



Runners sprint from the starting gate at the 8:30 a.m. start of the 5-K race. Russell Reed (#42) placed first and Derek Thornhill (#54) finished second. Photo by Audrey Thomasson

Park's trail run/walk attracts many participants

Some 50 athletes participated in the Friends of Belle Isle 5K Trail Run/Walk June 30 at Belle Isle State Park in Somers.

The course stretched from corn field to forest. Prizes were awarded in several age categories.

With a winning time of 17:38, Russell Reed, 19, of Onemo was the first to cross the finish line and jump into the Rappahannock River to cool off.

Derek Thornhill, 15, of Richmond placed second at 18:24.

Sponsors included Rivah Flooring, In-Situ Soil Test, Redlaw Mechanical, 105.5 WRAR and River Country, Old Farm Truck, Wayne Nunnally, Windows Direct, Hammell Construction, Good Luck Cellars, Krop Farms LLC, Bank of Lancaster and Corner Restaurant.

Results
17:38. Russell Reed, Onemo.
18:24. Darrick Thornhill, Richmond.
20:08. Daniel Dodd, Rich-

mond.
20:36. Ronnie Cutler, Merry Point.

21:32. William Short, Warsaw.
21:57. John Rudmin, Richmond.

22:16. Harry Booth, Callao.
23:43. Kevin McCartney, Lancaster.

24:15. Peter Hedlund, Charlottesville.

24:49. Lissa Murphy, Oakton.
25:27. Ethan Margulies, Richmond.

29:14. Mikki Egan, Glen Allen.
29:14. Amanda Taggart, Glen Allen.

30:00. Winter Horn, Lancaster.
30:47. Roman Cutler, Merry Point.

31:04. Madrenna Horn, Lancaster.
31:12. Dale McCleese, Heathsville.

31:25. Angela Anderson, Urbanna.
33:10. Valerie Dobyns, Glen Allen.

33:25. Jonathan Hecht, Jonesborough, Tenn.

33:52. Benjamin "Beau" Nickerson, Lancaster.

34:41. Kathy Shrader, Lancaster.

38:10. Kyle McCarty, Lancaster.

38:12. Mark Hecht, Jonesborough, Tenn.

38:15. Heather Taylor, Dunnsville.

39:32. Terri Self, Lancaster.

39:32. Peggy George, Lancaster.

40:04. Amy Hecht, Jonesborough, Tenn.

40:28. Lindsay Gardner, Kilmarnock.

41:37. Susan Stalnaker, Callao.
42:53. Michael Nickerson, Sr., Lancaster.

45:07. Virginia Booth, Callao.
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From left are Rachel Barbee, 85, the oldest participant to complete the 5k, and park ranger Reinhardt Gray, who several months ago suggested the Friends of Belle Isle host the event.

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45:55. Bonnie Hecht, Jonesborough, Tenn.

49:15. Kia Ware, White Stone.
49:15. Tanya Bohlke, White Stone.

52:43. Emily Short, Norfolk.
52:43. Paul Marushia, Norfolk.

57:22. Ashley Roberts, Warsaw.
57:49. Davis Roberts, Warsaw.

59:38. Jonathan Pruett, Kilmarnock.

59:38. Donna McCartney, Lancaster.

59:38. Chuanpis Cutler, Merry Point.

1:11:26. Kathie Catlin, Lancaster.

1:11:26. Anne Stanley, Lancaster.

1:11:26. Rachel Barbee, Callao.

Spanish mackerel tournament set August 18

Registration remains open for the fourth annual Lancaster County Little League Spanish Mackerel Fishing Tournament on August 18.

Sponsored by Chesapeake Boat Basin, the tournament offers over \$5,000 in prizes including a \$2,500 first prize, \$1,000 second prize, \$750 third prize, \$500 fourth prize and \$250 fifth prize.

"We have added a cash prize for our junior angler," said tournament director Kathy Pittman. "This is something people have been asking for so we are giving it to them."

The tournament also includes a \$25,000 prize sponsored by Tri-Star Supermarket for a Spanish mackerel breaking the state record.

Along with junior and lady angler awards, a Calcutta will be offered at the captain's meeting.

The entry fee is \$175. Entries should be submitted to YCLC, c/o Kathy Pittman, 660 Regina Road, Lancaster VA 22503, or call 724-9279.

Proceeds benefit the Lancaster County Little League and the Youth Club of Lancaster County.

SPORTS SHORTS

■ Golf cart raffle

Hartfield Volunteer Fire Department members are selling tickets for their 2012 raffle. First place is an Ez Go golf cart with a Precision Drive System, new batteries, and a 6-inch lift kit. Second-place prize is \$250. Tickets are \$5 each or four for \$20. Purchase four and also receive a free ticket.

A winner will be drawn December 10. Tickets may be purchased at HVFD events, including the annual Pig Pickin' at Grey's Point Campground from 5 to 8 p.m. July 21. Tickets also are available at the HVFD Auxiliary Thrift Shop in the old Robins Country Store.

■ Sports physicals

Chesapeake Medical Group will offer \$5 sports physicals for the 2012-13 school year for varsity and junior varsity athletes attending Lancaster, Northumberland, Middlesex, Richmond, Essex, Mathews and Washington & Lee schools. Students can obtain a coupon and consent forms from the athletic department at their schools.

Call a CMG physician's office in advance for an appointment by August 31. Students must present their coupon and consent forms completed and signed by their parents in order for the physical to be completed.

■ Firecracker 5K

The Reedville Fishermen's Museum will hold its 10th annual 5K run Saturday, July 7. The race will begin and end at Festival Halle at 177 Main Street, starting at 8 a.m. This will be a chip-timed race.

Registration forms are available at First Union Market Bank and the museum on Main Street in Reedville, reedvillerun.org, or 453-6529. The fee is \$25 for adults and \$10 for ages 11 and younger. Registration also will be held at Festival Halle from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, July 6, and from 6:45 to 7:30 a.m. on race day.

■ Cruise-in

The Memory Lane Car Club on Sunday, July 8, will hold its monthly meeting and Cruise-In at the Boys & Girls Club of the Northern Neck at 517 North Main Street in Kilmarnock.

The meeting will begin at 3 p.m. followed by the Cruise-In at 4 p.m. Owners of all types of collector vehicles are welcome.

■ Kennel club

The Northern Neck Kennel Club will meet July 9 at the Lancaster Community Library in Kilmarnock. A social period will begin at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will follow at 7 p.m. All dog lovers welcome.



Refreshing competition

Kate Nelson swims the individual butterfly for the Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club (ICYCC) Stingrays against West Point. The Stingrays are 1-1 after an opening season win over Deltaville, 322-182. West Point beat ICYCC, 325-277, last Thursday.



Roman Cutler swims an individual freestyle for the Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club (ICYCC) Stingrays swim team at last week's meet in West Point.



Emma McManus competes in the freestyle relay for the Stingrays against West Point. Photos by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi

CLUB GOLF

Hole-in-one

Robert Barlowe hit a hole-in-one June 27 at King Carter Golf Club. He aced the 7th hole with a 7 iron.

ICYCC 9-holers

The Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club 9-hole low gross winners for June 28 were first, Betty Faye Lewis; and second, Judy Epps. Low net winners were first, Mary Kay Rotert; and second, Helen Hpton.

Junior River tour

The Junior River Tour played Hobbs Hole June 26. Ages 9-11 winners were first, Reed Thorne; second, Noah LaFleur; and third, Taylor Hubbard. Ages 12-14 winners were first, Lance Wheeler; second, Kyle Morgan; and third, Trent Newsome. Ages 15-17 winners were first, Larkin Gross; second, Alex Nelson; and third, Amy Southall.

Quinton Oaks ladies

The Quinton Oaks Ladies Golf Association flight A gross winners for June 27 were first, Su Schmalz; second, Maggie Dennett; and third,

Linda Dennis. Net winners were first, June Baird; second, Carol Reese; and third, Sarah Hayes. B flight gross winners were first, Darlene Bean; and second, Linda Richards. Net winners were first (tie) Millie Dickens and McCauley.

Quinton Oaks men

The Quinton Oaks Senior Men's League first flight winners for June 26 were first, (tie) Jake Russell, Frank Dennis and Bob Price. Second flight winners were first, (tie) Jim Childers and John Miles; and second, Jim Hanline.

BRIDGE RESULTS

Six tables of bridge were in play June 28 at Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club.

North/south winners were first, Ginger Klapp and guest; and second, Arden Burham and Dianne Monroe.

East/west winners were first, Alexis McGrath and guest; and second, Betty Faye Lewis and guest.

Target Ship Shoot Out winners are announced

The Northern Neck Anglers Club (NNAC) Target Ship Shoot Out recently took place. Sponsored by Surfside Bait & Tackle in Mechanicsville and by the NNAC, this event included the species of croaker, bluefish and flounder, reported secretary Susan Hudson.

There were a number of bluefish caught and weighed in but at the end of the tournament, Paulette O'Connor placed first with a 1-pound bluefish aboard Graceful. Jan Jamrog took second with a 12-ounce bluefish aboard Bay Views.

In the croaker category, Barry Smith Jr. placed first with a 1-pound, 13-ounce fish while his dad, Barry Smith Sr., placed second with a 1-pound, 8-ounce croaker. They were fishing aboard Red Mako.

Frank Brewer, who spoke at the June NNAC club meet-



Matt Bruington and Frank Brewer display winning flounder.

ing about his flounder fishing techniques, placed first with a flounder weighing 4 pounds, 8 ounces board T-Bear. Fishing with Brewer, Matt Bruington placed second with a 3-pound, 9-ounce flounder.

First- and second-place anglers will receive gift certificates at Surfside Bait &

Tackle and first-place winners additionally receive a plaque.

The club's next fishing tournament is the Flounder Bash, July 21 and 22. The targeted species will be flounder and croaker.

To join the club, visit northernneckanglersclub.wordpress.com.

PIT STOP

Virginia Motor Speedway

June 30: No racing due to storms. All Scout Night events, including the Truckin' Thunder Dirtwood Nationals Pinewood Derby rescheduled to July 21.

Upcoming schedule

July 7: no races.

July 14: **Late models** (35 laps), **modifieds** (25 laps), **sportsmen** (25 laps), **limited stocks** (20 laps).

July 21: Trucking Thunder Scout Night; Dirtwood Nationals Pinewood Derby; Virginia Army National Guard Dirt Series.

Late models (35 laps), **modifieds** (25 laps), **sportsmen** (25 laps), **limited stocks** (20 laps).

(VMS is on Route 17 in Jamaica, eight miles north of Saluda. Competitor gates open at 4 p.m. Spectator gates open at 5 p.m. On track activities begin at 6:30 p.m.)



Straight shooters

The Rappahannock Pistol and Rifle Club held its NRA Short Course match June 30. Competitors, firing one-handed from the standing position, engaged targets at 25 yards. From left, winners were John Herbein, first in the 600-point match with a 506-9x; Cliff Lucas, second with a 388-0x; and Tom Smith, third with a 381-4x.

John Obolewicz wins Duck Stamp contest

On July 1, the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (VDGIF) began selling the 2012 Virginia State Migratory Waterfowl Conservation Stamp. The artwork for the stamp, painted by John Obolewicz, is entitled "Buffleheads at Cape Henry Light" and depicts a pair of bufflehead ducks arching up with outspread wings on the water, with the lighthouses at Cape Henry in the background.

The painting by Obolewicz was selected by a judging panel made up of VDGIF staff and representatives from the Northern Virginia Chapter of Delta Waterfowl, the LOCS chapter of Waterfowl USA, Virginia Ducks Unlimited, and the Virginia Waterfowlers Association. All submitted entries were produced by Virginia artists.

This is the second time that Obolewicz has been selected as the winning artist for the Virginia Waterfowl Conservation Stamp. In 2009, he won the Virginia state duck stamp competition with a painting depicting a drake ring-neck duck stretching its wings with a duck blind and decoy in the background.

Obolewicz specializes in watercolors; his versatility is shown in paintings of landscapes, old farms, historic homes, hunting and fishing scenes, wildlife, and dog and horse portraits.

An avid sportsman, he enjoys fishing, hunting, golf, skiing, and boating. He and his wife, Barbara, and their daughter, Haley, live in Powhatan, where he maintains his studio.

A Migratory Waterfowl Conservation Stamp is required of all persons 16 years of age and older hunting or taking any migratory waterfowl, ducks, geese, brant and swans, within the Commonwealth, unless otherwise exempt.

The fee is \$10. Visit dgif.virginia.gov, or a Virginia fishing and hunting licensing agent. Stamp collectors who would like the 2012 Virginia Migratory Waterfowl Conservation Collectors Stamp and/or print with artwork by John Obolewicz, may contact Mike Hinton at du@hinton.org.

2012 Typhoon Spring Series closes with dinner and awards

The Rappahannock River Yacht Club celebrated the close of its "very successful" Typhoon Spring Series June 27 with a dinner and awards ceremony at the clubhouse on Cockrell's Creek.

Typhoon fleet commander Ned Crockett presented a summary of the series.

"The Spring Series has been a record-breaking event," said Crockett. "The growing number of Typhoons in our fleet reflects the tremendous interest in racing Typhoons."

Among the highlights, he noted 24 races took place during the eight Wednesdays of racing, 25 different Typhoons competed in one or more races, the largest field in one race was 19 Typhoons and the smallest was 11.

"New this year is a Typhoon Racing blog on

the RRYC home page where current activities of the Typhoon fleet are posted. Also new this year are Fleet Rules designed to keep the playing field level, and a protest procedure." He stressed the importance of not becoming protest happy and losing sensitivities that make racing fun.

RRYC Commodore Doug Powers made complimentary remarks regarding the popularity of the Typhoon fleet and its importance to the yacht club.

Crockett then emphasized the racing cannot take place without the volunteers who set up the course and conduct the races. He acknowledged Mosby West, Scott Vail, Tom Chapman and Lew Thatcher who were the principal race officers. Assisting the officers were Debbie Cycotte,

Tom Blencowe, John Vail, Kinnet Ehring and Mike Bombay.

These people gave of their time and expertise so others may enjoy racing Typhoons, he said.

Awards presented were first, Ned Crockett and son, Branch Crockett; second, Frank Birdsall and Jeff Wainwright; third, Sissy Crowther and Arabella Denvir; and fourth, Stan Crockett and Jim Haynie.

The RRYC Flying Scot racing fleet invited the Typhoon fleet to race with them four Sundays. Earning the winner's award in the Typhoon fleet were Tom Watkins and Mike Kennedy.

Crockett reminded the sailors that there were no racing events planned for the month of July, but August will be a busy month with two one-design regattas and the beginning of the Fall Series.



Rayquawn Ball

Ball earns Teen of the Month honors

Rayquawn Ball, 13, an eighth-grader at Lancaster Middle School, has been named Teen of the Month by the Boys & Girls Club of the Northern Neck, said unit director Wardell Carter.

Ball, a club member for three years, is a junior staff member, assisting in the gym, game room and with the teen chef program and the Career Launch program, said Carter.

At school, he is active in band, basketball and football. He also participates in AAU basketball. He also assists his family in taking care of his brothers and sisters.

Ball was chosen because he is "always willing to assist staff. He has demonstrated growth in areas of responsibility and maturity," said Carter.

Ball's long range goals are to become an entrepreneur and basketball player.

The Fishing Line

Fishing has been good in the Northern Neck and has improved over the past week.

Inshore action continues to energize anglers. There's a mixed bag of fish available to the shallow water enthusiast, including **speckled trout, puppy drum, croaker, spot and bluefish.**

Shallow waters and grassy flats from Gwynn's Island up to the Great Wicomico River are holding good numbers of the tasty trout. Several anglers fishing out of Ingram Bay Marina in kayaks have easily limited out during the morning hours with fish up to 24 inches this week. The bluefish lend themselves well to casting plugs. We've been running several inshore charters each week in addition to the deeper

water trips.

Bluefish, which have been increasing in numbers, are now available with more consistency. Trolling for bluefish is scattered throughout. Locations yielding good action by mid-week are: just east of Buoy 62 during the morning and evening hours; Windmill Point bar up to Dividing Creek; Buoy 68 and the flats surrounding the Hannibal target ship off Smith Island; and in the lower Potomac river from Buoy #7 to the mouth. The bar at Smith Point is alive with action in both the morning and late afternoon hours. Clark and Drone spoons both are working well when trolled behind a planer. Some anglers opt for the old style 4-8 ounce inline sinkers.

In Maryland waters, the

S.W. Middle Grounds have been providing a good haul as well. Bluefish are running a larger 2-4 pound average on the rock piles there. I recommend using a long shank hook with 20-pound test mono leaders. There will be a few cut-offs, yet that combination entices more bites than the traditional steel leaders. I suggest chumming lightly as overfeeding will shut them down quickly.

Rockfish action, although slow, is still available along the channel edge below Buoy 72 this week and on the Middle Grounds. Catches are at their best with a small group of boats. Sizes are averaging between 16-20 inches on that channel edge. As is the case in the lower Potomac river, because much culling is necessary, many anglers

have opted not to target those fish at this time.


Bottom fishing has been picking up this week. The edges of the shipping channel from the lower Cut Channel up to the state line has produced a mix offering of croaker with a few flounder. Evening fishing continues to offer the best results both offshore and inshore. There has been a lot of gill nets in that area, so be careful not to get hung up.

Bloodworms, squid and soft crab are all producing results. Your choice of bait will reflect how fat of a wallet you have. I have found good results using squid and cut menhaden as part of my bottom fishing smorgasbord.

Flounder fishing is going well in the lower bay and is improving in the Buoy 42 and Cell areas, near the Tangier Light and on the flats. Long strips of squid tipped with large bull minnows has been a popular offering as has long strips of filleted spot or flounder belly. I've used fillets of bluefish with good results when the other baits are not available. Drifting and slow trolling have both provided landings in those areas. The lowering of the minimum size to 16.5 inches has proven to increase the number of "keeper" sized fish landing in coolers this year.

During this holiday week, take a moment to reflect on all the freedoms that we have in this country. I salute all of our current and past military personnel for serving this great country with pride, valor and honor.

Enjoy your week and until next time...Fair winds.
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Weekly Tides

Windmill Point – Sunrise & Moon - July, 2012


Fri. 7/6	High 1:27 1.5' Low 8:01 -0.2' High 1:50 1.3' Low 8:17 -0.1'	Sunrise 5:50 Sunset 8:30 Moonset 9:03 Moonrise 10:23	Tue. 7/10	High 4:36 1.1' Low 11:01 0.2' High 5:07 1.2' Low 11:48 0.4'	Sunrise 5:53 Sunset 8:28 Moonset 1:07
Sat. 7/7	High 2:14 1.4' Low 8:47 -0.1' High 2:39 1.3' Low 9:08 0.1'	Sunrise 5:51 Sunset 8:29 Moonset 10:07 Moonrise 10:54	Wed. 7/11	High 5:25 1.1' Low 11:49 0.2' High 5:59 1.2'	Sunrise 5:53 Sunset 8:28 Moonrise 12:22 Moonset 2:04
Sun. 7/8	High 3:01 1.3' Low 9:31 0.0' High 3:27 1.3' Low 10:00 0.2'	Sunrise 5:51 Sunset 8:29 Moonset 11:09 Moonrise 11:23	Thu. 7/12	Low 12:44 0.4' High 6:18 1.0' Low 12:38 0.3' High 6:53 1.2'	Sunrise 5:54 Sunset 8:27 Moonrise 12:54 Moonset 3:00
Mon. 7/9	High 3:48 1.2' Low 10:16 0.1' High 4:16 1.3' Low 10:53 0.3'	Sunrise 5:52 Sunset 8:29 Moonset 12:08 Moonrise 11:53	Fri. 7/13	Low 1:41 0.5' High 7:12 1.0' Low 1:30 0.3' High 7:47 1.2'	Sunrise 5:55 Sunset 8:27 Moonrise 1:29 Moonset 3:55

Corrections

	High	Low	Height
Piankatank River, Cherry Pt.	-1:42	-1:44	86%
Great Wicomico River Light	0:30	0:20	75%
Smith Point Light	1:01	0:44	86%

PM times are in boldface type

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Lancaster's 9-10 all stars place third

The Lancaster Little League 9- to 10-year-old boys All Stars went 2-2 to finish in third place in the District XV baseball tournament at Dreamfields last week. It was the best finish for a Lancaster Little League baseball team in over 10 years. Lancaster beat Spotsylvania-A, 7-6, and downed Essex, 4-1, to start the tourney. King William beat Lancaster, 18-1, and Essex defeated the host team, 12-2. From left, team members are (front row) Andrew Wylie, Ashton Hollingsworth, Chris Cunningham, Cole Stamm and Ben Antonio; (next row) coach Mike Antonio, Henry Smith, Adam Wilmore, Tucker Vanderpool, Will Stinson, Luke Simpson, Nicholas Wohleking, manager Ashley Wilmore and coach Matt Stamm.



Lancaster Major Girls complete tournament

From left, members of the Lancaster Little League Major Girls All Stars are (front row) Ashleigh Sanford, Britney Thomas, Libby Nashwinter and Sally Johnson; (next row) coach Kay Stout, Wilson Throckmorton, Rachel Valdrighi, Aline Johnson, Hannah Stout, Francesca Wilson and coach Mickey Kendrick. Lancaster went 0-2, losing to Essex and Northumberland, in the double elimination District XV tournament in Clarville last weekend.



Rage wins a piece of the state championship

The 14 and under Northern Neck Rage Fastpitch Softball team was co-champion at the NSA 14U B State Tournament June 23-24 in Williamsburg. From left are (front row) Landon Scheffli; (next row) Kirsten Beatley, Hunter Thomas, Bailey Kujawski, Kayla Fones, Rachel Douglas and Hannah Gross; (next row) Lexy Newsome, Taylor South, Emily Sorey, Mckenzie Hall, Lexi Hanks and Shelby King; (next row) Terrie Suthard, Thomas Suthard, Kyle Scheffli and Kenny Beatley. For information on Rage tryouts July 24, July 28, and August 5, visit northernneckrage.com.

River Lanes and Grill Bowling

Monday Night Deadwoods

First Place: Team 2
Second Place: Team 5
Third Place: Team 4

Tuesday Night Party Animals

First Place: Great Balls of Fire
Second Place: The Gang
Third Place: All for Fun

Wednesday Night Humpday Humdingers

First Place: G-Force
Second Place: The 3 C's
Third Place: DILLIGAF

Weekly High Scores

Scratch Game:
Men's-Kenny Martin 241
Women's-Heather Dotson 175
Scratch Series:
Men's-Don Powell 653
Women's-Heather Dotson 430

Season High Scores

Scratch Game:
Men's-Bruce Hamilton 268
Women's-Heather Dotson 175
Scratch Series:
Men's-Don Powell 676
Women's-Cindy Newton 431

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Heat illness prevention tips are offered to keep children healthy

Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, one of the leading pediatric healthcare systems in the country, recently posted a series of heat illness prevention tips.

Some general guidelines to help protect your child from heat-related illnesses include the following:

- Drink plenty of fluids during vigorous or outdoor activities (including sunbathing), especially on hot days. Drinks of choice include water and sports drinks; avoid alcohol and fluids with caffeine such as tea, coffee and cola, as these can lead to dehydration.
- Dress children in light-colored, lightweight, tightly-woven, loose-fitting clothing on hot days.
- Schedule vigorous activity and sports for cooler times of the day. Take rest periods in shady or cool areas.
- Protect children from the sun by having them wear a hat and sunglasses and by using an umbrella. Use a sunscreen that is at least SPF (sun protection factor) 15.
- Increase time spent outdoors gradually to get

the child's body used to the heat.

- Teach children to take frequent drink breaks and "wet down" or mist themselves with a spray bottle to avoid becoming overheated.
- Try to spend as much time indoors as possible on very hot and humid days.
- Do not leave children unattended in a hot automobile.
- Teach children to warm-up and cool-down before and after exercising.
- If a child has a medical condition or is taking medication, consult the child's physician for further advice for preventing heat-related illnesses.

Signs of heat-related illness may include:

- Cramps.
- Very high body temperature.
- Red, hot, dry skin (athlete is not sweating) or heavy sweating.
- Rapid pulse.
- Throbbing headache.
- Dizziness.
- Nausea/vomiting.
- Confusion.
- Loss of consciousness.
- Paleness.

A boat that works

by Grid Michal

Some of you are aware that a boat that works is not just a composite of bolts, nuts, screws, fiberglass, electrical and water parts. Most of the time those parts act in concert. Sometimes they don't, and it's necessary to bring in a conductor to re-establish harmony. It's mandatory that the "conductor" have his act together, too. Sometimes it's as simple as changing the bed linens (a previous column); sometimes it's who he's associated with that keeps him in line.

I was lucky to have two "nurses" (who didn't give me back-talk) before I met MaryLou. Both were four-legged: Ginger, who had an arrogant attitude like mine, was with me for 15 years. Not long after I bawled myself to sleep countless nights after having to have her put to sleep, Liza, a bundle of laid-back, I-won't-complain-but-I-hate-water-whether-it's-a-boat-or-a-bath part Portuguese Water Dog came into my life.

I understand that a pet adds years to one's life, so I have her to congratulate for bringing me through a possible medical death-sentence; through a divorce; through working away from home. She was my emissary, introducing herself to customers wherever we went. She knew Tommy, the FedEx driver, always had a treat for her. Everybody knew and loved Liza. The ladies at Bayside were her best friends, until time to have her temperature taken, or a bath given. "Happy Camper" was not an accurate description.

When I met MaryLou, my Motor Nurse, the first agreement we had was that, if the dogs met and got along, we'd do the same. Liza and Chloe never had an argument between them, nor have MaryLou and I. Liza grudgingly gave up her seat in the truck to MaryLou, who tempers her back-talk by getting me tools for jobs. Liza, meanwhile, showed Chloe how to lower her blood pressure.

Recently, though, Liza had started to show her age, a lot of white hair mixed with the black, a lack of appetite (except for treats, of course), and during a routine examination today, it was found that she had a massive tumor that was removing her ability to eat and digest.

The desperately sad decision had to be made to give her comfort, and remember the quality of life that we'd all want to have. The folks at Bayside, and MaryLou with LaMance, gave each other the strength to usher Liza into the netherworld where she and Ginger will wait for me to give them treats daily. When Liza had been relieved of her pain, the skies turned black, and God and I had a good cry.

We buried her in her favorite towel, given her by a daughter's mother-

in-law, where the groundhog always tormented her by munching our tomato plants. She's aimed towards the shed where she can give me warning of impending attacks.

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Reading tutors

From left, Miss Tonya's Summer Reading Program volunteers at the Lancaster Community Library are Amber Scott, Rebecca Patton, Zoe Nonnemacker, Rachel Valdrighi, Mikayla Barr, Beau Nickerson, Jalyn Crockett, Moira Hull and Collin Chinn. Others are Rachel Hurst, Reily Price, Delia Ibanez, Robert Stickler, and Blake Taylor-Rice.

Historic Christ Church announces summer activities

The Foundation for Historic Christ Church recently announced its schedule of summer children's programs.

The first event is an Ice Cream Social from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 14, at the church in Weems. Families are invited to explore colonial history, games, and crafts outside the churchyard while enjoying ice cream treats, said education director and curator Robert J. Teagle.

Activities will include writing with quills, making whirligigs and bilbo catchers, bowling with nine pins, dressing in colonial clothing and excavating "shoebox" archaeological sites, said Teagle.

A new museum gallery also will be open all summer, he said. Visitors can see new exhibitions, artifacts, and storylines in a museum that has doubled in size and been completely redesigned over the past four years.

A hands-on area known as the "Undertaker's Corner" gives children the opportunity to learn about colonial building technologies by constructing brick walls, laying out an arch with keystone, and connecting mortise and tenon joints in a roof truss, said Teagle. Children may pick up a free Museum Activity Book as well in the Gift Shop.

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. July 19, the foundation will conduct its annual "Hands-On History Day." Children learn about the history of colonial Virginia through lessons with archaeology, 18th-century brickmaking, grave rubbings, and other exciting activities, said Teagle. This event is free and open to children ages 6 to 12; however, all participants must pre-register. Lunch will be provided for all registered participants.

To register, visit christchurch1735.org, or contact Teagle at 438-6855, or rteagle@christchurch1735.org.

Tri-Star Supermarket Inc. announces scholarship winner

Tri-Star Supermarket Inc. recently awarded its eighth annual Great Scholarship for Great Students scholarship to Natalie Kohlhepp of Lancaster.

Kohlhepp is a 2012 graduate of Lancaster High School. She plans to attend Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond to study photography.

The scholarship provides \$1,000 to help defray the cost of post secondary education, noted store owners Stuart Dunaway and Lee Davis.

The program is managed and selections are made by the Great Valu Scholarship Committee. Great Valu stores



Natalie Kohlhepp

include independent supermarkets supplied by Super Valu's Eastern Region, headquartered in Mechanicsville. Selection for the scholarship is based on academic standing,

grade point average, extracurricular activities and individual student life challenges.

The independent owners of Great Valu Supermarkets underwrite the Great Scholarships for Great Students program, which has awarded more than \$260,000 in scholarships to date.

The owners, management and staff of Tri-Star Supermarket Inc. actively support the scholarship program to demonstrate their commitment to the community.



Taylor Hinson

Hinson receives Pamplin Award

Taylor Hinson is the recipient of the 2012 Pamplin Leader Award at Lancaster High School.

This award is presented annually to a top student from each public high school in Virginia.

It was established by Robert B. Pamplin Sr. (Virginia Tech class of 1933) and Robert B. Pamplin Jr., to acknowledge students with a record of outstanding achievement that is balanced with a commitment to community service and leadership experience.

Taylor will major in biological sciences at Virginia Tech.

She is the daughter of Alan and Joanne Hinson of Kilmarnock.

SCHOOL REPORT

R-MC grad

Gretchen Smither of Lancaster graduated May 26 from Randolph-Macon College in Ashland. Smither earned a bachelor's in environmental studies and a minor in education.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Smither of Lancaster.

Northumberland High posts fourth quarter 'B' Honor Roll

Northumberland High School recently posted its 'B' Honor Roll for the 2011-12 academic session.

Seniors on the Honor Roll are Taylor Baliles, Brent Basye, Deont'e Bibbens, Shala Carey, Ry-Shan Conaway, Stephan Crockett, Chonna Dunn, Eric Edwards, Khadijah Elmore and Marshall Goddard.

Also, Alex Hall, Katerina Hall, Sarah Hall, Samuel Haynie, Elizabeth Jorgensen-Best, Sarah Kelly, Christian Kent, Taylor Lawson, Anthony Lee, Kierston Lewis, Travis Miller, Tyler Mitchell and Eric Moore.

Also, Ryan Parker, Levi Payne, Karla Pinkard, Kaitlyn Rochelle, Josh Ranson, Andrea Rogers, Bradly Sanford, Brenda Santamaria, Sarah Seggelink, Asa Smith, Smitha Theriault, TreSean Thornton, Rachel Tomlin, David Warwick, Aaron Wilson and Alex Zalaya.

Juniors on the Honor Roll are Joseph Betts, Lauren Brent, James Burt, Rashauna Carter, Thomas Crosswell, Andrea Curry, Andrea Davis, Kyle Elmore, Joshua Diggs, Justin Diggs, Monty Dobyns and Joshua Dodson.

Also, Kyle Elmore, Richard Frolija, Lizzie Hall, Julie King, Chelsea Kline, Justin Lewis, Rui Chao Liu, Deandra Lucas, Tserendavaa Mendsaikhan, Robert Mitchell and Tatyanna Mitchell.

Also, Jodi Newman, Summer News-

ome, Amber Northern, Xstearne Redmond, Jessica Rew, Hannah Rogers, Nicholas Slaughter, Alex Swisher, Destiny Thornton, Ashlyn Ward and Kellen Wise.

Sophomores on the Honor Roll are Paige Augst, Kelsey Dawson, Taylor Davis, Trevor Deihl, Collin Donovan, Casey Gaskins, Dierra Green, Brittany Hall, Ariana Lewis and Abby Loving.

Laura Mangano, Bridgette McLaughlin, Imari Mitchell, Kaci Payne, Logan Renton, Britney Rice, Brandy Robinson, Riley Sanford, Brennon Saunders, Lauren Self, Emily Sprague, Daysha Taylor, Jarett Timberlake, Blake Walker, Tyler Ward and China Williams.

Freshmen on the Honor Roll are Yahaira Acosta, Julia Arrington, Miracle Basey, Megan Baughan, Miranda Blackburn, Jonathon Brown, Kristina Brown, Kayla Bryant, Kaitlynn Cook and Cassandra Collins.

Also, Cater Deihl, Kurt Donahue, Gabriel Figgatt, Joseph Gaskins, Danelya Hancock, Philip Harrison, Sarah Haynie, Haley Headley, Jakob Hughes, Jack Jett, Noah Kramer, John Lewis, Tyler R. Lewis and Mi'Liecia Mitchell.

Also, Trent Newsome, Taylor Norris, Sydney O'Bier, Rena Payne, Beverly Peregoy, Kyndia Riley, Sarah Schindler, Mark Smith, Warren Tallent.



From left are John Wells, Nicholas DiPasquale, Del. Lynwood Lewis, Dennis Liberson, Mark Luckenbach, Donna Phaneuf, founding principal of VIA Design Architects PC, Michael Maul and Taylor Reveley.

VIMS' new seawater lab dedicated

A large crowd of dignitaries and friends recently helped dedicate the new seawater facility at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science's Eastern Shore Laboratory (ESL).

The College of William and Mary president Taylor Reveley recognized the facility's promise of "vital contributions to the health of Chesapeake Bay, the coastal ocean, and Virginia's fisheries."

VIMS dean and director John Wells says the facility will "bring the Eastern Shore Lab to a new level of scientific excellence and create opportunities for faculty and students to expand VIMS' mission of research, education and advisory service."

The ESL in Wachapreague serves as a field station for VIMS faculty and graduate students, undergraduates from William and Mary and other colleges and universities, local student interns, and for visiting scholars and students from across the U.S. and abroad.

ESL director Mark Luckenbach noted the facility has "easy access to clean, high-salinity seawater." That

access—provided by up to 8 pumps at a top rate of 1,840 gallons per minute—allows researchers to rear, maintain, and observe marine organisms under conditions that mimic those of the coastal and open ocean.

The new facility is already busy with research projects, including studies of how changes in fishing gear might reduce the inadvertent capture of sharks and endangered sturgeon, how hearing and vision differ among various kinds of Virginia sport fishes, and how predation impacts the survival of juvenile scallops, said Luckenbach. The ESL is already well known for its groundbreaking work in hard clam aquaculture, now a mainstay of the Eastern Shore economy.

Joining Wells and Reveley as dedication speakers were Nicholas DiPasquale, director of the Environmental Protection Agency's Chesapeake Bay Program Office; District 100 Del. Lynwood Lewis, Michael Maul, associate director of the Virginia Department of Planning and Budget; and Dennis Liberson, a member of the VIMS

council and secretary of the board for the William and Mary board of visitors who read a letter from U.S. Sen. Mark Warner.



Gerrell Moody

Moody is Youth of the Month

Gerrell Moody, 9, a fourth-grader at Lancaster Middle School, was named Youth of the Month for June by the Boys & Girls Club of the Northern Neck, according to unit director Wardell Carter.

Moody is involved with many activities at the club including the computer lab, the gym, the Learning Center and the game room and "likes every department," said Carter. He has been a club member for three years.

In the community, he is active in AAU basketball.

Moody of White Stone was chosen because "he has made tremendous progress with his behavior, and management of his emotions when things don't go as expected," said Carter. "He deserves a lot of credit and recognition because he has worked really hard at becoming a good club member."

His goal is to go to college, become a basketball player, WWE wrestler or a doctor.

"It's great to be youth of the month," said Moody. "It shows I am a great person."

Find more school news on D6

Sign up now for 4-H Pizza Camp in Westmoreland

The Westmoreland County office of Virginia Cooperative Extension will offer a day-camp educational program called "4-H Pizza Camp" on August 6-8.

The camp will focus on agriculture, food safety and healthy living with a goal that participants will recognize where their food comes from and for participants to be more conscious of healthy living choices, said 4-H Extension agent Wendy Herdman.

Activities supporting that goal will include farm visits, tomato canning and learning about the benefits of good nutrition and physical activity, said Herdman. Participants will use the knowledge and skills from the class to make a pizza on the final day.

The camp is open to all boys and girls ages 9-13 and the cost is \$12 per participant. Financial aid is available. The program will extend from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day and participants should plan to attend all three days. Transportation to the A.T. Johnson Building in Montross is required. Transportation for farm visits is provided.

Registration is required. The deadline is July 27. Register at the Westmoreland County Extension Office at 493-8924.

Summer Fun Art Camps offered in July

The Rappahannock Art League recently announced several upcoming Summer Fun Art Camps for youth.

Marilyn Sproule will be the instructor for classes July 9-13 and July 16-20. These classes are open to students ages 5 to 16 and will be held at the Studio Gallery. Morning classes are from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and the afternoon classes from noon to 2 p.m.

For complete details, fees and registration, call 436-9309, or visit the gallery.

Shauna McCranie will be the instructor for classes July 23-27 at the gallery. Morning classes from 9 to 10:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. are open to students ages 6 to 12. Afternoon classes from 1 to 2:30 p.m. are open to students ages 10 to 18.

For complete details, fees and registration, call 436-9309, or visit the gallery.

Dixie Doerr will be the instructor for classes at the Middlesex Family YMCA July 16-20. Morning classes, from 10 to 11:30 a.m., are open to students in grades K to 4. Afternoon classes, from noon to 2 p.m., are open to students in grades 4 and above.

For complete details, fees and registration, call 776-8846, or visit the Middlesex YMCA at 11487 General Puller Highway in Hartfield.



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Prosser Crowther Sr. and Marilyn Hinton Crowther are the third generation of Hintons and Crowthers to run Lilian Lumber. With grandchildren working at Lilian Home Center for the summer, the family is seeing its fifth generation become involved in the business.

Community celebrates 100th anniversary of Lilian Lumber Company

by Audrey Thomasson

Lilian Lumber marked its 100th anniversary Sunday with a grand hometown celebration for friends, neighbors and employees, thanking them for their loyalty and keeping them in business since 1912.

"We recognize employees and their families for their loyalty and steadfast devotion," said president William A. "Bill" Crowther. He thanked customers and contractors for their long relationships with the company and for building their homes and businesses with Lilian Lumber materials.

"We've gone through 100 years of economic challenge," he said, with a nod to current economic hard times. Bill attributed the company's success to its commitment to service, quality, keeping up with advances in science and technology and strong leadership over the past century. "We look to our future in serving you," he said.

Lilian Lumber board member Dr. Elizabeth "Sissy" Crowther thanked the large crowd for coming out to celebrate with their business family.

"We're proud of our employees for making this a great day and showing off this place," she said. "Our employees have created a reputation of service and quality that kept this place going for 100 years. We wouldn't be here without them."

Sissy took a career path away from the company's day-to-day operations and became president of Rappahannock Community College. It was not surprising when she chose to educate folks on the plant's history of products and services, including making boxes for local fishermen to ship fish and crabs to market, as well as home products such as doors, windows, flooring and custom furniture.

In its heyday, Sissy said the lumber yard was a bustling business that fed employees every day at the cooking shanty and

included bunks for crews who stayed overnight. Lilian Lumber was an early follower of the "green" movement," she explained, offering several examples including the decision to recycle wood shavings for use by poultry and horse farmers.

She reminisced about new technology that brought the plant into the 20th century. One of the biggest changes came with the introduction of electricity that replaced steam as the power source. "There were steam pipes running throughout the plant," she said.

She credited her father, Prosser Crowther Sr., with strong leadership and embracing innovations that kept the company competitive in a changing market, and her brother Bill with being a visionary who will keep the business going into the future and provide jobs for the area.

"I think we're in good hands," she said. "We look forward to serving you for the next 100 years."

Ammon Dunton Jr., who followed in his father's footsteps as the company's legal advisor, noted the addition of Prosser Crowther Sr. to the business in the 1940s when he married a Hinton.

He commended him for being a financial conservative who kept the company out of debt. Dunton noted the company supplied "...year-round employment, high quality building products and met household needs," both on the Northern Neck and Tangier Island.

During an afternoon of festivities, employees gave visitors guided tours of the lumber and brick yard. Rich Steensma of the Department of Forestry provided information on how the family's vision for the future included accumulating natural resources that will support the company for years to come.

Other events included the presentation of the Business of the Year award by the Northumberland Chamber of Commerce and contributions to area volunteer firemen and rescue workers.



Friends and neighbors of Lilian Lumber return from a tour of the brickyard and timber areas of the 420-acre facility.

Fall Festival issues call for vendors

The Fairfield's United Methodist Church's 17th annual Fairfield's Fall Festival will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. October 13 on the church grounds in Burgess.

"Right now we are seeking crafts people, artists and collectors," said festival committee chairman Wayne Parrish. "We also are welcoming 'hobbyists' to come and share their hobby with the local community."

The committee also welcomes civic groups.

"There are a lot of volunteer civic groups in our area who do a lot of good. This will give them an opportunity to get their message out. There will be no charge for hobbyists or civic groups as long as they don't sell or swap anything," said Parrish. "If you have participated in the past, we hope you will do so again this year. If you are a newcomer, we hope you will join us for what promises to be another successful festival."

The festival attracts many visitors due to its

location, longevity, many free kids events, North Carolina-style barbecue, homemade soups and baked goods, entertainment and extensive promotion.

"New this year will be homemade apple butter. It will be made on site the day of the festival," said Parrish. "Attendees will be intrigued by the system employed to power the apple butter apparatus. It is reminiscent of Colonial times and demonstrates the ingenuity of pre-industrial age Americans."

Vendors, hobbyists and civic groups are urged to reserve their space now to take advantage of the early registration discount and to ensure placement

in the festival-event brochure. The brochure will be published and distributed throughout the area and at the festival.

The reservation fee is \$25 per space prior to September 10, or \$35 per space. Participants will receive confirmation of their reservation after an application is received. Fees are non-refundable.

The size of each vendor space is approximately 12 feet by 14 feet. Electricity and water are not available at the vendor spaces. Vendors are responsible for their own tables, chairs and shelters. Electric generators are not permitted.

Participants may contact Jim Holland at 580-4455, or visit fairfields-umc.org and click on Fall Festival.

Farm Bureau applauds Senate version of the 2012 Farm Bill

The nation's largest farm organization is pleased the U.S. Senate approved its version of the 2012 Farm Bill 64-35.

"There is still a lot of hard work ahead to fully secure the kind of policy we believe our farm and ranch families need, but we applaud the Senate for approving a workable bill and moving this process forward," said American Farm Bureau Federation president Bob Stallman.

The vote "is most definitely the first step in getting the farm bill passed," said Wilmer Stoneman, associate director of governmental relations for the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation. "The House has written previous farm bills, so for the Senate to take action shows they're interested and willing to be in the ballgame."

The House Agriculture Committee announced it will postpone consideration of a farm bill draft until July 11.

"The Senate has provided

us solid footing by approving a bill that stands firm on \$23 billion in savings, yet protects and strengthens the federal crop insurance program and provides a commodity title that attempts to encourage producers to follow market signals rather than make planting decisions in anticipation of government payments," said Stallman.

The federal farm bill also funds nutrition and food assistance programs.

"The farm bill is basically the blueprint for U.S. Department of Agriculture funding for the next five to six years," said Stoneman. "So the farm bill touches everyone each and every day, because everybody eats or uses something from the farm or benefits from a USDA program."

In votes taken last week regarding the farm bill, Farm Bureau was successful in opposing an amendment that would have prohibited a checkoff program for specific agricultural commo-

ties from being mandatory. The organization also was successful in opposing an amendment that would have eliminated a \$4 billion cut to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, previously known as the Food Stamp Program, and added \$50 million annually to the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program.

Farm Bureau also was successful in opposing an amendment that would have imposed a \$250,000 adjusted gross income means test for all programs in the farm bill, including conservation.

Farm Bureau was not successful in its efforts to oppose an amendment requiring conservation compliance as a requirement for crop insurance.

Once the House approves a version of the farm bill, a committee will convene and make final changes. The actual bill could be passed this summer or, more likely, after November's election. ■

Native son returns to open orthopaedic surgery practice

Dr. Tyler C. Wind, a Tappahannock native and 1997 graduate of Essex High School, has returned home to open the new Northern Neck Bone & Joint Center.

After 11 years of medical training, Dr. Wind is back to care for his family, friends and neighbors, according to Riverside Tappahannock Hospital marketing business partner Jackie Nunery. He completed both his undergraduate and medical degrees at the University of Virginia before performing his orthopaedic surgery residency at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston. Just prior to his return to the area, he performed one year of fellowship training in Roanoke with specialized training in joint replacement, sports medicine, and other minimally invasive procedures.

By opening the Northern Neck Bone and Joint Center in August, Dr. Wind fulfills his dream of giving back to the community he dearly loves, he said.

"There is nowhere I'd rather be than the Northern Neck area, and I consider it a privilege to give back to the community that has given me so much," he said.

"Although I received multiple offers from other institutions in larger cities and small towns, my heart has always remained in this region," said Dr. Wind. "Choosing Riverside was a relatively easy decision—their high level of quality care and devotion to top-notch orthopaedics created a perfect match."

Dr. Wind's passion for medicine, sports and training grew from his time at Essex High School, where he was a multi-sport athlete.

"I loved my time on the field, and I believe that an active lifestyle is instrumen-



Dr. Tyler C. Wind

While he has a great interest in sports medicine, Dr. Wind stresses that his practice will serve all types of patients, not just those traditionally thought of as athletes.

"My job is to keep people active and doing whatever it is they love to do," he said. "The majority of my fellowship was focused on joint replacement in patients who have different, but equally important goals compared to competing athletes." The center will treat all ages.

Dr. Wind looks forward to introducing his wife, Ashley, and son, Tyler II, to the area and the people.

The Northern Neck Bone and Joint Center is on Riverside's Mt. Clement campus. For an appointment, call 443-8670.



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This 1940s photo of Mary Burton and a friend "chicken necking" for crabs off the family pier on Urbanna Creek is included in a new book by Larry S. Chowning entitled *Images of America Urbanna*. Photo courtesy of Betty Burton

Photographic history of Urbanna published

Images of America Urbanna, a photographic history of Urbanna, recently was released through Arcadia Publishing of Charleston, S.C.

Author Larry S. Chowning gathered over 200 images for the project ranging from a December 1, 1886, F.A. Bristow & Co. (General Merchandise) invoice, to photos from the 1950s of the Swirly Top Drive-in at the foot of Watling Street and Urbanna Public Beach at the foot of Virginia Street.

One of the rarest images is a circa 1905 photo of the women of Urbanna Manufacturing Co., makers of overalls and shirts. The manufacturing plant was established on Taylor Avenue in 1900.

There also is a rare photo in the book of "Cottage Row" on Taylor Avenue when these cottage-like homes were first built to accommodate supervisors working at the overall and shirt factory.

Highlights include images and information on the town as a colonial village, during the Civil War and the days of sail, the steamboat era, business and waterfront, education, people, festivals, streets, bridges and churches.

Chowning was born



Larry S. Chowning

and raised in Urbanna and attended Urbanna Grade School in the old 1909-built Urbanna School building. He has lived in town all but the four years he attended the University of Richmond. He has been a general assignment reporter at the Southside Sentinel in Urbanna since 1981 and is author of eight books.

Chowning will be signing his new Urbanna book at Make Thyme at 260 Prince George Street in Urbanna July 5-7 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, July 8, from 1 to 5 p.m.

The book will be sold at stores throughout Urbanna and at arcadiapublishing.com, or 888-313-2665.

Waterman's association drafts mission statement; seeks more input from state's commercial crabbers

The Virginia Waterman's Association (VWA) on June 10 drafted a mission statement for consideration by the Blue Crab Advisory Panel.

The panel, established in October 2011 by the Virginia Marine Resources Commission, is focused on long-term issues affecting the Commonwealth's blue crab fishery.

Some two dozen crabbers helped draft the mission statement, outline a few priorities, and discuss how the panel should be structured, according to VWA president Ken Smith who addressed the topic in the association's most recent newsletter.

He noted watermen have been urged to get involved in the process and the VWA has conducted several meetings among crabbers to discuss the panel and related goals.

As proposed by the VWA, with input from crabbers, the mission statement should be "Develop a long-term vision for a healthy, profitable, year-round blue crab fishery management system that allows watermen to develop allocation across gear types and geographical regions."

Among initial priorities, they suggest:

- Gaining a better understanding of the age, geographic distributions, and other demographics of current license holders.
- Reviewing the information used as the basis for closing the dredge fishery in 2008, including the associated incidental mortality estimates of dredges and other gear types.
- Identifying opportunities to attract new water-

men to enter the fishery.

- Reviewing the Code of Virginia to establish legal requirements for recommendations.

Smith said the VWA will be sending more information to license holders statewide along with a request for their participation.

"This is our opportunity to co-manage the resource with the VMRC," said Smith. "All commercial crabbers, regardless of size of operation or gear types, are encouraged to attend."

He said the VWA wants to know what issues crabbers want to see addressed by the panel.

The VWA's next meeting will be from 1 to 5 p.m. July 22 at the Virginia Living Museum at 524 J. Clyde Morris Boulevard in Newport News. Crabbers are urged to attend.

The meeting space rental includes free admission to the museum for family members of those attending the meeting.



Ginger is Deltaville Boatyard's first Outer Reef Yacht since becoming a certified repair and warranty center.

Deltaville Boatyard to service Outer Reef Yachts

Deltaville Boatyard has been recently named an authorized service provider for Outer Reef Yachts.

"In an effort to continually enhance Outer Reef ownership experience, Outer Reef Yachts is happy to announce a new association with Deltaville Boatyard, in Deltaville, Va., at the Southern end of the Chesapeake Bay," said Outer Reef Yachts president and chief executive officer Jeff Drucek.

The boatyard has been authorized to provide Outer Reef clients with expedited warranty service when required, he added.

"We are extremely proud to be named an official Outer Reef Service Center for the Southern Chesapeake Bay," said Deltaville Boatyard vice president of operations Matthew Holloway.

"Outer Reef Yachts is an amazing company with a solid reputation that builds one of the highest-quality cruising yachts on the market. Their philosophy of constant improvement and uncompromising customer satisfaction matches Deltaville Boatyard's guiding principles," said Deltaville Boatyard president Keith Ruse.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

■ Market election

The American Farmland Trust recently launched its annual America's Favorite Farmers' Markets contest at votemyfarmersmarket.org. Shoppers can vote—only once—through September 3 for as many participating markets as they choose.

The 2012 contest has expanded to include all 7,175 markets listed in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Farmers Market Directory.

■ Appointment

Rob Farrell has been appointed Deputy State Forester. He will be responsible for the Virginia Department of Forestry's operational efforts, including the agency's three operational regions, forest resource management, state lands, forestland conservation and resource protection programs.

He joined VDOF in 2000 as an area forester in Gloucester County. Farrell replaces John Carroll, who retired as VDOF's Deputy State Forester in May after 34 years of service.

■ Start a business

First Steps to Starting a Business will be offered from 6 to 8:30 p.m. July 9 at the Rappahannock Community College Kilmarnock Center and July 12 at the RCC Glens Campus. Topics will include analytical methods; research sources; the legal forms of businesses; record keeping; laws, regulations, and policies; and a discussion on the value and importance of business plans and financial analyses.

A \$30 non-refundable registration fee is required in advance. To register, call 333-0286, or visit SBDC-UMW.com.

■ Job workshop

Upcoming Virginia Employment Commission workshops include How to Start Your Own Business at 10 a.m. July 5; Frustrated with Your Job Search? at 11 a.m. July 5; Budgeting & Personal Finance at 3 p.m. July 10; and Managing Stress During Your Job Search at 2 p.m. July 11.

Courses are offered at the VEC Workforce Center at 14243 Historyland Highway in Warsaw.

■ Critique this

The Rappahannock Writers Critique Group will meet Thursday, July 5, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at The Oaks in Lively, Route 3. Greet and eat lunch at 11 a.m.

On July 19, the group will meet from 2 to 4 p.m. at Ferebees in Tappahannock. Gather early for lunch.

■ Farmers' market

The Bulb Shoppe and Gardens at Brent and Becky's Bulbs in Mathews will host a farmers' market from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, July 7.

■ Sommeliers' visit

The Virginia Wine Society will present Wine in the Garden Series in the gardens of Brent & Becky's Bulbs with wine educators Charles Birr and William Bright. "A Trip to Tuscany, White and Red" will be presented at 2:30 p.m. July 14.

The fee is \$25 per person. For reservations, call 757-206-5514, or 804-519-4499, or visit local-wineevents.com.

■ Artists' Guild

The Tappahannock Artists' Guild will host a juried all-media show entitled "Summer" at The Gallery at 200 Prince Street in Tappahannock during July. Works from more than 40 artists will be judged by watercolorist Eleanor Cox of Richmond.

The public is invited to attend the opening reception at 6 p.m. Friday, July 6. All works will be for sale.

■ Business plan

Blue Print Business Plan workshops will be offered from 6 to 8:30 p.m. July 16 and 18 at the Rappahannock Community College Kilmarnock Center and July 24 and 26 at the RCC Glens Campus. This two-day five-hour workshop covers the development of the narrative and financial forecasting portions of the business plan.

A \$60 non-refundable registration fee is required in advance. To register, call 333-0286, or visit SBDC-UMW.com.

Kelley is named Staff of the Month by Boys & Girls Club

Earnest Kelley, custodian at the Boys & Girls Club of the Northern Neck for the last four months, has been named Staff of the Month for June, according to unit director Wardell Carter.

Kelley, of Lancaster, was elected because "the quality of his work is extraordinary," said Carter. "He is very knowledgeable and experienced in general repairs, carpentry, grass cutting, and lawn maintenance as well as custodial duties. He is highly motivated and enthusiastic and takes pride in his work."

Carter also noted Kelley gets along well with club staff and creates a favorable impression with the public.



Earnest Kelley

"He is always willing to go beyond what is expected to complete tasks. And, he works extremely well independently," added Carter.

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