove Baptist Church, Route 33, Harmony Village, 832-1571.
- **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Support Group** first and third Tuesdays of each month, noon-1:30 p.m., beginning Dec. 1, Mathews Library, 251 Main Street. 725-8552.
- **Middlesex Rotary Club** 7:30 a.m. every Tuesday for breakfast at the Pilot House Restaurant, Topping. 694-6416.
- **Quilting Class** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Tuesday at the Lewis Puller Center at Cooks Corner. 241-4860.
- **Alzheimer's Support** 3-4 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month at Bridges Outpatient Services, 113 DMV Drive, Kilmarnock. 435-9237.
- **RGH Diabetes Support Group** 5 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month at the RGH Rehabilitation and Sports Medicine Center, Kilmarnock. 435-8305.

- **Cub Scout Pack 307** 6 p.m. every Tuesday at Harmony Grove Baptist Church, Topping. 347-7323.
- **Middlesex Lions Club** 7 p.m. second Tuesday of the month at the Beacon, Topping. 776-7508.
- **Ovreaters Anonymous** 7 p.m. every Tuesday at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, 435 Church Street, Kilmarnock.
- **Middlesex County NAACP** 7 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Cooks Corner Office Complex, 2911 General Puller Highway.
- **Al-Anon** 7:30 p.m. every Tuesday at Lower United Methodist Church, Hartfield.

Wednesdays

- **Story hour and Craft-making**, Urbanna Branch of Middlesex Public Library, from 10-11:30 a.m. for kindergarten to rising 2nd graders; and from 1-2 p.m. for rising 3rd-graders to rising 5th-graders. Free. 758-5717.
- **"Paws to Read"** 2-3 p.m. Urbanna Branch Public Library. Schedule a time: 758-5717.
- **Knitters Group** 10 a.m. every Wednesday at Urbanna United Methodist Church.
- **Bingo** 5:30 p.m. every Wednesday at the Booster Club, Hartfield. 758-2910.

Youth Mental Health First Aid Training session set

The Middle Peninsula-Northern Neck Community Services Board's Prevention Services Division is offering a Youth Mental Health First Aid Training session on Tuesday, August 23, from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at Northern Neck Electric Meeting Room, 173 Pine Street, Warsaw.

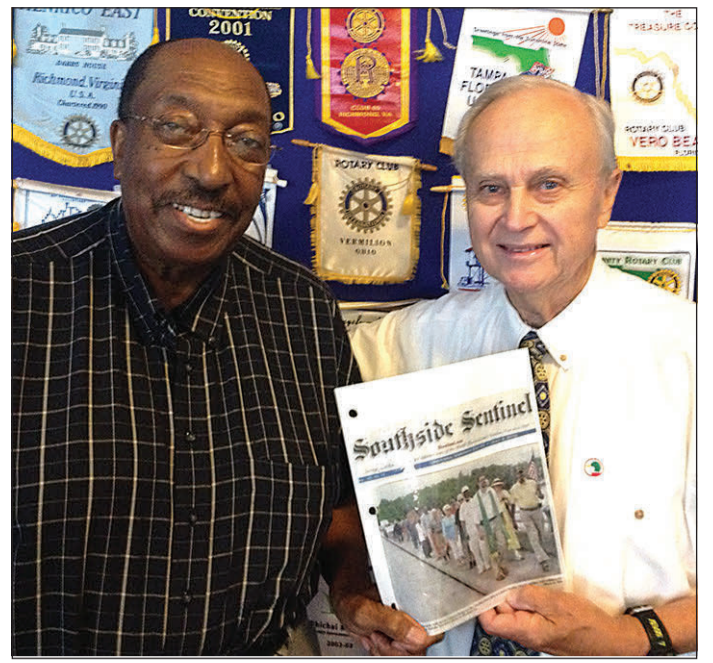
Youth Mental Health First Aid is designed to teach parents, family members, caregivers, teachers, school staff, peers, neighbors, health and human services workers, and other caring citizens how to help an adolescent (age 12-18) who is experiencing a mental health or addictions challenge or is in crisis. Youth Mental Health First Aid is primarily designed for adults who regularly interact with young people. The course introduces common mental health challenges for youth, reviews typical adolescent development, and teaches a 5-step action plan for how to help young people in both crisis and non-crisis situations. Topics covered include anxiety, depression, substance use, disorders in which psychosis may occur, disruptive behavior disorders (including AD/HD), and eating disorders.

The cost is \$15 per person. Materials are included. Bring a brown bag lunch.

Methods of payment: 1. Money order payable to MPNN CSB can be mailed to P.O. Box 452, Hayes, VA 23072; 2. Cash payment to be made in person at the MPNN CSB Prevention Services Office, 3786 George Washington Memorial Highway, Hayes, VA 23072.

For more information, call 642-5402 or email prevent@mpnn.state.va.us.

Online registration is available at www.surveymonkey.com/r/MHFA8-23-16.



Rotary speaker

Lou Belcher (left), a participant in development of 2014 Middlesex County Tourism Strategic Plan, member of the Middlesex YMCA Board, member of the Middlesex NAACP, and coordinator for the "Unity World Festival" that was held in Urbanna on July 30, spoke with the Middlesex Rotary Club on July 26. Above, Belcher shares a Southside Sentinel article with Rotary president Jerry Suyes (right). The July 27, 2015 article titled "March for unity deemed 'a start'" told of "more than 60 people rallied for racial unity..." following the June shooting in Charleston, S.C. Belcher further addressed racial unity and said he hoped the festival could be an annual event to foster diversity, economic development and provide the opportunity for Middlesex residents to meet and be with each other.

Urbanna Founders' Day Committee seeks support

The third annual Urbanna Founders' Day Celebration will be held Saturday, September 3, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. While many details are still being ironed out, the Moody Crewe Pirates will be featured all day with pirate school, black powder cannons and various shenanigans. Other children's activities are being formulated.

Also to be featured will be a unique Urbanna play about the jailing of John Waller, an 18th-century Baptist preacher, written by Middlesex resident Barbara Lovelace.

John Mitchell will be in costume at the Urbanna Museum and Visitors Center to talk about his famous 1763 map. A town crier will ring his bell and announce events of the day.

The Urbanna Founders' Day Committee is seeking street musicians and colonial craftsmen to round out the event and interested persons should call 832-9934. Historic tours on a trolley will be narrated by historical author Larry Chowning. There will be two tours, one in the morning and another in the afternoon.

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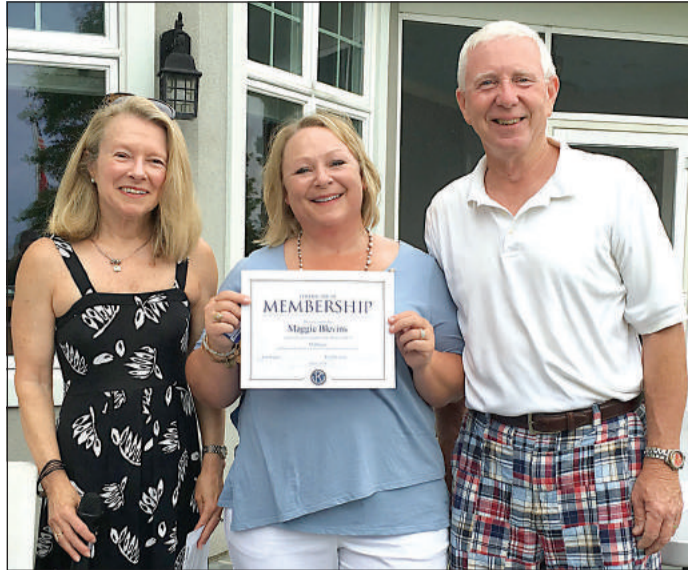
KIWANIS CLUB NEWS

This past Saturday the Middlesex Kiwanis Club met at the home of Dave and Linda Cryer for its annual summer picnic and open house. The event is an opportunity for members and friends to meet in a casual environment and enjoy the camaraderie that is Kiwanis.

This was an especially enjoyable evening as we welcomed our newest member, Maggie Blevins, to our club. Our club is also excited that during the picnic we were able to meet and welcome several new friends looking to join our club.

Kiwanis is about service, community and our children. The picnic marks the beginning of the end of one year as we prepare for the new one. In less than a month schools will be opening and once again our club will be out to help, one child at a time. Mentors and tutors are preparing and orders for BackpackBuddy supplies being made as we look forward to the new school year.

Kiwanis also has many other community projects for which to prepare. Later this month we will be assisting with the



New Kiwanis Club member Maggie Blevins (center) is pictured above with club president Terry Rogers (left) and Blevins' sponsor, Dick Goyne (right).

camp program sponsored by the sheriff's department, on Labor Day we have our annual yard sale at The Cryer Center followed later that month by our day of service at the center.

Kiwanians will finish off September with their installa-

tion dinner where we welcome our new officers to another year of service to Middlesex.

For information on becoming a part of Kiwanis or assisting with any of our projects and programs, please contact Dave Cryer at 804-363-0280.

Master Gardeners to present 'raised-bed gardens' seminar

The Northern Neck Master Gardeners will present a free seminar on raised beds for a vegetable garden on Saturday, August 13, from 9:30 a.m.-noon at the Lancaster Community Library, 16 Town Centre Drive, Kilmarnock. The public is invited to learn how to plan, construct, plant and maintain a raised bed in the right size for one's space and needs. Participants will receive handouts on raised-bed gardening tips, material comparisons, and square-foot gardening suggestions. Extension Master Gardeners John Lunsford and Bonnie Schaschek will lead the discussions.

Lunsford has been a vegetable gardener all his life and has been gardening in raised beds since 2006 when he moved to the Northern Neck. His garden comprises over 1,000 square feet of raised beds in which he grows vegetables for his family for the entire year, as well as for the local food pantry.

Beginning in January, Lun-



John Lunsford tends one of his raised beds that he has planted with a variety of green beans called "Contender." He plants multiple crops in each bed over the course of a year, has harvested 23 pounds from this particular one so far, and reports that it is "still going strong."

sford plants seeds in his greenhouse for spring crops, which are planted out in the garden in March. These are followed by summer crops in April and May. Fall crops begin in July and August with some crops over-wintering to provide fresh vegetables during the cold winter months. Most of the crops raised throughout the year are preserved or frozen.

Lunsford will discuss various purposes and styles of raised beds, materials to use, and how to build a raised bed. He will focus on his experiences and techniques he uses in his own garden relating to soil, irrigation, mulch, weeds, animal and pest

control, and extending the growing season. He will be available to answer questions after the presentation.

Schaschek will talk about her experiences with square-foot gardening, a method of planting first popularized in the 1980s and still having great appeal. Her garden was opened in May for the Just Gardens tour and visitors saw her extensive vegetable and herb growing areas. Much of the raised bed equipment was brought from New Jersey when the Schascheks moved to the Northern Neck 12 years ago.

For more information on the seminar, visit www.nnmg.org.



'Paws to Read' continues

Above, Ginny Hartung and Bob Kates, are read to by Emmanuel Webster at a "Paws to Read" session at the Deltaville Branch of the Middlesex Public Library. The program is held from 2-3 p.m. each Tuesday at the Deltaville Branch and from 2-3 p.m. each Wednesday at the Urbanna Branch. To schedule a time for your child to read to a well-behaved pet, call 776-7362 (Deltaville) or 758-5717 (Urbanna).

RCC-RILL to repeat popular 'dog course'

The Rappahannock Community College Educational Foundation's Rappahannock Institute for Lifelong Learning (RILL) will repeat the popular course "Nature of Dogs." Instructed by Dr. Greg Boeshaar, this course will take place on August 5, 12, and 19 (Fridays), from 1-3 p.m., at the main branch of the Gloucester Public Library in Gloucester Courthouse.

"Nature of Dogs" will review the current understanding of the evolution of dogs from the gray wolf, and their differentiation into a wealth of breeds. Knowledge of the current behaviors by which dogs reflect their wolf ancestry helps us to communicate with our dogs during training, and in many other ways. The first session will consider how genotyping established the relationship of dogs with their remote ancestors.

Session two will look at the evolution of dogs from wolves, and at the wolf origins of some modern dog behavior.

The final session will explore our growing awareness of the complexity of dog behavior and the bond between dogs and

humans.

In addition to extensive education and experience in the field of astronomy, Dr. Boeshaar is a knowledgeable dog lover. For 25 years he has enjoyed training and titling golden retrievers and one akita in American Kennel Club standards of obedience and agility. Currently, Dr. Boeshaar teaches astronomy at RCC, dabbles in writing nonfiction books, and works with his therapy dog Ari-Gato to provide services for senior citizens and elementary school reading programs.

Advance registration, with a tuition payment of \$35, is required to take this course. For more information on "Nature of Dogs" and other RILL courses, or to register, call Sharon Drotleff at the RCC Educational Foundation office (804-333-6707), or email her at sdrotleff@rappahannock.edu.

The RCC Educational Foundation expresses sincere appreciation to the Bank of Lancaster's Golden Advantage program, and to Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury for their generous support of RILL-2016.

Writers critique group meets August 18 in Tappahannock

The Rappatamac Writers Critique Group will meet Thursday, August 18, from 1-3 p.m. in Tappahannock at Java Jacks Cafe, 504 S. Church Lane, Routes 17/360, (corner of Virginia Street). Come early and join us for lunch at noon and share your creativity.

The greet-and-eat lunch is at 11 a.m. followed by a sharing of creativity from noon-2 p.m.

"Join the Rappatamac Writers Critique group where you

will find enthusiastic support and gentle critiques to help you on your way—along with fun and laughter to make your journey a pleasant one," said a group spokesperson. "If you like to write or listen, have a song in your heart or a poem in your soul, join us."

The Rappatamac Writers—where the science of writing meets the art of persuasion—encourages and supports aspiring writers. The meetings are free and open to the public.

Ice cream social is Saturday at Historic Christ Church in Weems

Historic Christ Church & Museum in Weems will host an ice cream social this Saturday, August 6, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

Children and their families are invited to explore colonial history, games, and crafts outside the churchyard while enjoying ice cream treats and lemonade. Activities include writing with quill pens, making whirligigs and ball and cup toys, bowling with nine pins, dressing in colonial clothing, and excavating "shoebox" archaeological sites.

Historic Christ Church & Museum also just opened a new exhibition, "Robert Carter III's 1791 Deed of Emancipation." For more information, visit christchurch1735.org or call 438-6855.

ity of the Buy Local movement

has continued to grow, people who no longer have farms in the family like to meet farmers and know where their food originates and farmers markets often offer specialty or heritage products that are not easy to find anywhere else." She added that farmers markets are becoming key community gathering places.

Every year Virginia sees new farmers markets opening, many in food deserts, giving people with few shopping options access to fresh, nutritious products. At farmers markets across the Commonwealth right now, shoppers will find Virginia-grown tomatoes, corn, cucumbers, onions, okra, squash, apples, peaches, melons, berries, herbs and more harvested at the peak of flavor, freshness and nutrition. In addition to delicious foods to eat, they also will find products such as plants, fresh-cut flowers, arts and crafts.

FDACS maintains a list of

Virginia farmers markets by region on VirginiaGrown.com.

Farmers markets are invited to add or update their listings on the website. Market managers, vendors and consumers are encouraged to follow VDACS on Twitter and Facebook.

James H. Ward, Jr. served as Commonwealth's Attorney for Middlesex County for 28 years and has since that time been defending individuals charged with criminal offenses in the Courts of the Middle Peninsula for over 8 years. He is now accepting DUI, traffic and criminal cases in the Courts of Lancaster County. Mr. Ward is seeing clients in Kilmarnock and Saluda locations. Call (804) 758-5391 or contact by email jward@jwardlaw.com.



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50-plus years

James Howard Ashby Jr. of Deltaville has received his 50-year pin for being a member of the Donovan Masonic Lodge #75 of Deltaville for half a century. Ashby actually has been a Mason more than 50 years, having been initiated on March 18, 1965.

ARTS & LEISURE



Members of the Stepping Stones

Stepping Stones offer introduction to square dancing class on Aug. 11

The Stepping Stones Square Dance Club will host an introduction to square dancing class on Thursday, August 11, from 7-9 p.m. at the Middlesex Shooting Sports Club building at 1860 Twigg's Ferry Rd. in Hartfield.

Dress is casual. There is no admission fee.

"You will learn a few basics and be dancing in a matter of minutes under the direction of Elbert Harrison, who we believe is the best square dance instructor in the area," said club president Ken Truffer. "Couples and singles are welcome. We are especially in

need of men. This is a no-commitment opportunity to check us out and see how much fun square dancing can be. Please come and join us. Square dancing is friendship set to music."

For more information, call Truffer at 776-7280 or Joan Hooper at 725-5083.

Watery vistas featured in art league windows

Paintings of rivers, coves, bays and other watery vistas are giving viewers of the Rappahannock Art League (RAL) August windows insight into the joy and satisfaction that artists Anne Wilcox and Dorothy Duke find in marine subjects.

Years of navigating the Chesapeake Bay area with her husband Dave has provided Wilcox with an abundance of subject matter. She is particularly fascinated with the way that water illuminates colors, patterns and rhythms.

Duke, of Richmond, said

she has painted every day for the past 15 years and is known for peaceful beach scenes. One of her most cherished compliments came from a fellow art teacher who bought one of Duke's paintings. Looking at the serene scene, the viewer said it made her feel "how I feel when I am at the beach and no one is bothering me."

Wilcox is RAL's window designer. Both women have pursued careers as art teachers and both have painted an amazing number (60 for Duke, 40 for Wilcox) of years. Both have been the recipients of many prestigious awards and have studied with renowned artists.

"Making art makes me happy," said Wilcox.

"If you enjoy it, it's not work," added Duke.

The Rappahannock Art League Studio Gallery is at 19 North Main Street in Kilmarnock. RAL is an affiliate of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts and is partially supported by grants from the Virginia Commission for the Arts, National Endowment of the Arts, Rappahannock Foundation for the Arts and River Counties Community Foundation.

F.D. Crockett to take maritime park's message around the bay

by Bill Powell
President, Deltaville
Maritime Museum

On Thursday August 4, the Deltaville Maritime Museum's premier waterborne ambassador, the buyboat F.D. Crockett will leave her homeport at Holly Point Nature Park's pierwalk to carry her living exhibits of Deltaville's maritime heritage to Kings Creek at Cape Charles and around the Chesapeake Bay on the 12th annual Buyboat Rendezvous.

F.D. Crockett Captain John England will lead his intrepid, volunteer crew of Gordon Gibb and Vera England. Curt Bowman will join in Solomons Island, and Sandra Wescott Emerson, sister of former owner David Wescott of Poquoson, will join for Cape Charles leg. Marjorie and Bill Goettle plan to join for a portion of the trip.

At Cape Charles, F.D. Crockett and her volunteer crew will rendezvous in Kings Creek at Cape Charles with buyboats Nellie Crockett, Thomas J, East Hampton, 55th Virginia, Prop Wash, Peggy, Emmett H, Ella K., Shadow Fae, and the Jennie May for the August 4-7 Cape Charles Festival. The Oyster Farm at Kings Creek will host the event. The complete schedule for the festival can be found at theoysterfarmatkingcreek.com/Home.

F.D. Crockett carries the history of the Crockett and her restoration by the museum as well as demonstrations of the work she did as a buyboat. Because she is restored in the same configuration as when she was a working buyboat, visitors get an up-close and personal feel for how the captain and crew lived and worked.

Along with the other Cape Charles Festival events, the buyboats will be hosting public tours from noon-3 p.m. on Friday, and from noon-4 p.m. on Saturday.

The inaugural Oyster Farm Boat Docking Contest begins at 1 p.m. on Sunday.

The buyboats will leave as a group early Monday, August 8, to overnight at Park's Marina at Tangier Island.

The crews will breakfast at Hilda Crockett's restaurant on Tuesday morning and then embark on the 6-hour cruise for Solomon's Island and the

Calvert Marine Museum in Maryland.

On Tuesday afternoon the buyboats will arrive at the Calvert Museum, home of the 9-log buyboat William B. Tenneson. The buyboats will dock at the museum and adjacent oyster house August 8-10. All boats will be open to the public from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. on Wednesday.

Visit calvertmarinemuseum.com for more details about the Calvert Museum and the rendezvous events.

On Thursday, August 11, the cruise leaves at dawn for St. Michaels, Maryland, across the bay where they will rendezvous at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, which is home of the 7-log Old Point, the only other log hulled buyboat operating on the bay. Information on the rendezvous and the museum can be accessed at cbmm.org/event/12th-annual-chesapeake-bay-buyboat-reunion.

Thirteen boats are scheduled for docking at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum—Nellie Crockett, F.D. Crockett, Thomas J, Iva W, Muriel Eileen, East Hampton, 55th Virginia, Prop Wash, Peggy, PE Pruitt, Emmett H, Manatee (Trumpy), and the Linda Carol. All boats will be open for tours on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. More information can be found at: cbmm.org/events/annual-festivals-and-special-events/watermens-appreciation-day

On Monday, August 15, all buyboats head for their individual homeports. Some of the boats headed south will dock at Calvert's Marine Museum on Monday evening.

Deltaville Maritime Museum and Holly Point Nature Park is a non-profit organization at 287 Jackson Creek Road and on Mill Creek. Turn right off Route 33 across from the Citgo Station to get there. The park is open dawn to dusk daily.

To find out everything you need to know about the museum and park, purchase event tickets, donate, volunteer or become a member, visit www.deltavillemuseum.com, email museumpark@verizon.net, or call 776-7200. The museum mailing address is P.O. Box 466, Deltaville, VA 23043.

World traveler Jacquie Colligan of Urbanna is RWC featured artist

Unique handcrafted jewelry and art clay silver will be among pieces at Urbanna resident Jacquie Colligan's art exhibition on display at Rappahannock Westminister-Canterbury (RWC) in August.

Inspired by her travels from Europe to the Middle East to South America and Australia, Colligan is the daughter of a State Department architect and has been a world traveler since childhood. Her collective memories of artifacts and art provide the tapestry of styles reflected in her artwork and jewelry designs.

Today, her jewelry incorporates semi-precious stones, metal and beads acquired from across the globe including through her husband's travels to Asia.

Colligan has had single-artist shows at the Tides Inn, Middlesex Art Guild, Urbanna Harbor Gallery, Rappahannock Art League and the Hope and Glory Inn. She can also be seen selling her work at some area farmers' markets including Irvington, a venue she has had for 20 years.

Colligan's "A Beautiful Mind" won Best in Show at the Rappahannock Art League's 53rd annual Labor Day event. In 2015, her Yupo styled "Rainbow Sunset" claimed the purple ribbon for non-traditional art, the most coveted award for that division.

Colligan is an artist member of Virginia Watercolor Society (VWS). To attain that distinction, an artist must be selected for exhibition in three annual VWS juried shows; 2016 marks the sixth time VWS awarded her artwork. "Electric Sky" won an Award of Distinction. Another one of her pieces was selected for the annual Central Virginia Watercolor Guild's Show in

Charlottesville.

Originally from Washington, D.C., Colligan and her husband Tom lived in Irvington for 12 years. They downsized to Urbanna 10 years ago, where she is very involved in the Northern Neck/Middle Peninsula art community.

Colligan's artwork, metal and gemstone design exhibition will be on display throughout the month of August. Residents and community members are invited to view the exhibit from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. daily in RWC's Chesapeake Center, 132 Lancaster Drive, Irvington.



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Paint Like the Masters workshop due Aug. 19

Artist Johnny Hayes, a Rappahannock Art League (RAL) exhibitor and instructor, will lead Paint Like the Master—Johnny! from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Friday, August 19, at the Studio Gallery, 19 North Main Street, Kilmarnock.

His paintings are reminiscent of Matisse and other painters of that genre, but with a 21st-century whimsy, reported Ann Cotter.

Hayes grew up in Hampton and graduated from the University of North Carolina. He served in the U.S. Army and graduated from the New York School of Interior Design in New York City.

He started painting late into retirement and has exhibited and won awards at the RAL, Hampton Art League, Virginia Watercolor Society, Central Virginia Watercolor Society, the Williamsburg Contemporary Art Center, the Hampton



Johnny Hayes will lead an upcoming workshop at the Rappahannock Art Studio Gallery.

Bay Days Show and the Hampton Roads Convention Center Halls of Art.

Hayes noted he has “eventu-

ally come to realize that acrylic paint is the medium for me and I particularly like painting still lifes, landscapes, abstracts and figurative work.

“Color and design are the driving forces along with flattening the picture plane and using mostly opaque paint. I use pure color with very little mixing and enjoy a casual contemporary expressive style,” he said. “Art Happens—sometimes!”

The workshop is for painters and non-painters as well. Patrons may bring a favorite libation. The fee is \$30 for RAL members and \$35 for others.

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Civil War talk set for Sunday in Deltaville

Christy Coleman, CEO of the American Civil War Museum in Richmond, will present a talk Sunday, August 7, from 4-6 p.m. Held as a fund-raising event for the Middlesex County Museum, “Love, Sex and Consequences” is an intimate look at the American Civil War. This event will be held at Dozier’s Regatta Point Marina’s Event Center at 137 Neptune Lane in Deltaville.

Coleman said, “Throughout time, young couples finding love in the midst of war is often romanticized. The story usually follows that a brave young man marches off to war, while the love he leaves behind is dutiful in her writing and keeping the torch lit only for him. But the realities of separation from loved ones often proved far more problematic. Women of the working poor class had few options when soldiers were called to duty. Many either followed the army or turned to the ‘oldest profession’ to keep themselves and their families fed. Soldiers, especially those encountering major cities for the first time, encountered many temptations.”

Coleman’s exploration of the topic includes many examples found in a variety of historical sources including private letters, diaries and newspapers. Stories will include the most heartfelt and heart-breaking examples to the more salacious and criminal accounts.

“Our county is in for a treat to have a speaker of such esteem,” said Middlesex County Museum director Holly Horton. “She is such an engaging speaker. This topic was presented earlier this year at the Civil War Museum in Richmond and received overwhelmingly positive response.”

Tickets are \$25 and can be ordered from the museum website or picked up at the museum at 777 General Puller Highway in Saluda, Wednesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Heavy refreshments will be served with a cash bar. Visit Middlesexmuseum.com for more information.

Arts on Main to host its first juried art show

Arts on Main in Gloucester will host its first juried member show beginning Friday, October 7.

James Warwick Jones from the Charles Taylor Art Museum in Hampton has agreed to be the show judge. Entries must be received by September 27.

A First Friday Reception at 6 p.m. will mark the beginning of the show on October 7.

“This is a wonderful milestone for Arts on Main. We are beginning an annual tradition. Our members are excited so come join us for this prestigious event, said Arts on Main spokesperson Kay Van Dyke.

For more information on exhibiting in the show, call Van Dyke at 757-810-8175.



Honky-Tonk Heroes

Crab feast is Saturday at Deltaville Firehouse

Food, fun, music and dancing are on the program for the annual Lower Middlesex Volunteer Fire Department Crab Feast set for Saturday, August 6, on the grounds of the Deltaville Firehouse.

Featuring will be all-you-can-eat steamed crabs, hamburgers, hot dogs and corn-on-the-cob from 5-8 p.m., and music by “Honky-Tonk Heroes” from 8 p.m. to midnight. The event will take place rain or shine.

Tickets are available at Harrow’s Home Center at Cooks Corner; Hurd’s Hardware, J&W Seafood in Deltaville, and Pat’s Gallery in Deltaville; Urbanna Builders’ Supply in Saluda; from any fire department member; or by calling 776-9753. Tickets are \$30 in advance and \$35 on the event date. Children age 6 and under eat free. Tickets will be available at the gate only if the event is not sold out.



A painting by Jeff Helm

Arts on Main First Friday event to feature Jeff Helm

On Friday, August 5, from 6-8 p.m. Arts on Main in Gloucester County will welcome back one of its favorite artists, Jeff “JeffRo” Helm. He will be the featured artist for the month of August and will display many of his new paintings that represent the evolution of his creative process from his original “dribble” and collage technique to his current painting style.

Helm was an art teacher at Abingdon Elementary where he inspired a generation of young artists in Gloucester County. He retired and is now following his own creative path, which has led him to illustrate a children’s book as well as develop a new geometric style of representing dimensions in the pictures he paints, as well as a departure from representational reality to a more impressionistic painting style. He hopes to bring several pictures—7 feet in size—as well as many smaller pictures show-

ing the diversity of his artistic expression.

He has built a studio addition onto his house where he can paint and continue on his creative journey.

Music for Arts on Main’s First Friday event on August 5 will be provided by Mason Murawski, a well-traveled minstrel who enjoys creating his own songs and music influenced by his diverse cultural experiences.

First Friday is a monthly event in an open-house atmosphere to enjoy art and music, meet featured and other artists in person, enjoy food and a cash bar, and there is never a cover charge.

The Arts on Main gallery is open daily Wednesday through Saturday from noon-5 p.m. Arts on Main is at 6580-B Main Street, Gloucester Court House. For more information, phone 824-9464; email reservations@gloucesterarts.org; or visit gloucesterarts.org.



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Zimmerman Marine celebrates 35th anniversary

Zimmerman Marine Inc. (ZMI), with area locations at Cardinal in Mathews County and Deltaville in Middlesex County, celebrated its 35th anniversary on July 23 with a party for employees and their families at the barn at "Elmington" in Gloucester.

There was a catered dinner, games and entertainment by the "Tom Euler Trio."

The event was attended by about 80 employees and their families from all four Zimmerman Marine locations in Virginia, Maryland and North Carolina.

Company president Steve Zimmerman spoke briefly about the history of the business.

Company History

During the summer of 1977 Steve Zimmerman took a job as a deck hand aboard "ROSA II," a ketch out of New York. They were headed Downeast. He had just finished college and was headed to law school in the fall. While in Maine he experienced something that changed the course of his life.

During that summer he met the builder of the ROSA II, Paul Luke, and visited his boatyard. It moved him enough to get a one-year extension on his law school admission so he could go to work for Paul Luke.

The allure of boat building won out. Lofting, joinery, spar making, launching and



Company president Steve Zimmerman talks about the history of Zimmerman Marine Inc.

sea trials had overshadowed becoming a lawyer. It was clear he was headed down "the road less travelled." That summer job soon became a career and lifestyle for Steve.

Zimmerman Marine opened its doors on July 23, 1981 in Mathews County on a beautiful spot just off the East River in Mobjack Bay. Builder Tom Colvin had set up shop in this spot years before and agreed to lease the facility to Steve, then 26, with the option to buy. His University of Virginia degree and apprenticeship with Paul Luke, plus about \$800 in cash were all his assets. He per-

sued ROSA II owner and Zimmerman Marine's first customer, Lester Rosenblatt, to invest in the venture.

The first few years were a bit of a struggle as the yard built a customer base and tried to establish a foothold in the industry. In the spring of 1983 ZMI got a major restoration job on the 84-foot Trumpy "ENTICER." That restoration led to a large refit job on the former presidential yacht "SEQUOIA." The boat spent the next winter at the ZMI yard undergoing refit work. News of that project spread and was covered by several newspapers, which was then picked up by wire services and appeared in articles across the country. ZMI was now on the map!

In 1984 ZMI built its first boat, "TARTAR, a 27-foot Phil Bolger designed powerboat for yachtsman and artist Stanley Woodward. Photos of TARTAR appeared in Nautical Quarterly, further expanding ZMI's growing reputation. With this growth Steve was able to buy

out his partner, Lester Rosenblatt. ROSA II continues to be a customer to this day.

In 1992 ZMI started building "CHANTY," a spectacular 56-foot cold molded ketch designed by Bruce King. CHANTY was launched in 1994 and graced the cover of Yachting magazine. CHANTY also appeared in WoodenBoat, Sailing, and Yacht magazines.

In 1995 ZMI built its first Zimmerman 36, building eight more in the next 10 years as well as a Z31, Z46 and Z38.

In July of 2008, ZMI opened a second boatyard in Deltaville. Opportunity called again in November 2011 at Herrington Harbor, Md., and ZMI opened its third location. Listening to customers wanting a yard further south, ZMI opened its fourth yard in August 2013 in Southport, N.C., on the Intra-coastal Waterway.

"We are celebrating 35 years of good boats and great people, with gratitude for our loyal customers and our dedicated employees," said Steve.



On Sunday, July 31, Christ Church Parish Episcopal interim rector Rev. Stuart Clary Wood accepted an inscribed silver plate from Nigel Mac-Fall of Middlesex, England, whose ancestor Duell Pead was rector of Christ Church Parish from 1683-1690. The church is celebrating its 350th anniversary this year. (Photo by Larry Chowning)

Minister . . . (Continued from Page A1)

Clary Wood accepted the silver plate and, after thanking Mac-Fall, said Rev. Pead introduced the tradition of holding Communion once a month in the church. Prior to Rev. Pead, Anglicans held Communion three times a year, he noted.

Rev. Duell Pead also preached a sermon in Jamestown in 1686 on a ceremonial occasion. Governor Effingham was so impressed with his sermon that he dispatched a copy to London in the hope, which proved unsuccessful, that it

might be published. When Rev. Pead left Middlesex in 1690, he returned to England and became minister at St. James Church in Clerkenwell, England, today part of London.

"Nigel, who found us and made a tremendous effort to connect with us has given us information we did not have, but are ever enriched to know," said Parker. "At the moment of our 350th anniversary, he has brought our history to life in a way we did not expect."

Baptists . . . (Continued from Page A1)

Alexandria, was on his sixth Impact Virginia mission. He said many of the teens met each other for the first time Sunday, July 24, when the work teams were formed.

"The job looks daunting at first, then we realize we can do it," said Adams, who added that he enjoys meeting the homeowners. "That makes you realize you're doing this for someone. We're here to let the homeowners know we care about them."

"It's wonderful" In Topping, the crew got an introduction to scraping off old paint and then painting the home of Bertha Key. "I like helping the elderly," said 12-year-old Kasey DeShazo of Bethel Baptist Church in Fredericksburg.

Key was born in this house 91 years ago. The weathered wooden siding is patched with metal and vinyl siding.

The crew started painting on the shady side of the house because the temperature was climbing into the 90s. Crews replaced boards that were split or too far gone to repair.

"I'm blessed and I'm overwhelmed . . . I can't get over it," said Key. "It's wonderful. Most kids are watching TV or swimming, and they are here painting an old woman's house."

Adult leader Tom Kern said the Impact Virginia crews find

the work rewarding. "If I can get them to go once, they will come back," said Kern. "They like the idea of giving back, serving and putting their faith into action."

Some volunteers have continued to serve while college students, Kern added.

Dakota Walker, 15, got involved in Impact Virginia through a friend and this is his third mission. Previously he worked on a house in Gloucester that had been flooded. "You learn something new and meet new people," he said.

Walker said each volunteer had to raise \$275 to fund their trip. Some held car washes or sold doughnuts to do this.

People like Bertha Key are glad they came. "I want to live to see my house painted," she said.

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