



From left, members of Lancaster's and Northumberland's 4X400-meter relay teams are Trevon Henderson, Ameer Veney, Kaliq Noel, Elvin Cottrell, Tyrell Henderson, Kiondre Owens, Patrick Kelley and DeQuine Johnson. Photo by Billy Pipkin



Lancaster's 4X800 girls relay team was the state runner-up. From left, team members are Vilesha Waller, Mary Frere, Elizabeth Robertson and Zykheia Bullock.

# Local athletes take state track titles

by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi

Junior Tyrell Henderson brought home three state championships from the Group 1A meet at Radford University last week, including two individual titles and one as part of Lancaster's record-breaking 4X100-meter relay team.

Henderson scored 24.5 points to lead Lancaster's boys to a fourth-place finish among 27 teams. Auburn won the boys state championship with 75 points, while Altavista Combined School was the runner-up with 73 and Radford High School was third with 66. Lancaster with 63 points had the best showing among Conference #43 teams. Northumberland finished sixth with 39 points.

Henderson dominated in the triple jump, leaping 43'11.75" for the state crown. His jump was five inches farther than runner-up Devonte Hundley of Essex, who went 43'6.5," and a whole foot more than the third place jumper, Cliff Conley of Galax.

Henderson also won the state championship in the 300-meter hurdles in 39.83 and ran a leg of the state champion relay team.

Lancaster's 4X100-meter team of Henderson, Kaliq Noel, Demetrick Lee and Justin Washington shattered the LHS school record with a state-winning time of 43.09.

Noel also picked up a couple of points with a seventh-place finish in the boys long jump with a 20'4.75" leap.

Speedster Demetrick Lee picked up 7.5 points for the Devils after finishing fourth in the 100-meter dash in 11.43 and running a leg of the championship relay team.

Patrick Kelley led Lancaster's middle distance runners, finishing sixth in the 800 meter in 2:04.56. He also ran a leg of the Devils' 4X800-meter relay team, which finished third in the state. The team of Kelley, Travis Boyd, Sean Jones and Kenique Stewart ran a 8:35.84 race.

In distance races, Lancaster's Ronnie Cutler was fifth in the 3,200



Lancaster's 4X100 boys relay team won the state championship last Saturday. From left, team members are Justin Washington, Kaliq Noel, Demetrick Lee and Tyrell Henderson.

meter in 10:43.83, and on the short track Noel and Washington finished sixth and eighth, respectively, in the 200-meter dash. Noel ran a 23.77 and Washington ran a 29.73.

In field events, Devante Haskins scored for the Devils, throwing the discus 128'2" for sixth place.

Northumberland brought home three state titles, including one in the 4X400-meter relay. Elvin Cottrell, DeQuine Johnson, Ameer Veney and Kiondre Owens ran a 3:28.64 race for the state crown, while Lancaster's team of Henderson, Noel, Kelley and Trevon Henderson finished third in 3:35.98.

Owens also brought home an individual state championship for the Indians, winning the 400-meter dash in 50.62.

Veney won the state title in the 110 hurdles with a time of 15.42.

Other scorers for the Indians were Dayquan Blue and Billy Pipkin. Blue was sixth in the triple jump with a 39'10" jump and fourth in the high jump after clearing 5'10". Pipkin placed seventh in the mile in 4:50.07.

In the girls meet, Lancaster's 4X800 meter relay team set a new school record and finished as the state runner-up with a time of 10:57.79. The team included Zykheia Bullock, Elizabeth Robertson, Mary Frere and Vilesha Waller.

Frere scored 14 of Lancaster's 36 team points and the Lady Red Devils finished sixth out of 30 Group 1A teams.

George Wythe won the girls state title with 79 points, Radford High School was second with 56 and West Point third with 54. Rappahannock County led the Conference #43 teams with a fourth-place finish in the state with 45 points.

A freshman distance runner, Frere finished third in the 3,200 meter in 12:21.95 and took third in the mile in 5:39.35.

Lancaster's Aloni Scott scored eight points in field events, clearing 4'8" to place fourth in the high jump and going 32'8.5" in the triple jump for seventh place. Scott also finished eighth in the long jump (15'7.5").

Also in field events, Jamea Smith scored six points for Lancaster with



Lancaster's Tyrell Henderson won the Group 1A championship in the 300 meter hurdles and the triple jump at last week's state meet. He also ran a leg of the school's state champion relay team. Photo by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi

a third-place state finish in the shot put with a 33'5.75" throw.

Lancaster's 4X100-meter relay team of Bullock, Scott, Tala Henderson and Jasmyrn Tomlin also scored

with a seventh-place finish (54.28).

Northumberland's Emya Seldon was the only scorer for the Lady Indians. She went 15'11.5" in the long jump for a fourth-place finish.

# Indians are Region A champions



First baseman Carter Diehl catches for an out in the third inning.

The Northumberland High School baseball team on June 6 beat the William Campbell Combined School, 7-6, to win the Region A varsity baseball tournament championship.

The lead went back and forth throughout the game until the bottom of the seventh, when the Indians took the lead for good on a walk-off single with two on base and a full count.

The Generals jumped ahead three runs in one-and-a-half innings despite control problems on the mound. An Indians bunt in the bottom of the second inning led to a wild throw to first and brought in three runners to tie the game.

The teams traded the lead through the middle innings.

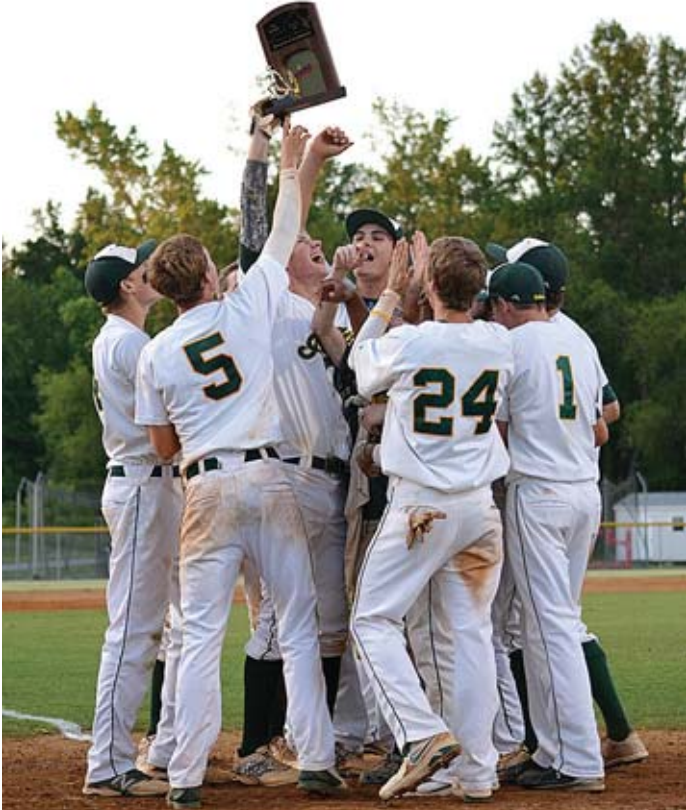
The Indians narrowly escaped the sixth inning tied, 6-6. Indians pitcher Blake Walker stranded three Generals on the bases by striking out the batter with a breaking ball on a full count.

Closer Zak Kent took over for the Indians in the top of the seventh facing the middle of the Generals lineup.

In the bottom of the seventh, Indians Matthew Harris hit a single, but was picked off by a fielder's choice to allow Josh Hinson on base. Jack Jett followed on base with a Generals error on a short hop to first base, sending Hinson to third. Blake Walker bunted to bring Hinson in and win the game.

In all, William Campbell left three players on base, all in the sixth inning, and committed three errors. Northumberland left three on base, but had only one error.

The Indians and Generals both go to the state tournament in Roanoke.



The Northumberland Indians celebrate winning the Region A tournament championship.



# Lancaster coaching staff conducts awards ceremony

by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi

Lancaster High School recently honored its student-athletes during an end-of-year “All Sports” Awards Night.

Freshman Vilesha Waller, who ran cross country and indoor and outdoor track, was named the school’s female scholar/athlete of the year and sophomore Patrick Kelley was named the male scholar/athlete. Kelley ran cross country and outdoor track and played soccer.

Additionally, varsity coaches presented several individual trophies to most valuable players, most improved players and offensive and defensive leaders.

In fall sports, coach Joanne Webb-Fary named Ronnie Cutler as MVP and Sean Jones as most improved runner on the boys cross country team. Elizabeth Robertson received the coaches award and Mary Frere the MVP title for the girls team.

All-state golfer Alex Nelson was awarded the LHS team MVP trophy by coach Rich Ford, while Shawn Valdrighi received the coaches award for most improved golfer.

Coach Becky Clarke picked Dominique Waller as the most improved field hockey player and Katherine Keyser was MVP.

Lori Smith and Brittany Jones shared co-MVP honors for the varsity volleyball team and Demetrick Lee received the Red Devil award for varsity football.

Trenae Henderson and Tala Henderson received the coaches awards for cheerleading for the fall squad, while Tashet Curry and Sadacia Ball were awarded the coaches awards for the winter squad.

Also in winter sports, coaches Craig Oren and

Sam Terry named Shane Chambers as the MVP of the wrestling team and gave Beau Nickerson the coaches award.

Mary Frere was selected as MVP of Lancaster’s new indoor track team.

Tyrell Henderson was given the defensive award for boys basketball and coach Tim Rice chose Darrian Doggett as the most improved player.

Trenae Henderson was named the defensive player of the year for girls basketball and Sharda Beane was selected as the offensive player of the year.

In spring sports, Monika Waddy received the defensive MVP award for girls soccer and Carli Hanback was named the offensive player of the year. Additionally, coaches Chris Cornwell and Chad Davis named Caroline Merryman as the most improved player and Lauren James was given the coaches award.

Jack Kelley and Weston Schomer received the coaches awards in boys soccer, while goal keeper Connor Donahue was named MVP.

In softball, Le’Aira Kelley was named the defensive player of the year and Jones was named the offensive player of the year.

Coach Welby Saunders and assistants chose pitcher Josh Moore as the MVP and gave Lee the Mr. Hustle award.

Co-MVPs of the girls track team were Aloni Scott and Frere, while Travis Boyd was named the most improved runner on the boys track team and Tyrell Henderson was the MVP. Additionally, coach Draper Washington presented coaches awards to Cutler, Nickerson, Trevon Henderson, Devante Haskins, Kaliq Noel and Justin Washington.



The Typhoon Nationals Regatta Championship Fleet crosses the start line.



From left, Ron Mihills, with sons Brent and Rick, and grandson Wyatt, receive the Championship Fleet first-place award from regatta chairman Chuck Carmichael.

## Typhoon Nationals: Team Mihills wins again

The Rappahannock River Yacht Club hosted the third Typhoon Nationals Regatta June 6-8. Racers came from Michigan, South Carolina and Maryland to compete with area sailors in the five races.

For the first time, the Cape Dory Sailboat Owners Association presented the first-place winner in each fleet with the new Carl Alberg Trophy, named after the boat’s designer, reported regatta chairman Chuck Carmichael.

For a third year in a row, Team Mihills placed first in the Championship Fleet. Ron Mihills, with sons Brent and Rick, won aboard Anthem (3, 2, 3, 1, 2).

Carmichael and Bob Fleck placed second on Creampuff (5, 7, 1, 2, 3) and Mike Kennedy and Tom Watkins placed third on Radio Flyer (2, 1, 5, 4, 6).

The Corinthian Fleet’s first place went to the Eternity crew composed of a father and daughter team that raced together for the first time. Larry and Sarah Worthington won (2, 3, 3, 2, 2).

Harry Wells and Matt Wallin placed second on Teacup (3, 2, 1, 1, 7) and Steve Harris and Gordon Nelson placed third on Sierra Rose (6, 4, 4, 5, 5).

The three-day event included a race workshop with Jerry



Larry Worthington and daughter Sarah sailed to first place in the Corinthian Fleet competition.

Latell; a party hosted by Ullman Sails Virginia/Latell Sails; racing on the Rappahannock River and dinner with an awards party, said Carmichael. There were as many volunteers as there were boats, all helping to make this the premier

Typhoon event in the U.S., once again.

Tim Linville served as principal race officer.

Additional pictures will be posted at typhoonnationals.blogspot.com/ and facebook.com/TyphoonNationals.

## SCOREBOARD

**Varsity baseball**  
Region 1A East tournament  
Final  
Northumberland 7, WL. Campbell 6

**Varsity softball**  
Region 1A East tournament  
Final  
William Campbell 3, Rapp. 0

**Varsity boys soccer**  
Region 1A East tournament  
Final  
Essex 3, West Point 0

**Track**  
Group 1A meet  
Boys  
1. Auburn 75. 2. Altavista Combined School 73. 3. Radford High School 66. 4. Lancaster 63. 5. Franklin 44. 6. Northumberland 39. 7. Parry McCluer 39. 8. Galax 31. 9. Cumberland 26. 10. (tie) Rural Retreat 24, Essex 24. 12. Patrick Henry 20. 13.(tie) Charles City 18, Sussex 18. 15. JI Burton 14. 16. Thomas

Walker 12. 17. (tie) George Wythe 11, Northampton 11, Washington & Lee 11. 20. Middlesex 9. 21. (tie) William Campbell 6, Mathews 6. 23. (tie) Honaker 4, Chilhowie 4. 26. Eastern Montgomery 3. 27. Hurley 1.  
Group 1A meet  
Girls  
1. George Wythe 79. 2. Radford 56. 3. West Point 54. 4. (tie) Rappahannock County 45, Chilhowie 45. 6. Lancaster 36. 7. William Campbell 32. 8. Sussex 29. 9. Cumberland 28.50. 10. Essex 28. 11. Middlesex 21. 2. Northampton 18. 13. Covington 17. 14. (tie) Washington & Lee 14, Auburn 14, Eastern Montgomery 14. 17. Parry McCluer 12. 18. Honaker 11. 19. Twin Valley 10. 20. (tie) Rural Retreat 9, Haysi 9. 22. (tie) Mathews 7, Twin Springs 7. 24 King & Queen 6.5 25. Rappahannock 6. 26. Patrick Henry 5. 27. (tie) Holston 4, Northumberland 4. 29. Northwood 2. 30. Fort Chiswell 1.

**Upcoming Games**  
**Baseball**  
June 13:  
Group 1A semifinals at Radford University  
Northumberland vs. Auburn, 1 p.m.  
June 14:  
Group 1A championship at Radford University, 10 a.m.

**Softball**  
June 13:  
Group 1A semifinals at Radford University  
Rappahannock vs. Auburn, 10 a.m.  
June 14:  
Group 1A championship at Radford University, 10 a.m.

**Boys soccer**  
June 13:  
Group 1A semifinals at Radford University  
West Point vs. Galax, 10 a.m.  
Essex vs. Radford, noon  
June 14:  
Group 1A championship at Radford University, 10 a.m.

## The Fishing Line

Fishing picked up again this week. After a cool spring, the water temperature, currently at 73 degrees, is now slightly above last year’s figures in bay waters.

**Striped bass** are still averaging between 16 and 20 inches. There continues to be an abundance of young rockfish in the bay and rivers, yet sizes are rising this week as these fish settle into summer feeding habits.

On the Potomac River, many anglers are trolling with small bucktails rigged with twister tails. This is effective when the main diet of the rockfish in those areas is peanut bunkers and large minnows. There have been a few fish landed in mid river locations that measured over 24 inches this week, but most remain less than 20 inches.

**Puppy drum** showed up this week in more of the west-

ern creeks and rivers feeding the bay waters. Windmill Point, Dividing Creek and the Great Wicomico are holding fish this week. Grassy flats are the hot spots right now when fishing with peeler crab in those areas.

Tommy Watson of Wicomico Church caught several near Ingram Bay Marina on a trip this week.

**Croaker** are biting well, with sizes inching upward this week. There are still large numbers of fish in the 7-9 inch range, but the patient angler will land a nice bunch of fish up to 12 inches in the rivers. During the daytime hours they tend to be in deeper water, but near sunset shallow water locations are yielding good numbers.

**Bluefish** are moving through the area again this week. More have moved into southern

by Capt. Billy Pipkin

Maryland and lower Potomac waters as well. I have caught a few blues up to 3 pounds in the chum line this week. That offers potential for a nice fishery later this month when the striped bass season ends.

If you want to try something a little different, try fishing out of a kayak. It offers a wonderful option for light tackle enthusiasts and gives you a ‘close to nature’ experience. We are offering Eco and Fishing kayak tours to several locations around the rivers and bay. Enjoy your week of fishing and relaxation and until next time...Fair winds.

*Capt. Billy Pipkin owns and operates Ingram Bay Marina and Capt. Billy’s Charters near Wicomico Church at the mouth of the Great Wicomico River: 804-580-7292, or www.ingram-baymarina.com.*

## Weekly Tides

Windmill Point – Sunrise & Moon – June 2014

<b>Fri. 6/13</b>	Low 6:11 -0.2' High 11:49 1.3' Low 6:12 -0.2'	Sunrise 5:43 Sunset 8:27 Moonset 6:19 Moonrise 8:58	<b>Tue. 6/17</b>	High 2:53 1.5' Low 9:33 -0.2' High 3:22 1.4' Low 9:54 -0.1'	Sunrise 5:43 Sunset 8:29 Moonset 10:50
<b>Sat. 6/14</b>	High 12:16 1.6' Low 7:01 -0.2' High 12:40 1.3' Low 7:04 -0.2'	Sunrise 5:43 Sunset 8:28 Moonset 7:23 Moonrise 9:52	<b>Wed. 6/18</b>	High 3:48 1.4' Low 10:25 -0.2' High 4:21 1.4' Low 10:56 0.0'	Sunrise 5:43 Sunset 8:29 Moonrise 12:03 Moonset 11:58
<b>Sun. 6/15</b>	High 1:07 1.6' Low 7:51 -0.2' High 1:33 1.3' Low 7:59 -0.2'	Sunrise 5:43 Sunset 8:28 Moonset 8:31 Moonrise 10:40	<b>Thu. 6/19</b>	High 4:46 1.3' Low 11:20 -0.1' High 5:21 1.4'	Sunrise 5:44 Sunset 8:29 Moonrise 12:39 Moonset 1:04
<b>Mon. 6/16</b>	High 1:59 1.6' Low 8:41 -0.2' High 2:27 1.4' Low 8:55 -0.2'	Sunrise 5:43 Sunset 8:29 Moonset 9:41 Moonrise 11:23	<b>Fri. 6/20</b>	Low 12:00 0.1' High 5:46 1.2' High 12:16 -0.1' Low 6:22 1.4'	Sunrise 5:44 Sunset 8:30 Moonrise 1:15 Moonset 2:08

**Corrections**

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%

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## SPORTS SHORTS

■ **Photo contest**

The prevention services division of the Middle Peninsula Northern Neck Community Services Board is conducting a photo contest. Folks are urged to submit photos promoting healthy living. Submissions would answer “How do you celebrate healthy living?”

Winning entries will be included in an upcoming calendar. Photos must be 8.5 inches by 11 inches, jpg or pdf, with a minimum resolution of 300 DPI. Entries are due by June 27. Submit entries at prevent@mpnn.state.va.us., or call 642-5402.

■ **Boating class**

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 33 will offer a free boating safety class from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. June 14 at Northumberland Rescue Squad, 412 Reed Avenue, Reedville.

To register, contact Walter Montross at wcmontross@aol.com, or 580-2250.

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Dr. Stan Allen (black shirt) launches a tour of the Kauffman Aquaculture Center with an overview of the facility.

## Yacht club tours Kauffman Center

Fifty members of the Indian Creek Yacht Club recently toured the Kauffman Aquaculture Center in Topping. The tour was led by Dr. Stan Allen of the College of William and Mary’s Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS).

The Kauffman Center is devoted exclusively to studying oysters as part of the larger effort to restore the important oyster fishery in the bay.

Dr. Allen is the director of the VIMS Aquaculture Genetics & Breeding Technology Center (ABC), which is dedicated to improving oyster aquaculture through breeding, improved husbandry, and training. ABC was established by the Virginia General Assembly in 1997 to explore and promote the development of aquaculture in the Commonwealth.

Indian Creek yachters were very impressed with the facility and the caliber of Dr. Allen

and his researchers as they were given an overview of the genesis of the laboratory (inspired by a generous gift from Jack and Boots Kauffman) and the feeding and breeding of the oysters for research purposes—a quote from a previous guest was that the research was “eHarmony for oysters!”

“We were so appreciative that Dr. Allen and his team provided such an informative and interesting perspective on oyster research and the overall aquaculture vision for the Chesapeake Bay,” said Susan Wayland, a W&M alumna and co-captain of the cruise with her husband, Bob.

“Our conversations over the table at Merroir later in the day were far more lively and informed because of our education at the Kauffman Center,” she added.

## Crabbe announces his intentions to purchase King Carter Golf Club

Golf pro Jeffrey Crabbe has come home to follow his dream.

The 1998 Northumberland High School graduate and owner of Crabbe’s Golf Management is the new manager of King Carter Golf Club at Hills Quarter.

Crabbe has signed a letter of intent to purchase the 18-hole course at 480 Old St. John’s Road, Irvington, within the next year.

“It’s always been a dream of mine to own my own facility. I think that’s a dream of all golf pros, to have their own course,” he said.



Jeffrey Crabbe, owner of Crabbe’s Golf Management, recently entered a “manage to own” agreement at King Carter Golf Club. Photo by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi

Crabbe, who was born and raised in Ophelia, graduated from Methodist University with a degree in business administration with a concentration in professional golf management. Since 2002, he has worked at three different facilities and came to King Carter from Pinehurst Resort and Country Club in Pinehurst, N.C., where he worked for eight years.

He also worked at the Country Club of North Carolina in Pinehurst and Hammock Beach Resort in Palm Coast, Fla. The past four years at Pinehurst Resort, he was the PGA Head Golf Professional for Course No. 1-5, including the famed Course No. 2 where the 2014 U.S. Open and Women’s U.S. Open will be held.

Crabbe found out in Decem-

ber King Carter was owned by Union Bank with a management company in place. He saw the opportunity to fulfill his dream of owning his own course and started Crabbe’s Golf Management with the intent to purchase the course by June 2015.

“King Carter is the best golf course in the Northern Neck by far, if not one of the best in the state of Virginia,” said Crabbe. “There is so much opportunity for growth here.”

King Carter Golf Club opened in 2005 and has been the property of Union Bank since 2009. Totalling 6,881 yards, it is a par 71 course designed by Joel Weiman.

“Even though it’s been here 10 years, it’s almost like a start-

up [company],” said Crabbe, who added he’s going to “think outside of the box with promotions and packages.

“An 18-hole golf course needs an owner that’s going to be here to make it work,” he said. “I love coming to work, everyday, all day.”

The club has 93 members and Crabbe plans to add more member-only events. The club recently held a “Steaks for the Belmont Stakes” members dinner and party.

“It’s those types of things we want to try to add,” he said. “I’m going to try to do one event a month for the members.

“Building relationships with the members, guests and the community is a matter of the utmost importance to me and will be a priority,” he said. “My goal for King Carter Golf Club is to make the experience memorable and enjoyable while providing world class customer service in every aspect.”

## BRIDGE RESULTS

Nine pairs played the Howell Movement June 4 at the Lancaster Women’s Club.

Winners were first, Jane Bunnell and Betty Fay Lewis; second, Ronnie Gerster and Alice Slember; and third, Iris Panzetta and Elaine Weekley.

The next bridge for this group is Tuesday, June 18, at 1 p.m.



**Undefeated Wildcats**

The Wildcats (above) recently went undefeated for the Lancaster Girls Machine Pitch 2014 season. From left are (front row) Gigi Maytaya and Haley Lewis; (next row) Maddie Ritter, Callie Souders, Laura Sutton, Lilly Penrod, Ella Posey, Evie Allen and Oceana Diaz.

# Childs earns Eagle Scout

Parker Jackson Childs on June 7 received his Eagle Scout Award in a ceremony at Melrose United Methodist Church.

Childs is a member of Boy Scout Troop 250, sponsored by the Northumberland County YMCA. He is a rising junior at Northumberland High School.

Childs’ scouting accomplishments include 29 merit badges, 88 nights camping, 102 miles hiking and over 90 hours of community service, reported Troop 250 Scoutmaster Bob Parker. For his Eagle Scout project, Childs constructed a vinyl fence around the playground at Fairfield’s Baptist Church in Burgess.

He has held the leadership positions of assistant patrol leader, patrol leader, quartermaster, senior patrol leader and Order



Eagle Scout Parker Childs

of the Arrow representative in his troop and has earned the 50-miler award while completing a white-water canoe trip on the New River in 2011, said Parker.

Childs is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow and competes in Native

American Dance where he recently placed second in Section SR-7A in Old Time Sioux Dance. He also attended the 2014 Boy Scout Jamboree.

For his accomplishments, he received the Marine Corps League Good Citizen Award, a commendation from the Virginia Senate and House of Delegates, resolutions of recognition from the Northumberland board of supervisors, Rep. Robert Witman, Gov. Terence R. McAuliffe, U.S. Sen. Mark R. Warner and President Barack Obama, among others, said Parker.

After graduation from Northumberland High School, Childs would like to attend Wyo-tech in Ormond Beach, Fla., to study marine technology and management.

He is the son of the Beth Jones Childs of Heathsville and Tim Childs of Lottsburg and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. James O. (Sonny) Ash and Mr. Phillip H. Deitz, all of Callao.

## SPORTS SHORTS

### ■ Turkey Shoot Regatta

Registration has opened for the Hospice Turkey Shoot Regatta October 3-5, hosted by the Rappahannock River Yacht Club, with support from the Yankee Point Yacht Club. The races are open to sailboats with designs at least 25 years old. The registration fee is \$60 prior to September 1, or \$70.

Competition will be held on the Rappahannock River at Carter’s Creek with land-based activities at Rappahannock Yachts in Irvington. Related socials are open to the public. For registration, schedules and fees, visit [turkeyshoot.org](http://turkeyshoot.org).

### ■ Go fish

The Northern Neck Anglers Club will hold its annual Target Ship Shootout Tournament sponsored by Surfside Bait and Tackle June 21-22. Competition species are croaker, bluefish and flounder.

Annual dues are \$30 and all tournaments are free to members. To join or register for the tournament, visit [northernneckanglersclub.wordpress.com](http://northernneckanglersclub.wordpress.com), or call secretary Mark Roy at 540-550-7108.

### ■ Golf cart raffle

The Northern Neck Rotary Club is selling raffle tickets for a “like new” Club Car Electric Golf Cart. A drawing for the cart will be held at the CAPINNE dinner July 19 at Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club.

Tickets for the raffle are \$10 and may be purchased from any member of the Northern Neck Rotary Club as well as select area businesses. The cart will be on display at area banks and businesses.

## Audubon to host bird walk at Stratford Hall

Frank Schaff of the Northern Neck Audubon Society will lead a bird walk at 9 a.m. June 21 at Stratford Hall Plantation, 483 Great House Road, Montross.

Stratford Hall is the birthplace of Robert E. Lee and home to four generations of the Lee family, including the only brothers to sign the Declaration of Independence, Richard Henry Lee and Francis Lightfoot Lee.

Stratford Hall has a magnificent setting atop a high bluff above the Potomac River, said publicity chairman Maggie Gerdt. Encompassing a total of 1,700 of its original acres, the plantation is still managed as a farm today.

The varied landscape and more than three miles of scenic nature trails lined with wildflowers provide countless viewing opportunities for birding and wildlife enthusiasts, said Gerdt. Among possible bird sightings are great blue and green-backed herons, turkey vultures, osprey, bald eagles, red-tailed hawks, spotted sandpipers, mourning doves and northern mockingbirds.

There is a \$5 entrance fee. Participants should meet at the visitor’s center at 9 a.m. There will be several pairs of loaner binoculars available.

Call Schaff at (462-0084), so a return call can be made in case the walk is cancelled.

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From left are the Rev. John Farmer, Victor Lounsbury, Carter Tignor, Emmet Lounsbury, and IBC Memorial Foundation treasurer Travis Tomlinson.

## Irvington Baptist holds high school senior day

Irvington Baptist Church held high school senior day June 2.

The youth of the church conducted the worship service with 2014 graduates Emmet Lounsbury, Victor Lounsbury and Carter Tignor serving as the youth ministers, reported youth director Hazel S. Farmer.

E. Lounsbury and V. Lounsbury will attend Rappahannock Community College and Tignor will attend Virginia Tech, said Farmer.

Former IBC graduates who returned to participate in the service included Alexander Crittenden, Hill Fleet, Jacob Headley, Eric Keane,

Daniel Rasmussen, George Rasmussen, Justin Stewart, Kevin Stewart, Caitlin Tignor and K. C. Tignor.

On behalf of the church family, the Rev. John Farmer presented each of the 2014 graduates with a personalized Bible and IBS Memorial Foundation treasurer Travis Tomlinson presented each with a college scholarship.

Following the worship service, everyone enjoyed a wonderful luncheon honoring the graduates hosted by youth committee members Patsy Conkle, Amanda Molineaux, Denise Robertson and Terry Tignor.

## NPL summer reading program to begin Monday

The Northumberland Public Library summer reading program will begin Monday, June 16, with the first of seven special reading events at the Northumberland Family YMCA, 6348 Northumberland Highway, Heathsville.

The National Library Association has set "PAWS to Read" as the national theme for summer reading, said children's programs coordinator Jan Bates. Thus, most summer programs will revolve around that animal theme.

Special reading events will continue from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Mondays. The final session, a "Pawty Picnic & Free Swim" will extend from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. July 28.

The events are free, said Bates. Children must be accompanied by an adult. There will be raffle prize drawings at every event for T-shirts, books, and toys.

Programs will include:

- June 16, Magic of Mike Klee.
- June 23, Parade of Paws, with the kennel club
- June 30, "John Smith Boat," presented by the Reedville Fishermen's Museum.
- July 7, A Steamboat Adventure Tale, with children's author Barbara Deitz.
- July 14, Pawfect Pitch, with singer and storyteller Ginger Inabinet.
- July 21, Drawing Creatures with Paws, with artist David Aiken.
- July 28, Pawty Picnic and Free Swim.

### Read to the dogs

On Tuesdays, Read to the Dogs will be offered at the library, 7204 Northumberland Highway, Heathsville.

Kids of any age "may come in with a book in hand for one designated hour every Tuesday and read aloud for 10 minutes, or so, to a trained dog," said Bates. The free program will begin Tuesday, June 17, and continue through August 26.

"The times vary from month to month to accommodate working parents' schedules," she said.

Sessions June 17 and 24 and July 1 will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. Sessions July 8, 15, 22 and 29 will be held from 2 to 3 p.m. Sessions August 5, 12, 19 and 26 will beg held from 6 to 7 p.m.

"This program is proven to be successful in encouraging young readers to read aloud in a judgment-free environment," Bates noted.

Even kids who haven't learned to read yet can take part, she said. The dog handler will read aloud to non-readers who want to share in the fun.

So check out "Read to the Dogs" this summer. "It only takes a few minutes," Bates said, "and is worth the effort."

### Other programs

Other upcoming programs include Story Hours from 10 to 11 a.m. most Wednesdays, a Petting Zoo from 10 a.m. to noon July 16. There also will be a Readers' Theater Workshop from July 31 to August 6. Registration is required for the Reader's Theater Workshop. Visit the library, or call 580-5051.

The library will host Space Camp, for ages 8 to 12, from 9 a.m. to noon August 11, 12, 14 and 15. To register, visit the library, or call.

A \$3,000 grant from Dollar General and a \$750 grant from the Rappahannock Foundation for the Arts are helping to fund the summer reading program, said Bates.

"We are very grateful," she said.

## SCHOOL REPORT

### ■ Dean's list

Alexis B. Hayden of Lancaster was named to the spring 2014 dean's list at the University of Mary Washington in Fredericksburg. Hayden is a junior at UMW.



Desiree Wright

## Wright earns second master's

Desiree Wright, the daughter of Dorothy Wright and the late William Wright of Weems, is a double master's scholar.

She recently graduated with a master's in social work from Hunter College in New York City. She also has a master's in public administration from Metropolitan College of New York City.

Wright lives in Bronx, N.Y.

## Animals For Adoption

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

## Summer instruction offered in woodworking and construction

The Lancaster-Northumberland Chapter of Habitat for Humanity, the Boys and Girls Club of the Northern Neck and the Interfaith Service Council are pooling resources to teach area youth woodworking and construction skills.

Through its Jumpstart Our Youth (JOY) summer program, the Boys and Girls Club will offer those ages 13-18 an opportunity to receive training in carpentry and construction, according to executive director Philip Mumford. Every Tuesday morning from June 24 to August 12 teens interested in developing these skills will have a chance to work under the supervision of experienced mentors at one of two locations where instruction will be provided.

Those ages 16-18 will work at the Habitat home site on Wiggins Avenue in Kilmarnock. They will join other volunteers constructing the chapter's 17th home in the area and table kits for the younger program members, said Habitat board president Nan Flynn.

Younger teens will work at the Boys and Girls Club

assembling and painting kitchen tables. Completed tables will be delivered to the Interfaith Council, which will make them available to families that demonstrate a need for them, said Flynn.

"Our hope is that families with school-age children will receive these tables so they can be used for family meals or completing homework," she said.

Both groups will be supported by club staff, led by teen director Ulysess Turner. Assistance also will be provided by Empowering Youth for Positive Change (EYPC), an organization that assists children who face special behavioral or emotional challenges.

While some youth are fortunate enough to find paid employment during the summer, "Many don't have jobs, so we want to provide opportunities for teens to do something meaningful during these summer months," said Mumford.

"We asked teens that participate in Boys and Girls Club activities what they would like

to see included in summer programs, and learning trade skills was at the top of the list," he said.

Mumford expects 35 to 40 teens will sign up for the program, he said.

Unit director Wardell Carter noted the program can have lasting benefits.

"Those who participate this year may find that they have skills that will help them find paid employment next summer," said Carter.

"What we at the Boys and Girls Club find especially attractive about this partnership is that it gives youth a chance to learn skills while at the same time they are providing a service to their community," said Mumford.

Those interested in volunteering one day a week at either site are urged to call Habitat volunteer coordinator Bruce Craig, 580-4172, or Mumford, 435-9696.

Youth wishing to participate in the construction training program must have permission from a parent or guardian. For fees and requirements, contact the club, 435-9696.

## Registration under way for summer programs

The Boys and Girls Club of the Northern Neck will kick off its eight-week summer session Monday, June 23.

Participating youth will be able to arrive at 7:30 a.m. and leave by 5:30 p.m. each weekday, according to executive director Phillip Mumford. Breakfast, lunch and a mid-afternoon snack will be provided to all who attend. The session will extend to August 15.

The cost for non-registered youth is a one-time club summer/fall membership fee of \$25 and a weekly summer activity fee of \$20. For current registered members the \$25 registration fee is waived.

The program is open to ages 6 to 18.

"This year's summer program promises to be the most exciting ever," said Mumford. "Together with key partner Empowering Youth for Positive Change (EYPC) and community partners such as the YMCA, Habitat for Humanity, several churches and many other organizations, we have planned a schedule packed with new outdoor and skill-building activities, sports, games, fitness classes, field trips, and educational projects aimed at combatting learning

loss over the summer months. But most of all we want our youth participants to have fun!"

Four EYPC counselors will be available four hours per day, four days each week, to work one-on-one and in small groups with youth who may need mentoring on a variety of social and behavioral issues.

Summer field trip destinations for ages 6 to 12 include the Virginia Living Museum in Hampton, the Science Museum of Virginia in Richmond, Stan's Skateland in Montross, Agcroft Hall in Richmond, and Rappahan-

nock Community College-Glenns.

For the teens, destinations include University of Richmond, the Virginia Aquarium in Virginia Beach, Kings Dominion, Tangier Island, rock climbing, river rafting and Fredericksburg attractions.

There also are volunteer opportunities for ages 16 to 18 to assist in the summer program.

Register at the club, 517 North Main Street, Kilmarnock, bgcnn.com, or 435-9696.

## SCHOOL REPORT

### ■ Youth night

Friendship Community House, 549 Chesapeake Drive, will host a Youth Fun Friday event from 7 to 9:30 p.m. June 13 for ages 10 to 15. The fun includes music, crafts, games and refreshments.



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Lexi Hayden prepares a batch of fudge.

## Celebrate sweets

June is National Candy Month and National Dairy Month. June 16 is National Fudge Day. Country Cottage at 795 Rappahannock Drive in White Stone, is celebrating with zeal, reports owners Tim and Pam Sawyer.

"At Country Cottage you will find delicious home-made fudge and gourmet chocolates made right here in Lancaster County," said Pam Sawyer.

They are careful to select only quality ingredients to make their delectable candies, she said.

As National Fudge Day approaches, she and the girls are busy making fudge, including seasonal favorites, said Sawyer. To celebrate, they are offering a special: buy a pound of fudge and get a half pound free.

In observance of National Dairy Month, Country Cottage offers Hershey's premium ice cream in cups, cones, shakes, malts, splits, sundaes and floats, said Sawyer. They also have sugar-free and gluten-free varieties.

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## Select Properties celebrates milestones

The Irvington Office of Select Properties, 4503 Irvington Road, Irvington, is celebrating its 20th anniversary year.

The Irvington office was built by John Dorsey after his retirement from a successful corporate career and is an extension of the Richmond real estate office which has been around for more than 60 years, reported managing broker Colleen Shaut.

Dorsey had been working in the building products business so it was a natural fit for this outgoing, civic minded Virginia native, said Shaut. Together with his son, Doug Dorsey, Shaut and other agents, they opened the doors in June 1994, filling a niche in the Northern Neck for a customer service focused real estate firm.

Select Properties of Virginia became an affiliate of Christies International Real Estate which focuses on the sale of higher-



Select Properties Irvington Office agents from left are Cathy Rowe, Doug Dorsey, Colleen Shaut, Travis Powell, Bill Spicuzza, John Mecke and Pat Willett. Sam Van Saun also is an agent with the Irvington office.

end properties, and offers a national marketing platform. This affiliation remains an integral part of the Select Properties success, said Shaut.

Both buyers and sellers in the Chesapeake Bay region, as well as clients in the greater Richmond area, benefit from this international marketing plat-

form, she said. In most years, 60% of the buyers at "The River" come from the Richmond area.

"John was an ambassador for Irvington and the Chesapeake Region, often taking clients out on his picnic cruising boat, Traveller, or his 1939 Ford Woody station wagon," said Shaut. "He easily converted them to the simple Northern Neck lifestyle. He was active in the community up until his passing in 2010. All of the associates in the Irvington office carry on John's passion for real estate, people and the Northern Neck."

Today, the Irvington and Richmond offices are staffed by team-oriented advocates with the same attention to detail and commitment as they did when the company was founded, she said. The celebration for Select Properties will be both for its milestone and a tribute to its past leader, John Dorsey.

## EVB customers and friends travel to Annapolis

EVB recently hosted a trip for Premier Club customers and friends to Annapolis.

This over-subscribed trip was met with much excitement as 54 guests enjoyed private guided tours of the U.S. Naval Academy, lunch at Philip's Seafood Restaurant, and concluded their day aboard the Harbor Queen for a narrated cruise of the Annapolis Harbor, reported senior vice president Patricia Gallagher.

Travelers were immersed in maritime history. Great moments and heroes in U.S. Navy and Marine Corps history were represented throughout the Yard in statues, paintings, ships and artifacts, said Gallagher.

Their tour included the John Paul Jones' crypt and many



Sunny skies greeted EVB travelers in Annapolis.

notable monuments dedicated to naval heroes, she continued. The harbor cruise narration explained Annapolis' role as an historic seaport and highlighted the significance of the region's waterways.

Gallagher announced the next Premier Club trip will be to the "Land of the Pennsylvania Dutch." There, guests will be treated to Sight and Sound's "Moses" production, a tour of

Longwood Gardens and a visit to Winterthur Museum, where a private tour of the Tappahannock Room will be offered as well as a special Downton Abbey Costumes exhibit.

## 'Extraordinary Nurse' recognized

Nurses at Riverside Walter Reed Hospital are being honored with The DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses. The award is part of the National DAISY Foundation's program to recognize the super-human efforts nurses perform every day.

The first Riverside Walter Reed DAISY Award recipient is Susan Frishkorn, RN in the emergency department. The nomination is in relation to the extraordinary care given to a family vacationing in the Williamsburg area who were enjoying the day in Williamsburg when their 9-year-old son suddenly began to have some difficulty breathing that quickly progressed to a full blown asthma attack.



From left are Riverside Walter Reed Hospital nursing director Gaynor Callis, The DAISY Extraordinary Nurse Award recipient Susan Frishkorn, RN, and Riverside Health Systems chief nursing officer Terrie Kennedy.

The mother, being unaware of the area, plugged the nearest hospital into her GPS and it led her to RWRH from Williamsburg.

Upon arrival at the emergency department, she was met with numerous nurses who welcomed her and comforted her while others treated her son immediately. It was determined that her son needed to be transferred to a pediatric hospital and transport to MCV was arranged.

The care didn't stop there—Frishkorn ensured that all siblings and mom had a warm meal before they left. With the mother's permission, she called their hotel and worked with the management to extend her stay and receive a credit for their stay.

"This is a primary example of caring for others as we would care for those we love and this is but one example of how Susan lives the Riverside Care Difference and is one of our extraordinary nurses," said RWRH nursing director Gaynor Callis.

The DAISY Foundation is based in Glen Ellen, Calif. It was established by family mem-

bers in memory of J. Patrick Barnes. Barnes died at the age of 33 in 1999 from complications of Idiopathic Thrombocytopenic Purpura (ITP), an auto-immune disease.

The care Barnes and his family received from nurses while he was ill inspired this means of thanking nurses for making a profound difference in the lives of their patients and patient families.

"When Patrick was critically ill, our family experienced firsthand the remarkable skill and care nurses provide patients every day and night. Yet these unsung heroes are seldom recognized for the super-human work they do," said The DAISY Foundation president and co-founder Bonnie Barnes. "The kind of work the nurses at Riverside Walter Reed Hospital are called on to do every day epitomizes the purpose of The DAISY Award."

Each quarter, nominations are reviewed and a nurse will be selected by the RWRH Nursing

Professional Practices/Shared Governance Group and Nursing Administration. Nurses are nominated by patients, families and their peers. Nominations are taken throughout the year at the displays located in the hospital lobby and registration areas.

At a presentation given in front of the nurse's colleagues, physicians and peers, the honoree will receive a certificate commending her or him for being an "Extraordinary Nurse," and a sculpture called A Healer's Touch, hand-carved by artists of the Shona Tribe in Africa.

"We are proud to be among the hospitals across the country participating in the DAISY Award program," said Callis. "Nurses are heroes every day. This is one step in recognizing their extraordinary efforts on behalf of their patients. It is important that our nurses know their work is highly valued and does not go unnoticed. The DAISY Foundation and award provides a way for us to do that."

## Secretary Haymore to discuss importance of agriculture locally

To recognize the importance of agriculture to Virginia's economy and the significance of small grain production to the Northern Neck's economy, Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry Todd Haymore will speak at 8:30 a.m. June 19 at the Perdue Grain Oilseed facility in Kin-sale.

"We are honored to have the secretary visit the Northern Neck and recognize the hard-working local farmers in this area," said Del. Margaret Ransone. "Throughout history, agriculture has been the economic driver for this area."

Representatives of the Virginia Agribusiness Council, the Virginia Grain Producers Association and Virginia Farm

Bureau also will participate.

June is when Virginia farmers harvest the majority of their wheat, and on June 19 many area farmers will be unloading grain trucks at the Perdue facility, said Mike Bryant, president of the Northumberland/Lancaster County Farm Bureau.

Bryant, who sells about 50,000 bushels of grains to Perdue each year, will be present. The granary is important to both farmers and the local economy, he said.

The granary is in Westmoreland County, where agriculture and forestry are the county's fourth-largest industries. More than 9,000 acres of wheat, 14,100 acres of corn and 20,720 acres of soybeans were harvested in Westmoreland in 2012.

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**Gallery open house flows onto the porch**  
The Artist's Shelf, 72 North Main Street, Kilmarnock, held an open house June 7 to introduce the community to some 50 artists whose works are represented at the town's newest gallery. From left are owner and operator Andrew Ugalde, artists Don Leach, Rhonda Lawrence and Barbara Touchton and caterer Susan Smith of Car Wash Cafe.



Artists and guests moved onto the porch and lawn to enjoy the sunny afternoon. Merry Point artist Rick Kantor said he is happy to exhibit at The Artist's Shelf. He has sold a couple pieces already, said Kantor. "Andrew has lots of good ideas," he added. From noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 14, The Artist's Shelf will host "Authors' Day-Book Signing" on the porch. Photos by Robert Mason Jr.

# Vineyard and oyster company team up for weekend pairings

The Dog and Oyster Vineyard and Windmill Point Oyster Company will offer oyster tastings, wine tastings and pairings of each at the vineyard, 170 Vineyard Drive, Irvington.

The wine tasting room, known as the Wine Stand, is open daily 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and oysters will be offered Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

From the very beginning, The Dog and Oyster Vineyard was going to be inextricably linked to one of the area's and Virginia's most treasured assets — the oyster, said co-owner Dudley Patteson. It was so named; and, its nationally acclaimed Chardonel and Vidal Blanc were branded Oyster White and Pearl, respectively. Oysters and wine tastings and pairings were always the plan.

The only thing missing was the oyster component, continued Patteson. The goal was to find a local oyster company that shared the same vision, work ethic and, most of all, the passion about the oyster as the vineyard had demonstrated with its wine.

"Together they would have



From left are Windmill Point Oyster Company operations manager Wyatt Smith, Natalie Mahgerefteh, owner Mike Sledd and The Dog and Oyster Vineyard co-owner and winegrower Mark Hollingsworth.

the ultimate pairing—where the terroir and merroir were the same," he said.

The pairing will create a sense of place where both the grapes and the oysters are influenced by the same set of special characteristics—geography, geology, climate, and care—making them truly harmonious, added Patteson.

Windmill Point Oyster Company was the natural fit, he continued. Its owner and management team represent the next generation of watermen. They live and breathe the value to be found in their

oysters.

Oyster tastings are comprised of three choices, raw, steamed, or roasted, each with its own taste and flavor. The oysters are named for their outstanding growing location in Little Bay, just outside White Stone.

Little Bay Lovelies are available for tasting. Six raw oysters for \$9 or six roasted oysters for \$12. Beverages and gourmet sausages are also available for purchase at the Oyster Stand.

Through June, The Dog and Oyster will offer four wines for \$6—its 2013 Oyster White (Chardonel) and 2013 Pearl (Vidal Blanc), a 2012 Rosie (Rose') and its prized 2012 Merlot.

Winegrower Mark Hollingsworth has chosen to barrel age in the Bordeaux style the 2013 Chambourcin (Shelter Dog Red) along with its 2013 Merlot and they won't be available until September. The 2012 Chardonel, Vidal Blanc and Chambourcin were sell-outs.

Noteworthy is the twice Silvered (Sonoma and the 2014 Governor's Cup) 2012 Merlot which retails at the Wine Stand for \$40 a bottle. These Silvers were won after just 6 months of bottle aging, so it is expected to be a Gold after a year or more of additional aging, as is the custom.

## Connie H. Shelton is named top RGH employee for June

Connie H. Shelton, RN, has been selected as Rappahannock General Hospital's Employee of the Month for June 2014.

Shelton works on the RGH Bridges In-Patient unit, and has been with RGH since March 2006, according to Rachael Haynie. She graduated from the Riverside School of Professional Nursing in 1982.

"I [have always taken] care of my family and career!" "I look forward towards retirement..." said Shelton.

She lives in Mathews County. Her family includes husband Preston, and three adult children.



Connie H. Shelton, RN

## Website answers questions regarding GMOs

"Do GMOs cause cancer?" That's the leading question for Americans surveyed, regarding genetically modified organisms.

GMO Answers, an initiative committed to creating conversations about GMOs and food production, conducted a national survey earlier this year and has been answering a question a week at gmoanswers.com.

"Eight out of 10 folks surveyed wanted to know if GMOs were linked to cancer," said GMO Answers spokeswoman Dr. Cathleen Enright. She is executive vice president of food and agriculture for the Biotechnology Industry Organization, the world's largest biotechnology trade association.

Other questions in the Top 10 are related to allergies; farmers' ability to choose genetically modified or non-modified seed for their crops; GMOs' relationship to the price of food; and proposed mandatory labeling of GMO food products. GMO Answers sought information from scientists, doctors, farmers and professionals in other relevant fields.

"Do GMOs cause cancer?" was addressed by Dr. Kevin Folta, interim chairman and associate professor in the University of Florida's Horticultural Sciences Department. He said there is "absolutely zero reputable evidence that GMO foods cause cancer."

GMO Answers also cites a study published in 2012 in Regulatory Toxicology and Pharmacology that reviewed seven cohort studies and 14 case studies and found "no consistent pattern or positive associations indicating a causal relationship between total cancer or any site-specific cancer and exposure to glyphosate." Glyphosate is an herbicide commonly used on some GMO crops.

GMO Answers launched its website in July 2013 because opposition to GMOs has become more vocal and more effective in creating anti-GMO sentiment. This past winter, Enright spoke at the American Farm Bureau Federation annual

convention, where she said food production using GMO seeds is critical to global food security.

"If we don't make multiple yield gains, we won't have enough food" when the

world's population increases to 9 billion by 2050, she said.

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# DeRose property wins both awards in home parade

by *Renss Green*

Anthony and Mary Beth DeRose have built the first home to win both the peoples' choice and judges' choice awards in the Parade of Homes by the Bay, Lancaster by the Bay Chamber of Commerce executive director Cindi Huey recently announced.

The DeRose property was one 14 homes in Lancaster and Northumberland counties on display in the 2014 Parade of Homes, sponsored by the Lancaster By the Bay Chamber of Commerce.

"A lot of preparation goes into it," DeRose said. "You're working on a year building your home, two years to build your home to get it ready for the parade, to have the very nicest as far as architectural design."

The house, on Carter's Creek, is both DeRose's full-time residence and the show home for his company, A. DeRose and Sons.

"Our own home has always been our model home, because you can't explain the trim, you can't explain the floors, you've got to see it," DeRose said.

Although he has years of experience, DeRose said he is a relative newcomer to the area, and this was his first year competing in the Parade of Homes by the Bay.

"We're not known in this area, but we're around 98 years, four generations," said DeRose.



**Anthony DeRose, owner of A. DeRose and Sons builders, sits in his office overlooking the pool at his waterfront home in Irvington. DeRose's house was the first to win both the people's choice and judge's choice awards in the Parade of Homes by the Bay.**

# USDA to award \$6 million to develop online tools to assist farmers with new Farm Bill

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack recently announced the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is awarding \$6 million to universities and cooperative state extension services to develop online decision tools and other materials and train experts to educate producers about several key farm bill programs.

The tools will help farmers and ranchers determine what participation in programs established by the 2014 Farm Bill will mean for their businesses.

The University of Illinois, along with the Food and Agricultural Policy Research Institute (FAPRI) at the University of Missouri and the Agricultural and Food Policy Center at Texas A&M, will receive a total of \$3 million to develop the new online tools and train state-based extension agents who can in turn help educate farmers.

"Helping farmers and ranchers understand new Farm Bill programs and what the programs mean for their families is one of USDA's top priorities," said Vilsack. "With the resources we're providing, university experts will help ensure farmers and ranchers are highly educated as they make critical decisions about new programs that impact their livelihoods. The new tools that will be developed will empower farmers and ranchers to select the plan that best fits their unique needs."

The new resources will help farmers and ranchers make an educated choice between the new Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) program and the Price Loss Coverage (PLC) program. Once a producer enrolls in the ARC or PLC program, he or she must remain in the program

through the 2018 crop year.

New tools will be provided for other programs as well. Sign-up for the newly established Margin Protection Program for Dairy (MPP) begins late this summer and enrollment for "buy-up" provisions under the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) will begin early next year.

USDA also will award \$3 million to state cooperative extension services—a nationwide network of experts based at land-grant universities—for outreach and education on the new Farm Bill programs. Funds will be used to conduct public education outreach meetings where producers can speak with local extension agents and Farm Service Agency (FSA) staff. Outreach meetings will begin late this summer to help farmers and ranchers understand the new programs and their options.

While universities work to create new online tools, producers now have access to a preliminary website that gives them a chance to begin familiarizing themselves with the new programs and the type of information they will need to consider when deciding which program options work better for them. At this site, farmers and ranchers can view ARC and PLC projected payments, ARC guarantees, and PLC payment rate projections. These tables are available at [fsa.usda.gov](http://fsa.usda.gov).

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### ■ Open house

Gallery 15, 4353 Irvington Road, Irvington, will conduct a Summer Solstice open house from 4 to 6 p.m. June 20, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. June 21 and noon to 2 p.m. June 22. Fusion teas, personally prepared pastries, and more treats by creative contributor and artist Jum Jirapan will be available.

Local, original and affordable art and craft will be highlighted, including oils, watercolors, glass, ceramics, MAMA girl, PattySoap, jewelry, photography, sculpture and furniture.

### ■ Meet the authors

The Artist's Shelf, 72 North Main Street, Kilmarnock, will host "Authors' Day-Book Signing" from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 14.

A partial list of local authors includes Mortimer Payne, Rena Roberts Shipp, David S. Cariens, Barbara Dietz and Rob Ransone.

### ■ Vendors wanted

Crafts people, artists and collectors are needed for 19th annual Fairfield's Fall Festival from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. October 11 on the Fairfield's UMC grounds, 14741 Northumberland Highway, Burgess. Spaces are 12 feet by 14 feet.

The fee is \$25 per space. Civic groups and hobbyists may qualify for free space. Vendors are responsible for their own tables, chairs and shelters. Contact vendor coordinator at 453-3770, or [ladycheltenham@aol.com](mailto:ladycheltenham@aol.com), or visit [fairfields-umc.org](http://fairfields-umc.org).

### ■ Vendor call

The Northern Neck Farm Museum invites vendors who offer antique toys, farm equipment parts, handmade crafts and local fresh produce reflective of farming/country life to participate in upcoming special events. Vendors may participate at no cost for their space.

The next event is Threshing Day June 28. Demonstrations of grain threshing machines and equipment begin at 10 a.m. and continue until the wheat runs out. Vendors may call Frances Stoughton at 761-5952.

### ■ Farm credit

Rebecca Webert recently joined Farm Credit & Country Mortgages' Knowledge Center team as a generalist with a focus on communications. Prior to Farm Credit, she was the education and information coordinator for Lord Fairfax Soil and Water Conservation District where she was responsible for outreach and educational efforts.

She has been a part of organizations such as 4-H, FFA, Junior Hereford Association, Block and Bridle, Virginia Hereford Association and the Virginia Angus Association where she was the executive director.

### ■ Job workshop

Upcoming Virginia Employment Commission workshops include Build Your Confidence and Self Esteem, June 12 (3 p.m.); Ace Your Interview, June 17; Job Corps, June 18; and Health, Nutrition & Budgeting, June 19 (3 p.m.).

Unless otherwise noted, all sessions begin at 10 a.m. at the VEC Workforce Center, 14243 Historyland Highway, Warsaw.

### ■ Old books

The Northumberland Public Library's Ye Olde Book Shoppe, 7072 Northumberland Highway, Heathsville, is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays.

Prices range from 50 cents for paperbacks and children's books to \$3 for new hardcover books and \$2 for older ones. Antique books, coffee table books and sets of more than one volume typically cost \$5.

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