



The Northumberland Indians hold the state championship trophy high last Saturday after beating Honaker, 9-3, in the Group 1A baseball final. Photo by Joey Walker



From left, members of Northumberland High's 2014 Group 1A state championship baseball team are (front row) manager Drew Saville, Brennan Saunders, Trevor Cantrell, Nathaniel Kiss and Josh Hinson; (next row) Carter Deihl, Zak Kent, Jack Jett, Matthew Harris, Brandon Walker, Collin Donovan, Blake Walker and Clinton Carter. Photo by Joey Walker

‘Hot-n-Saucy’ Indians claim 2014 Group 1A state baseball championship

by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi

The Northumberland Indians lived up to their team motto at Radford University last Saturday, where the Honaker Tigers found out just how Hot-n-Saucy a group of 12 young men from the Northern Neck can be.

If there were bets on last Saturday's Group 1A state championship game at Virginia High School League's June Jubilee, odds are unbeaten Honaker probably would have been the slight favorite. The Tigers came in with an unblemished record but left as the state runner-up with a 25-1 mark, losing their very first game of the season in the state championship.

The Indians, who capped a none-too-shabby 23-2 season of their own, walked away with a resounding 9-3 win over Honaker to bring the Group 1A state baseball trophy home to Claraville.

And when they did, they received a king's welcome...or in this case, a champion's welcome, including a police escort to the school where hundreds of fans gathered to celebrate the school's first state baseball championship.

"Coming into the season, we knew we had a solid team, pitching and defense," said coach Johnny Mothershead. "The hitting just came with it."

"A lot of what this championship boiled down to was how the boys played together. They started that hot-n-saucy stuff and we rolled with it and had so much fun with it. But what happened is it turned us into that, into a team that thought we could win a state championship. The talent was always there and it was all about coming together as a team to play."

The Indians came together to shock the Tigers from southwest Virginia's Honaker, which had earned a championship berth with a 5-2 win over William Campbell in a semifinal Friday. Blake Walker was the winning pitcher for the Indians in a 12-6 thumping of Auburn in the other semifinal Friday.

On Saturday, Jack Jett came away with the win, going all seven innings for Northumberland with four strikeouts, five allowed hits and nine walks.

Cool and calm under pressure, Jett got out of a few sticky situations with Honaker leaving the bases loaded in two innings. In fact, the Indians rock solid defense turned a double play in the first inning to leave two Honaker runners stranded, had another double play in the third to leave one runner on and made a third double play in the fourth as the Tigers left the bases loaded.

Northumberland scored nine runs on nine hits and four costly Tiger errors.

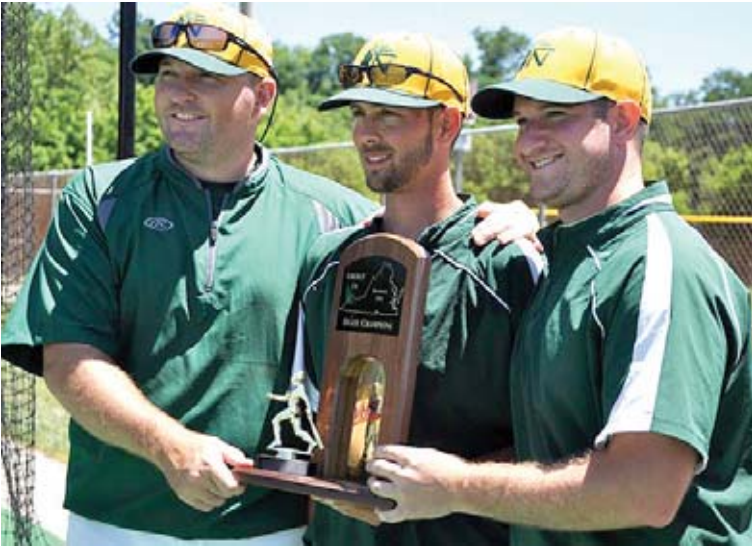
Jett and Matthew Harris had the big sticks for the Indians. Jett batted 3-for-4 with two doubles and three RBIs and Harris went 2-for-3 with a double and three RBIs. Brandon Walker was 1-for-4 with an RBI.

Northumberland scored two runs in the third, one in the fourth, two in the fifth, one in the sixth and three security runs in the top of the seventh.

"The big thing was we kept putting



Robin Jett holds up a Hot-n-Saucy sign to cheer on her Indians at last Saturday's championship at Radford University. Photo by Jacque Jett



From left, Northumberland High's assistant coach Adam Gordon, head coach Johnny Mothershead and assistant coach Brian Hahn accept the state championship trophy. Photo by Jacque Jett



Blake Walker dives into home plate during Northumberland's championship game against Honaker. Photo by Jacque Jett



Senior players on Northumberland High's baseball team graduated on the field at Radford University last Saturday before the state championship game. From left are graduates Collin Donovan, Brennan Saunders, Blake Walker, NHS assistant principal Maggie Massie, Brandon Walker, Matthew Harris and Clinton Carter. Photo by Joey Walker



Blaine Swann lifts Jack Jett above the crowd at the welcome home celebration Saturday afternoon in Claraville. Photo by Jacque Jett



Northumberland's Jack Jett was the winning pitcher in last Saturday's championship. Photo by Mary Lewis



Amaria Ashton displays her catch with help from Smith Point Sea Rescue I Capt. Russ Bertino.

28 youth anglers cast lines on YMCA fishing excursion

Some 28 anglers, ages 9-12, from the Summer Camp Program at Northumberland Family YMCA on June 12 strapped on life jackets, boarded four boats and went fishing. They were accompanied by camp counselors and the branch director Cristian Shirilla, reported Denise Munns.

The "Take a Kid Fishing Day" trip was a collaborative effort among the Reedville Fishermen's Museum, Smith Point Sea Rescue and the YMCA, explained Munns.

RFM boat shop and board member Bill Small had this idea several months ago. In addition to the fishing, he wanted to provide activities to teach kids area heritage.

With the generosity of Smith Point Sea Rescue I, Capt. Russ Bertino and crew, as

well as Capt. Robert Gwaltney, Capt. Buddy Sylvia and Capt. Jim Shaffer, who provided tackle, bait and boats, everyone set out for a morning of fishing. They returned just before noon with more than 60 fish.

Everyone headed to RFM where the kids 'fish printed' t-shirts, toured the museum, its boat and model shops, as well as a Virginia Marine Police Boat docked at the RFM pier, continued Munns. Then in the pouring rain they enjoyed a fresh fish fry. Over 30 RFM volunteers were assisted the kids.

Thanks to Jett's Hardware, Lilian Home Center and RW's Sport Shop, prizes of fishing poles and reels were awarded to the angler catching the largest fish on each boat. Organizers also thanked Omega Protein and Rogers Seafood.



Youth anglers and their support crew experienced a day of fishing on the Chesapeake Bay.

Firecracker 5k to ignite annual July 4 celebration

Runners, joggers and walkers will hit the pavement in Reedville early on Independence Day for the 12th annual Reedville Firecracker 5K Run/Walk.

The event will ignite the village's Independence Day Celebration July 5. The race starts at 8 a.m. at Festival Halle, 177 Main Street, Reedville. Registration and packet pickup times are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 4 at Festival Halle and from 6:45 to 7:45 a.m. on race day.

Trophies will be awarded to the top three male and female finishers in eight age groups, 12 and younger, 13-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69 and 70 and older.

Registration is \$25 for adults and \$10 for ages 12 and younger. T-shirts are guaranteed to the first 300 folks to register.

The course is flat and will extend along Main Street and finish by winding through the back streets of Reedville.

Profits support the Reedville Independence Day Fireworks Celebration.

Fireworks will be held at 9 p.m. July 5 over Cockrell's Creek. The fireworks conclude a day-long celebration featuring food, music, games and a 3 p.m. parade.

Registration may be mailed to the Reedville Firecracker 5K, P.O. Box 306, Reedville, VA 22539, or by calling 453-6529. Make checks payable to the Greater Reedville Association.

RW-C schedules 2014 Mind & Muscle series

Rappahannock Westminister-Canterbury recently announced the schedule for its third annual Mind & Muscle series.

The initial presentation will take place at 11 a.m. July 7. Jane Brouse and the RW-C dining staff will conduct a cooking demonstration featuring Mediterranean foods. The demonstration will be held in the Chesapeake Center auditorium on the RW-C campus, 132 Lancaster Drive, Irvington.

Wellness director Jonathan Smith and one of the program organizers said the Mind & Muscle Series was created in 2012 to highlight the importance of brain health and physical fitness for overall wellness.

"We wanted to develop a program that made RW-C residents and community members aware of the latest research about keeping healthy as they age," said Smith. "We also wanted to develop interactive experiences that would encourage people to learn how to engage in wellness activities."

"Our initial goal in sponsoring the Mind & Muscle series was to encourage older adults to learn the benefits of keeping their brains and bodies active," said president Stuart Bunting. "What we've discovered is that many of the healthy habits we are promoting are good for people of any age. That's why we are encouraging everyone in the community, regardless of age, to join us for these programs."

"Our initial presentation is an example of how being mindful of what we eat can make a difference in our health at any age," said resident program development coordinator Amy Lewis, another organizer of the annual program.

The Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Mich., reports that research has shown that following a traditional Mediterranean diet can reduce the risk of heart disease and cancer, she added. Additionally, those who adopt the healthy eating habits promoted by this eating regimen show reduced incidence of

Parkinson's and Alzheimer's.

Future Mind & Muscle events will include a presentation August 4 by Ashley-Nicole Carmichael of the Virginia Commonwealth University School of Pharmacy. Carmichael will speak about the use and misuse of prescription drugs and provide tips for taking medications appropriately.

On September 8, Merthia Haynie, DPT, who manages a physical therapy clinic in Northumberland County, will speak about the benefits of physical therapy.

On October 11, RW-C will sponsor the third annual 5K race and 1-Mile Fun Walk. Organizers are again planning a Halloween theme.

Participants at all presentations are invited to remain afterwards for a complimentary buffet luncheon. Reservations are required. Separate reservations must be made for each event. To attend the presentation on Mediterranean cooking, call 438-4000 on or after June 23.

Typhoon Spring Racing winners are announced

The spring Typhoon Racing Season has come to a close and the results are in. For the first time, during regular weekly racing, there were two competitive fleets, the Championship and Corinthian. Even with stormy weather an issue, nine races were completed by a group of enthusiastic crews. This year, Sissy Crowther and Arabella Denvir captured first-place honors in the Championship Fleet, beating a record number of regular competitors. They won aboard Ad Astra.

"Their team is great fun to compete against and generally at the top of the standings," said Ned Crockett.

Gary Hooper and crew on board Kestrel came in second in the series followed by Ron and Brent Mihills placing third on Anthem. "I've been sailing these waters since I was a kid," said Crockett. "It's a pleasure to race against these knowledgeable teams on a regular basis."

In the Corinthian Fleet, Danielle and George Kuper aboard Ty Affair won first-place honors. Harry and Jane Wells came in second on Tea Cup. They were followed by Stan Polhamus on Ty Affair



From left are Arabella Denvir and Sissy Crowther.

for third.

John Friday, owner of Custom Yachts in Irvington, created a second trophy for the new fleet winners. Typhoon winners are allowed to keep their Championship Fleet or Corinthian Fleet Cup until the next racing season. The cups are passed to the first-place finishers each spring and fall.

In addition to Wednesday night racing, this year also marked the inaugural Women's Typhoon Racing Program. Started by Stephanie Chaufourier, it took place on

Sunday afternoons and was won by Danielle Kuper and Lisa Shivers aboard Ty Affair.

Top Typhoon racers acted as mentors to the women teams. Their coaching reportedly helped increase both the confidence and skill level of the women, insuring more racers in the future.

Complete race standings and more photos are available at rryc.org.

SPORTS SHORTS

■ Free lessons

The Woman's Club of Northumberland County will give free bridge and mahjong lessons from 9 to 11 a.m. Monday, June 30, at the clubhouse, 2928 Northumberland Highway, Lottsburg.

BRIDGE RESULTS


Nine pairs played the Howell Movement June 11 at the Woman's Club of White Stone. Winners were first, Judy Peifer and Virginia Adair; second, Betty Fay Lewis and Ginger Klapp; and third, Carolyn Reed and Iris Panzetta.

The next bridge for this group is Thursday, June 19, and Monday, June 23, at 1 p.m.

Six tables of duplicate bridge were in play June 10 at Hills Quarter.

Winners north/south were first, Rhonnie Kerr and Sheila Nelson; second, Penny Marshall and Edna Forshaw; and third, Fran Green and Daria Lowe.

Winners east/west were first, Brown Mobley and Barbara Dunnivant; second, Theresa Williams and Barbara Ginocchio; and third, Judy Hagerstrom and Lorri Amidon.



Weekly Tides

Windmill Point – Sunrise & Moon – June 2014

	Low	High	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Fri. 6/20	12:00 0.1'	5:46 1.2'	5:44	8:30	1:15	2:08
	Low 12:16 0.1'	High 6:22 1.4'				
Sat. 6/21	1:04 0.2'	6:47 1.2'	5:44	8:30	1:50	3:11
	Low 1:12 0.0'	High 7:22 0.4'				
Sun. 6/22	2:07 0.2'	7:47 1.1'	5:44	8:30	2:27	4:12
	Low 2:07 0.0'	High 8:20 1.4'				
Mon. 6/23	3:06 0.2'	8:44 1.1'	5:44	8:30	3:06	5:12
	Low 3:01 0.0'	High 9:14 1.4'				

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%

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Vaughan wins two bench rest matches

The Rappahannock Pistol & Rifle Club conducted two bench rest rifle matches on June 14 at the range on Blueberry Point Road near White Stone.

Each match consisted of 20 shots in 20 minutes from sand bags or mechanical rests on a shooting bench at a distance of 100 yards, reported Tom Smith. The center of the rim-fire target consists of a “10” ring with a radius of 1 inch with a smaller “X” ring the size of a quarter. The center of the center-fire (high power) target consists of a “10” ring with a radius of 7/8 inch with a smaller “X” ring the size of a dime in the center of the “10” ring with additional outer rings scoring smaller points.

Breezy and swirling winds made for difficult conditions for the competitors, particularly with the wind’s effect on the light rim-fire bullets such as the .22 long rifle and .17 HMR rounds, said Smith.

Rick Vaughan captured first place in the rim-fire match with a score of 197- 9X, followed by Ted Haynie with 194 -7X, and Bob Ohanesian with 187-3X.

In the center-fire match, Vaughan again took first-place honors with a score of 200- 14 X. Smith was second with 199-9X and Bob Evans, third with 198-10X.



Center-fire winners from left are Rick Vaughan, Tom Smith, and Bob Evans.



Rim-fire winners from left are Rick Vaughan, Ted Haynie and Bob Ohanesian.

Golden Eagle

The Golden Eagle Golf Club play day winners for last week were first, Tom Ray; second, (tie) Rob Grace and Rudy Nessel.

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The Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club 9-hole winners for May 6 were first, Joyce Mullins, Helen Carson and Teensa Williams; second, Linda Price, Margaret Teal and Janet Blunt; and third, Mary Hug, Carol Johnson and Naomi Lowe.

The Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club Men’s Member-Guest Golf Tournament overall champions were Monte Todd and Jon Couch. Winners were Todd/Crouch flight, Gib Carson and Jason Carson; runners-up, Tom Rowland and Dan Baker; Carson/Carson flight, Steve Edmonds and Mac Janney; runners up, Joe Hudnall and Welby Saunders; Brent/Webb flight, Jay Wallin and Phil Carrasco; runners up, Rob Corrie and Steve Dill; Wallin/Carrasco flight, Harold

CLUB GOLF



From left are Monte Todd and Jon Couch.

Guy and Bob Chambers; runners up, Jack Blunt and Roger Harshbarger; Blunt/Harshbarger flight, Mac Conway and James Conway; runners up, Ed Bunch and Chris Bunch; Vose/ Murray flight, Ken Sparks and Steve Harlan; runners up, Phil Evans and Elliott Cole; and Teal/Hamrah flight, Bill Berger and Arvid Frankenhoff; runners up, Lew Butler

and Bob Butler.

Quinton Oaks

The Quinton Oaks Senior Men’s League first flight winners for June 10 were first, Don Short; second, Jack Russell; and third, (tie) Stan Rembisz and Ray Jones. Second flight winners were first, Harry Franklin; second, John Ollis; and third, Rich Sellman.

State releases spring gobbler season report

Spring turkey hunters reported harvesting 17,582 birds during the 2014 season which recently concluded according to the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries.

The 2014 spring harvest was 9% lower than the recent record harvest of 19,265 birds set in 2013, but ranks fifth overall among previous spring season harvests, reported upland game bird project leader Gary Norman.

The harvest east of the Blue Ridge Mountains was 11% lower than last year’s harvest, 12,994 compared to 11,582, said Norman. In counties west of the Blue Ridge Mountains the harvest decreased 4%, or 6,000 compared to 6,271.

Some 90% of the birds were harvested by hunters using shotguns, he continued. Rifles accounted for 8% of the harvest. The majority of birds, 92%, were harvested on private lands. The balance was reported from hunters hunting on federal, 6%, or state lands, 2%.

Population index

Because the spring harvest is believed to be the best index to turkey populations, the record 2013 harvest and high 2014 harvest suggests a robust turkey population, said Norman. Over the last 10 years, the turkey population has increased 2.7% annually. However, population levels were not uniform across the state.

Populations in the Tidewater Region and the South Mountain Region are believed to be the highest in the state, he said. The lowest densities can be found in the North Mountain and North Piedmont Regions. The South Piedmont Region had a healthy, but moderate population density compared to the other regions.

Strong reproduction in 2011 and 2013 has helped maintain current high population levels, he continued. However, recruitment in 2012 was below the average index reported during the last seven years. Over the past seven years the highest recruitment index was observed in 2011.

Gobbling

Two-year-old gobblers make up an important part of the gobbler season as they typically gobble frequently and they generally compose a significant percentage of the harvest, he said. The poor 2012 hatch helps explain some the decline in the 2014 harvest.

Weather is also an important factor impacting hunter success rates, added Norman. Good gobbling requires good weather. More birds were killed on Saturdays than any other day of the week. Fortunately, Saturday weather during the 2014 season was generally favorable, with the exception of the weekend of May 10 when significant rainfall occurred throughout the state.

Hunting

Recruitment and retention of hunters is a critical aspect to the future of hunting, said Norman. The Special Youth Season and Apprentice season offers a day for young hunters and inexperienced adults to be introduced to spring gobbler hunting at a time when competition is low.

Slightly more than 2% (394 birds) of the 2014 season total harvest came during the Youth and Apprentice Season. Weather conditions during the 2014 Youth and Apprentice season were favorable for hunting across the state.

There appears to be a declining trend in harvest during the Youth and Apprentice Season over the past three years as nearly 3% of the spring harvest came during the 2013 season and 4% in the 2012 season.

In summary, the 2014 spring season was down 9%, but the harvest suggests the population is still at very high levels despite the poor reproduction in 2012, he said. This robust turkey population offers Virginia hunters extensive opportunities for high quality turkey hunting throughout most of the Commonwealth.

Management

While the statewide results are encouraging, population levels and harvest are relatively low in the North Mountain and North Piedmont Regions, said Norman. The relatively low turkey populations in these two regions was recognized in the department’s recently completed Wild Turkey Management Plan.

The 10-year plan contains goal and objective directions that address desired turkey population levels, turkey-related recreation, hunting traditions, allocation of fall harvests, safety, ethics and compliance with the law, and human-wild turkey problems.

The plan is available at dgif.virginia.gov/wildlife/turkey/management-plan/.

SPORTS SHORTS

■ Cross-country flight

The Northern Neck-Middle Peninsula Chapter of the Virginia Aeronautical Historical Society will meet at 11:30 a.m. June 19 at the Pilot House Restaurant, 2737 Greys Point Road, Topping.

The chapter will host guest speaker David Grow, seasoned aviator and longtime Gloucester resident, who will relate his recent cross-country flight, flying a 1946 Aeronca “Champ” from Longmont, Colo., to West Point.

■ 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.

■ Women take aim

The Rappahannock Pistol and Rifle Club will host a Women on Target Clinic in association with the Women of the NRA on September 20 at the RPRC Shooting Range, 640 Blueberry Point Road, White Stone.

This clinic is open to all women, ages 18 and older, regardless of any firearm experience. The clinic will offer one-on-one instruction on how to safely handle and shoot firearms. Sign up at rprclub.com, wotrprc.va@gmail.com, or call 435-3859.

■ Protection course

The Rappahannock Pistol and Rifle Club will sponsor a Personal Protection in the Home course June 20 and 21. Those interested in participating in classes may contact the club via the website, or call training officer Mike Farson, 757-784-5040.

■ Jacob’s Ladder

Golf Classic

The 21st annual Jacob’s Ladder Golf Classic will be held July 18 at Golden Eagle Golf Course, 364 Clubhouse Road, Irvington. Registration will begin at 10:30 a.m., contests at 11 a.m., and shotgun start at noon. The format is four-person teams, preferred drive, play own ball thereafter—two best scores.

Lunch, a celebration supper and awards are included. The fee is \$150 per person. Register at jladder.org, or call 1-800-368-2870, or 758-0712.

■ 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.

■ 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, or call secretary Mark Roy at 540-550-7108.

■ Summer Slam

The 2014 Summer Slam Camp, sponsored by the Youth Club of Lancaster County, will be held July 28 through August 1 at Dream Fields, 1693 Irvington Road, Kilmarnock. Instruction in softball or baseball is offered for ages 7-12.

The fee is \$150 for a full day, or \$100 for a half day. Registration forms are available at the Northern Neck Family and Middlesex YMCAs, Lancaster Primary School, Middlesex Elementary School, Northumberland Elementary School and youthcluboflanccaster-county.org, or contact camp coordinator Damien Crissey, 814-327-6609, or dcrissey@lcs.k12.va.us.

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Brian McArdle attends closing ceremonies at Tradewinds, which included the Prime Minister, U.S. Ambassador to the Eastern Caribbean and Gen. John Kelly, Commander U.S. Southern Command.

McArdle returns from Tradewinds deployment

Brian McArdle, director of international affairs and a member of Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 33, recently completed a deployment with the U.S. Coast Guard and SOUTH-COM Area Command.

McArdle was assigned as a public information officer for the Tradewinds Exercise conducted in Antigua and Barbuda. Tradewinds is a joint exercise conducted with partner nations to enhance the collective abilities of defense forces and constabularies to prevent transnational organized crime; and to conduct humanitarian/disaster relief operations.

“Members of the United States Army, Navy and Coast Guard conducted training exercises for military and police personnel from 11 different countries around the Caribbean Basin,” said McArdle. “The members of these units are working hard to reduce or eliminate illegal guns and drugs from entering their country.”

McArdle also participated in high-speed pursuit exercises on the waters around Antigua and Barbuda on Coast Guard boats from St. Kitts and Nevis, Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica and Grenada. Crews from different countries were mixed on the boats to assist in becoming familiar with each other’s procedures and learning to work with each other.

“A number of humanitarian exercises were conducted for the purpose of having countries work together to assist civilians. A few of the exercises were as real as you can get,” said McArdle. “For example, the plane crash scenario at sea had actual people in the water with ‘wounds.’ Units from hospitals, EMS, fire, police and the Army all participated with members of the Lifeguard Association acting as survivors.”

This was McArdle’s fourth deployment on a Tradewinds Exercise.



From left are John Weaver, Steve Callis and Bob Hudson with their ribbons.

John Weaver wins annual sporting clays shotgun competition

Shotgun shooters from the Rappahannock Pistol & Rifle Club traveled to Old Forge Sporting Clays near Providence Forge June 12 for their annual RPRC sporting clays competition.

John Weaver easily captured first place with a score of 94, followed by Steve Callis with 87 and Bob Hudson, 84.

The round consisted of 100 clay targets thrown as report pairs (second target is released at the sound of the first shot) from a total of 15 different stations, including difficult incoming, dropping, and extreme crossing targets not seen at the RPRC trap range on Blueberry Point Road near White Stone, reported Tom Smith.

‘Go Wild’ deemed a success by organizers

On May 18, “Go Wild” was held at the Hutchinson Tract of the Rappahannock Wildlife Refuge, Tappahannock.

It was a beautiful day enjoyed by close to 200 participants, reported Brenda Sanders for sponsoring organization, the Rappahannock Wildlife Refuge Friends.

The RWRF members thanked Allison’s Ace Hardware, Clean Virginia Waterways, L3 (Ladies, Locked & Loaded), Foxy in Kilmarnock, Lottsburg Cafe, Sports Centre, Bay & River Home Decor, Ultimate Interiors, Merrior Tasting Room, Papeterie of Kilmarnock and Tidewater Oyster Gardeners Association.

Also, Farm & Home Supply of Kilmarnock, Annette Bareford, Beach Ann Things, Alessa E. Lemming, Cindy Packett, Marie Minor, John Obolewitz, Wes Marston and the “anonymous” donor for their generosity in providing items that were a part of the silent auction.

Members also thanked the Virginia Department of For-

estry, Fort A.P. Hill, the Northern Neck Audubon Society, the Northern Neck Land Conservancy, the Northern Neck Master Naturalists, the Rappahannock Carvers Guild, the Rappahannock River Valley NWR, and the Rappahannock Spurs—Chapter of National Wild Turkey Federation.

Also, Friends of the Rappahannock, The Nature Conservancy, The Raptor Conservancy, Tidewater Oyster Gardeners Association, USDA Soil & Water Conservation District of Warsaw, Virginia Department of Conservation & Recreation—Natural Heritage Program, the Virginia Native Plant Society and the Virginia Water Fowler’s Association.

The Rappahannock Wildlife Refuge Friends is an independent, nonprofit group of individuals dedicated to supporting the National Wildlife Refuge System and promoting awareness of the Rappahannock River Valley National Wildlife Refuge through education and support.

Virginia State Parks offer special camping opportunities on June 28

To celebrate the June 28 Great American Backyard Campout (GACB), folks don’t need to travel much farther than their backyard to one of the 36 Virginia State Parks.

All of Virginia’s state parks offer special programs for the annual event designed to get more families outdoors and enjoying nature through camping. The National Wildlife Federation sponsors the event nationally.

“There is something extraordinary about being surrounded by nature at night in your tent,” said Craig Seaver, Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation interim state parks director. “Across the country state parks are close to home and where most people learn to camp and enjoy the outdoors.”

DCR manages Virginia’s

award-winning state parks.

Fourteen parks are offering June 28 overnight group camping and activities: Belle Isle State Park in Lancaster, Caledon State Park in King George, Claytor Lake State Park in Dublin, False Cape in Virginia Beach, Grayson Highlands State Park in Mouth of Wilson, Holliday Lake State Park in Appomattox, Hungry Mother State Park in Marion, James River State Park in Gladstone, Natural Tunnel State Park in Duffield, New River Trail State Parks in Max Meadows, Powhatan State Park in Powhatan, Sky Meadows State Park in Delaplane and Wilderness Road State Park in Ewing. Leesylvania State Park in Woodbridge has an overnight event June 21.

The GABC events are designed to provide families

new to camping the help they need to develop a lifetime passion; but they are also fun for veteran campers. Even parks that do not offer camping are having special GABC camping opportunities. Some parks offer camping equipment and four of the programs are free. For a complete list of GABC events including prices and registration information, go to tiny.cc/ywvvvgx.

Virginia has 24 state parks that offer camping on a regular basis. To make camping reservations for the weekend of

June 28, or anytime, call 800-933-7275, or reserve at virginiastateparks.gov. Also use that address for information on all state park programming by clicking on “What to do.”

Whether camping in a state park or in the backyard, take the National Wildlife Federation campout pledge at nwf.org/great-american-backyard-campout.aspx. Participating in the Great American Backyard Campout is part of Virginia State Park’s month-long celebration of National Great Outdoors Month.

Secretariat descendants were in full force for 2014 Triple Crown

Although the Triple Crown trophy went unclaimed again, the bloodlines of the greatest Triple Crown champion of all, Virginia-born Secretariat, dominated the track throughout the journey.

California Chrome, winner of the Kentucky Derby and Preakness and the favorite to win the Belmont Stakes, is a great-great-great-grandson. He finished fourth in the Belmont, sustaining a foot injury that might or might not have cost him the Triple Crown.

Belmont winner Tonalist also is a great-great-great-grandson of “Big Red.”

All told, nine of the 11 horses that ran in the Belmont can trace their lineage back to Secretariat. In fact, Secretariat descendants won not only the Kentucky Derby, Preakness and Belmont this year, but also other major races like the Tampa Bay Derby, Florida Derby, Santa Anita Derby, Kentucky Oaks and Wood Memorial.

“Secretariat’s grandson, A. P. Indy, is largely responsible for perpetuating Big Red’s bloodlines in racing today,” said Lee-ann Ladin, Secretariat tourism manager at The Meadow Event Park in Caroline County. The venue is on the site of his birthplace, the former Meadow Stable.

“Indy’s dam, or mother, was Weekend Surprise, one of Secretariat’s daughters. His sire was 1977 Triple Crown winner Seattle Slew,” said Ladin. “Indy won the 1992 Belmont and was Horse of the Year.”

Having two Triple Crown winners in his pedigree has proven to be a winning combination for A. P. Indy, now known as a “sire of sires.” His progeny include influential stallions such as Pulpit, Bernardini, Malibu Moon and Tapit. Pulpit was the grandsire of California Chrome, and Tapit is the sire of Tonalist and Untapable, the filly who won the Kentucky Oaks.

Secretariat’s record times for the 1973 Kentucky Derby, Preakness and Belmont still stand. At The Meadow, his inspiring story lives on through narrated tours and special events. For details, see the Hoofprints of History tour information at MeadowEventPark.com.

SPORTS SHORTS

■ **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.

■ **Baseball clinic**

Virginia Commonwealth University coaches will offer a hitting and pitching clinic for baseball players ages 13-17 from 5 to 7 p.m. July 30 and 31 at Dream Fields, 1693 Irvington Road, Kilmarnock. The fee is \$30 for both days.

To register, contact camp coordinator Damien Crissey, 814-327-6609 or dcrissey@lcs.k12.va.us, or visit dcrissey@lcs.k12.va.us.

■ **Canoe trips**

Extension agent Wendy Herdman recently announced three upcoming 4-H canoe trips with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. To participate, call the Westmoreland Extension office, 493-8924 for details and registration.

The canoe trips will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on July 23, Totuskey Creek in Richmond County, on July 24 Glebe and Ames Creeks in Westmoreland County and on July 25, Rosier Creek in Westmoreland County.

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Lancaster High School Air Force JROTC conducts double ceremony

The recent Lancaster High School 2014 Air Force JROTC Awards and Change of Command Ceremony served two purposes.

The first was to present JROTC and National Service and Veteran Organization awards to deserving cadets, reported retired CMSgt. James Wood.

The second was to formally demonstrate an official Change of Command Ceremony signifying the transfer of cadet corps leadership from the outgoing to incoming commander.

Using the unit guidon as a symbolic transfer of leadership, graduating senior Joshua Moore officially passed the corps commander reins to rising senior Carter Robbins.

The double ceremony culminated an outstanding year for the LHS JROTC cadet corps, he said. Accumulating over 700 community service hours, the cadets once again supported the JROTC mission statement, "Building Better Citizens for America."

This year included an HQ/AFJROTC Unit Evaluation, he continued. Focusing on a cadet-led program, the evaluation validated the superior quality of LHS cadets. The "Exceeds Standards" rating allowed the JROTC program to compete for the Distinguished Unit with Merit Award.

Selected as a recipient, this award clearly places the LHS JROTC program head and shoulders above nearly 860 units worldwide.

In addition to a streamer being added to the unit guidon, each cadet will be authorized to wear the prized Distinguished Unit with Merit Ribbon on their uniform.

Honors

Moore received the Aim-High Outstanding JROTC Cadet, Outstanding Senior Cadet and American Legion General Military Excellence awards.

Fantasia Howard received Outstanding Junior Cadet, Military Order of the World Wars and Military Order of the Purple Heart awards.

Lane Brocklebank received Outstanding Sophomore Cadet and National Sojourners awards.

John Martin IV received the Outstanding Freshman Cadet award.

Brook Reed received Air Force Association and Veterans of Foreign Wars awards.

Dazah Davenport received the Daughters of the American Revolution award.

Beau Nickerson received the American Legion Scholastic Excellence award.

Shelby Barnett received Reserve Officers Association and Flight Leadership awards.

Caleb Gordon received the American Veterans and The Retired Enlisted Association awards.

Robbins received the Military Officers Association of America and Order of the Deadalian awards.

Kelley Montgomery received the Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction award.

Clarence Thomas received Sons of the American Revolution and Air Force Sergeants Association awards.

Elijah Morris received the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War award.

Spencer Hook received Tuskegee Airman Outstanding Cadet and Flight Spirit awards.

Felicity Baker received the Tuskegee Airman Outstanding Cadet award.

Jamie Coates received the Air Commando award.

Prabesh Bhandari received the Celebrate Freedom award.

Bianca Stone received the National Society of United States Daughters of 1812 award.

Aswald Morris received the Sons of Confederate Veterans H.L. Hunley award.

Jason Cutting received the Flight Leadership award.

Joseph Elbourn received the Flight Leadership award.

Emily Haydon received the Flight Leadership award.

Lindsey Brocklebank received the Flight Leadership award.

Mason Miller received the Flight Spirit award.

Shermya Hudnall received the Flight Spirit award.

Ralph Waller received the Flight Spirit award.

Tiffany Ross received the Flight Spirit award.



From left, Retired Gen. Frank Martin, representing the **Military Officers Association of America, Northern Neck Chapter**, presents Cadet Carter Robbins the MOAA Award for stellar academics, leadership and community service.



From left, Master Sgt. Jeff Koenig, representing the **Air Force Sergeants Association, Langley AFB Chapter**, presents Cadet Clarence Thomas the AFSA Award for outstanding enlisted leadership and service.



Outgoing Corps Commander Cadet Joshua Moore prepares to relinquish command to incoming Corps Commander Carter Robbins (right)

Boys & Girls Club to serve summer meals

The Boys & Girls Club of the Northern Neck will participate in the USDA Summer Food Service Program.

Healthy meals will be provided without charge to all children ages 18 and younger who qualify for free and reduced price meals during the school year, reported office manager Tina Hagen. Adults attending with youth may be served a meal for \$2.

Acceptance and participation requirements for the program and all activities are the same for all regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service, said Hagen.

Meals will be provided Mon-

days through Fridays from June 23 through August 15 at 517 North Main Street, Kilmarnock. Breakfast will be served from 8:30 to 9:15 a.m. and lunch from 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

To file a civil rights program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form at ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html; visit any USDA office; call 866-632-9992; send completed complaint form or letter to U.S. Department of Agriculture, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; fax 202-690-7442; or email program.intake@usda.gov.



Registering for classes

From left, Regina Williams gets help applying to the Virginia University of Lynchburg from recruiter and transportation director Houston Walthall at the VUL Dawn Teaching Site, 16042 Northumberland Highway. New and returning students registered for classes June 10 and 11. At the May 2014 commencement, VUL awarded 21 degrees to students at the Dawn site. Photo by Reness Greene

SCHOOL REPORT

Construction instruction

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. Ages 13-18 will receive training in carpentry and construction on Tuesday mornings, June 24 to August 12. Ages 16-18 will work at the Habitat home site on Wiggins Avenue in Kilmarnock. Younger teens will work at the Boys and Girls Club assembling and painting kitchen tables.

To volunteer with the programs, contact Bruce Craig, 580-4172, or Philip 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.

Storymobile

White Stone Baptist will sponsor the Lancaster Community Library Storymobile at Friendship Community House, 549 Chesapeake Drive, White Stone, from 9:30 to 10 a.m. Wednesdays, beginning June 18.

Parents may bring children, ages 2 to 9 to Friendship Community House adjacent to the church, for a story and stay for fellowship with others.

Summer STEM

Rappahannock Community College will offer Camp Xploration sessions June 23 through 26 for ninth- through twelfth-graders. The camp will give high school students a fun way to get familiar with the world of STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics). Glens Campus sessions will include Create Your Story with Pictures and Video Game Creation for Beginners with "Unity." Warsaw Campus sessions will include Boe Bot Robots. Learn to "Geocache" and Use GIS tools will be offered on both campuses. The fee is \$25. To enroll, visit rappahannock.edu, or contact project chairman Ruth Greene at 333-6796, or rgreene@rappahannock.edu.

Empowering youth

The Boys and Girls Club of the Northern Neck, 517 North Main Street, Kilmarnock, will hold eight-week summer sessions beginning Monday, June 23, and continuing through 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. Summer field trips are planned for ages 6 to 12. Register at the club, bgcnn.com, or 435-9696.

Honor graduates

James Madison University recently announced two magna cum laude graduates of the Class of 2014 are from Northumberland County.

Alexis Jewell of Reedville graduated with a bachelor's in psychology. Jessica Rosati of Heathsville graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor's in justice studies.

Summer workshop

The Rappahannock Art League will sponsor a "Summer Fun Workshop for Children-Mosaics, Mosaics, Mosaics," with Sukey Starkey from 9 to 11 a.m. or 1 to 3 p.m. June 23 through 27 at the Studio Gallery, 19 North Main Street, Kilmarnock.

Students, ages 8-17, will explore the ancient art form of mosaics and will create two different pieces: a garden mosaic and a 10"x10" accent mirror. To register, visit the gallery, or call 436-9309.

Nurturing parents

Middle Peninsula Northern Neck Community Services Board Prevention Services conducts ongoing Nurturing Parenting programs from 6:15 to 8:45 p.m. Tuesdays at the MPNNCSB MH/SA Administration Office, Saluda, and 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Mondays at the Warsaw Counseling Center, Warsaw.

Pre-registration is required. Fees are \$20 (Handbook) and \$20 per person/per session, or \$35 for couples. The 15-week program takes place year round and parents can enroll in the classes at any time. To register, call 804-642-5402, or 1-888-773-8550.



Hurst lands scholarship

The Women's Club of Lancaster County at a recent picnic luncheon recognized the recipient of its annual scholarship. From left are Fran Mickel of the scholarship committee, Monty Hurst, the scholarship winner, and his mother, Charlene S. Hurst.

White Stone UMC awards 24 grants

White Stone UMC recently awarded \$1,000 scholarships to 14 graduating Lancaster High School students who met the qualifications for the Linda S. Treacle Scholarship.

Applicants must be from Lancaster County, have at least a 2.25 grade point average, be in good standing with the school, and have at least one letter of recommendation from the guidance counselor and at least one letter from a member of the community, reported administrative assistant Kendall Vickery. The applicant's level of need is also taken into consideration.

Due to the number of applications this year, the field was very competitive with at least five applicants holding a 4.0 GPA or

higher, said Vickery.

Twenty-eight applications were submitted and 14 scholarships awarded to Lancaster High School graduates, she said. The recipients are Ronald Cutler, Dazah Davenport, Carli Hanback, Montgomery Hurst, Katherine Keyser, Demetrick Lee, Lysa Nguyen, Van'Toyia Noel, Keyonda Norris, Samantha Randolph, Laura Smith, Kenisha Stewart, Katherine Thomas and Tre'Von Waters.

Renewal scholarships were awarded to Shaquille Coles, Alexis Hayden, Brooke Hudnall, Johnathan Jackson, Natalie Kohlhepp, Elijah Lewis, Danielle Shelton, Hannah Smith, Heather Smith and Nicholas Why.

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Class of 2014 Commencement



Lancaster High School seniors join classmate JROTC Corps Commander Joshua Moore in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Lancaster High graduates 88

by Audrey Thomasson

The air was full of optimism Saturday as 88 members of Lancaster High School’s Class of 2014 walked across the stage and received their diplomas during commencement.

Valedictorian Ronald Cutler noted “...the absolute superb education provided by Lancaster High School.” He acknowledged the awkward moments each graduate experienced during their high school years, but said, “We see things the way we want to see them” instead of how things actually occurred.

Cutler is the son of Jessica and Richard Cutler of Lancaster. He will attend The College of William and Mary.

Cutler participated in track, cross country and wrestling. He was a member of the Key Club and participated in student government. He attended Chesapeake Bay Governor’s School and was a member of the National Honor Society. He was a member of the jazz band.

An Eagle Scout, his community service participation includes coaching Special Olympics, helping the Northern Neck Food Bank, the Northern Neck Free Health Clinic and Youth Conservation Corps. He is a member of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of the Rappahannock.

Salutatorian Hannah Richardson also thanked teachers for helping the graduates reach their goals. “No matter where we go...we will always share common bonds...and memories,” she told fellow graduates.

Richardson is the daughter of Susan and Thomas Richardson of Weems. She will attend the University of Virginia.

Richardson participated in field hockey and the Academic Challenge teams. She attended the Chesapeake Bay Governor’s School and was a member of the Key Club, the National Honor Society and the band. Her community service includes serving as a docent at Historic Christ Church, volunteering at the Northern Neck Food Bank and Lancaster/Northumberland Habitat for Humanity.

Senior class president Carli Hanback welcomed the friends and families of the graduates. She noted the class’s close camaraderie and how they began their high school years wondering how they would fit in. But through the years, the focus turned “...to more about each other than ourselves,” she said. Hanback saluted all the moms who got them out the door each morning and teachers who have “the most thankless job that exists.” But noted both “...helped us become who we are today.” She ended by taking a “selfie” picture on stage with Cutler and Richardson and with classmates in the background.

Cutler and Katherine Keyser were also presented associates degrees from Rappahannock Community College.

JROTC Corps Commander Joshua Moore led the pledge of allegiance. TreVon Waters and Lauren James sang, “Wake Me Up,” accompanied by pianist Christopher Ball. Graduate Kevin Thomas delivered the reading “To my fellow students,” and Margaret Smith was the students’ pick for faculty speaker.



Salutatorian Hannah Richardson, senior class president Carli Hanback and valedictorian Ronnie Cutler prepare to enter the commencement ceremonies.

Diplomas were presented by high school principal Dr. Holly Wargo with Deborah Thomas reading each name. Acting district superintendent Sandy Spears gave the declaration of graduation and the Lancaster High School Band, led by Robbie Spiers, played the traditional processional and recessional.



Justin Lewis celebrates after receiving his diploma.



Christopher Ball accompanied TreVon Waters and Lauren James as they sang “Wake Me Up.”



Anesha White is awarded her diploma by principal Dr. Holly Wargo.

Northumberland graduates 103

Northumberland High School awarded 103 diplomas Saturday, June 14. Some 97 diplomas were awarded during ceremonies at the NHS Auditorium in Claraville, and six at the Radford University sports complex prior to the state Group 1A championship baseball game.

“As I look around, there are many of my classmates that I don’t know well at all, and it will always be a regret of mine that I didn’t make more of an effort to change that as the years went by,” said Jennifer Radcliffe in her valedictory address. Radcliffe is the daughter of Dr. Stephen and Margaret Radcliffe.

Radcliffe was a member of the National Beta Club, Pi Beta Kappa honor society, and was on the Academic Challenge Team. She was on the Virginia Blue Crab Bowl Team, a staff member of the literary magazine “The Water’s Edge” and was selected for the Freedom Foundation Spirit of America National Youth Leadership Conference.

She is a horseback rider and teacher, an Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club sports camp counselor and youth group member and acolyte at St. Stephen’s Anglican Church.

“As we go our separate ways, I’d like to point out that we will all soon have at least one thing in common: having graduated from Northumberland High School,” said salutatorian India Eguiguren. She thanked the school board, faculty and staff, and parents, and wished her classmates good luck. Eguiguren is the daughter of Alex Eguiguren and Amy Jones.

Eguiguren played varsity soccer and ran cross country. She was a member of the National Beta Club and the Academic Challenge Team, the Northern Neck Area Band and the NHS symphonic band. She was active in the Westmoreland Players community theater and was selected for the Hugh O’Brian Youth Leadership conference.

Both Radcliffe and Eguiguren are members of the National Honor Society, attended Chesapeake Bay Governor’s School, and will attend the University of Virginia in the fall.

Superintendent Dr. Rebecca Gates introduced speaker Erin Swann Ayers, describing her as “a perfect example of how to follow your dreams, and remember that anything is possible with the support of your family, your community, and our school system.” Ayers is the creative services producer of WRIC TV8 in Richmond and a Northumberland graduate. She told the assembled seniors and guests that when she graduated high school, she was an average student and didn’t know what she wanted to do with the rest of her life.

“You don’t have to have it all figured out to move forward,” Ayers said. “At the end of the day, you just need to get started. You can improve along the way, but you must begin.”

School board chairman Dick Saxer presented the graduates their diplomas while director of guidance Lara Brown read their names, and the degree was officially conferred by superintendent Dr. Rebecca Gates. Senior Laura Mangano opened the ceremony by singing the national anthem and senior Megan Jannarajs closed the ceremony by leading the newly-christened graduates in singing Northumberland’s alma mater.

Principal Dr. Travis Burns also took time to thank the students’ families for being part of the students’ education. He recognized Northumberland’s teacher of the year, Donn Belfield, and presented Belfield a hat and a t-shirt bearing his nickname, “Hot ‘N Saucy.”

In his closing remarks, Saxer said he brought “borrowed words” of wisdom quoting Will Rogers, Dr. Seuss, and others. He finished his speech by turning away from the assembled audience to address the graduates directly.

“Health, happiness, success, and comfort be your future,” he said.

The Northumberland Indians won the state baseball tournament championship over Honaker High School, 9-3.



Alicia Hooper is presented her diploma by school board chairman Dick Saxer.

India Eguiguren pauses during her salutatory remarks. “Right now, we may not realize the benefits of having grown up here, but after we spend time away, or think about it more deeply, we may understand why this shared experience and environment have been important to us,” said Eguiguren.



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Laura Mangano is presented a medallion for achieving a GPA of 3.5 or higher.



Sarah Haynie and Lauren Self celebrate.



A graduate embraces family members after the ceremony.

NES announces ‘AB’ honor roll

Northumberland Elementary School recently announced its fourth nine-week “AB” honor roll for the 2013-14 academic session.

Second-graders on the honor roll are Haleigh Allison, Keyiona Ball, Tre’Von Ball, Nora Bowles, Sarah Burgess, Trystian Burton, Berenice Cauja-Betancourt, Luis Cisneros-Avina, Xavion Coleman, Ethan Collins, Olivia Crowther, Casey Dawson, Haley Diggs, McKenna Dooley, Carrie George, Lawrence George, Anthony Gregory, Jayla Giles, Joline Haynie, Sarah Haynie, Heaven Kenner and Julius LaSalle.

Also, Milton Laws, Timothy Livesay, Christopher Nava, Caroline Neale, Thomas Nolen, Dezmin Palmer, Javier Ramirez, Rachel Rice, Diamond Roberts, Marissa Robinson, Joseph Stargell, A’aliyah Starks, Abigail Vogel, Kristen Warwick, Kathryn Weary, Angelina Wilkolaski, J’vian Williams and Paul Young.

Third-graders on the honor roll are Cristian Arroyo-Silva, James Baker, Keith Ball, Emily Branem, Deja Brown,

Ashton Burns, Asziria Colbert, Philip Coleman, Emma Dameron, Diego Diaz-Zamora, Ethan Downie, Destiny Farrell, Oscar Gamez, Tyler Green, David Hathaway, Michael Hayden, Sydney Hayesm Mary Logan Hill, Joseph Hinson, Johnae Jackson, Kaleb James, Joseph Jett and Quinton Jones.

Also, Courtney Kline, Jacob Lanuza, Joness LaSalle, Christyn Loving, Jazmine Mena, Corrie Minor, Christian Newton, Leslie O’Bier, Madeline Oliff, Garic Reger, Day’onna Taylor, Sean Taylor, William Vanlandingham, Nakiya West, Harrison Williams, Aleigha Withers and Shane Withers.

Fourth-graders on the honor roll are Cristal Acosta, Jayven Bea, Grant Biddlecomb, Destani Blackwell, Shane Bryant, Mia Bundy, Robert Clarke, Victoria Douglas, Brookelynn Farrell, Chase Fisher, Madison Garrity, Kali George, Gracianne Hall, T’Kyia Hall, Brianna Jenkins, Kemyah Johnson, Layla Johnson, Katrell Jones, Michael Jones, Jessica Lee, Maia Maan, Brock Martin and Thomas Neale.

Also, Owen Newsome, Samantha Newton, Najiyah Noel, Leah Oliff, Skyler Pearson, Elizabeth Perkins, William Reger, Brooke Roberts, Sophia Sapanara, Julia Saville, Tanaya Seldon, Jersey Smith, Aden Swisher, Dezmond Taylor, Amaya Thomas, Christopher Timberlake, Mackenzie Vanlandingham, Austin Wallace, Amaryon West, Sara Wilson and Rodrigo Zavala.

Fifth-graders on the honor roll are Will Allison, Shelby Basye, Ansley Booth, Emily Burgess, Jack Castro, Amaya Crabbe, Parker Deihl, Eli Dral-eau, Michael Duke, Kyle Fisher, April Gilliam, Abigail Gooch, Lexie Grillakis, Savannah Harris, Kendra Jett, Chase Kitchen, Kande Laws, Megan Livesay, Isabel Lopez, Noah Maan, Tyler Mann, Samarie McCrae, Zachary Moore and Nicholas Mothershead.

Also, Lauren Rahn, Emily Rice, Taylor Rice, Briana Siddall, Kathleen Smith, Jalynn Thompson, John M. Vanlandingham, Hailey Wallace, Brianna Williams, Spencer Wojtach and Shelby Wood.



From left are Lancaster Middle School dean of students **Kelvin Evans**, vice principal **Jessica Davis** and principal **Mike Daddario**, fulfilling a promise to students for achieving improved SOL scores.

LMS administrators model their SOL look

by Audrey Thomasson

KILMARNOCK—Squeals of laughter filled the Lancaster Middle School Theater last week when administrators celebrated school improvements on the Standards of Learning tests by dressing up as, well, two “ladies” and a “gentleman.”

Principal Mike Daddario and dean of students Kelvin Evans appeared in their version of “women” while vice principal Jessica Davis dressed up as a “man.” The trio made a surprise appearance to the delight of students and their parents who were celebrating D.A.R.E. graduation. D.A.R.E. stands for drug abuse resistance education, an educational course on the perils of using drugs and alcohol and is presented by deputies from Lancaster Sheriff’s Department.

The trio made the rounds to all the classrooms.

According to Daddario, the Department of Education released early individual numbers on SOL tests that indicate students’ overall scores improved over last year. However, final results for the school will not be available until August.



2014 St. Francis de Sales Scholarship award winners, from left, are (standing) Eleanor Beane (RCC), Maddie Simpson (RCC) and Henry Hull (UVA); (seated) Moira Hull (UVA), Bianca Wohleking (RCC) and Elizabeth Bowen (Radford U). Other award winners from St. Francis de Sales are Leo Barber (RCC) and Lexy Simpson (RCC); and from St Paul’s, Christopher Coggin (JMU), Laura Mangano (UMW) and Cecilia Shryrock (RCC).

2014 Catholic scholarship campaign sets new record

On Sunday, June 15, the Scholarship Committee of the Catholic Churches of St. Francis de Sales (Kilmarnock) and St. Paul’s (Hague) announced the awards of 11 college scholarships. Of these, six are attending Rappahannock Community College and five others are attending four-year colleges and universities.

Parishioners donated \$23,750, a record amount for this program, which is administered by the Scholarship Committee. Over the history of this program, a total of 106 students have received financial assistance.

“Our parishioners understand the burdens of cost and debt associated with a college education and they have very graciously responded to our appeal for support of these talented young people and their parents,” said scholarship chairman R. Paul Carey.

NMS lists ‘A’ honor rolls

Northumberland Middle School recently announced its “A” honor rolls for the 2013-14 academic session, the second semester and the fourth quarter.

2013-14 honor roll

Sixth-graders on the honor roll for the year are Rachel Arroya-Silva, Rebecca Baker, Taylor Basye, Malerie Hinson, Anna Jett, Matthew Jett, Harry Lee, Cameron Lewis, Kelsey Moss, Chloey O’Bier, Daniel Roberts, Fredrick Setser, Alice Sisson and McKensy Smithart.

Seventh-graders on the honor roll for the year are Nicholas Basye, Tawaron Cockrell, Nathan Parker, Anna Pitts, Zoie Sadler and Tahi Wiggins.

Eighth-graders on the honor roll for the year are Khadijah

Bea, Rain Eguiguren and Abigail Kiss.

Second semester

Sixth-graders on the honor roll for the semester are A. Jett, M. Jett, Lee, Lewis, Moss, O’Bier, Setser and Sisson.

Seventh-graders on the honor roll for the semester are Basye, Cockrell, Parker, Pitts, Sadler and Tahi Wiggins.

Eighth-graders on the honor roll for the semester are Bea, Eguiguren, Kiss and Marcia Swann.

Fourth quarter

Sixth-graders on the honor roll for the quarter are T. Basye, Perry Evans, Kayla Gooch, A. Jett, M. Jett, Lee, Lewis, Chloey O’Bier and Sisson.

Seventh-graders on the honor roll for the quarter are N. Basye, Cockrell, Pitts, Sadler and Wiggins.

Eighth-graders on the honor roll for the quarter are Bea, Kiss, Lauren Suchan and Marcia Swann.

Historyland Community Workshop awards five college scholarships

The Historyland Community Workshop scholarship committee recently announced five students as current recipients of awards from proceeds of the 2013 Benefit Sale.

Olivia Beck will graduate with 37 college credits as the result of dual enrollment, and attend Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) with dreams of a medical degree, said publicity chairman Luci York. She was active in the National Honor Society, Key Club, Student Government Association and varsity volleyball.

Beck also participated in the Northern Neck Food Bank, vacation Bible school and Senior Olympics. She is the daughter of Valene Black of Weems.

TyKasia Gaskins of Lancaster is the daughter of Tangi Gaskins and Randall Shackelford. Another dual enrollment student with 26 college credits, Gaskins will attend the University of Mary Washington to major in pre-law or psychology.

Gaskins was a member of the Red Devil bands, including the Symphonic Band as fourth chair clarinet. She could be found on the sports field in varsity basketball, track and field, flag team and cheerleading.

She has volunteered with the Boys and Girls Club, Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury assistance, Senior Olympics, Magnolia Ball in Gloucester and Queen Esther Baptist Church Praise Dance and Stepping Ministry.

Lysa Nguyen will attend VCU to major in biology/pre-med. She too, will carry forward 35 college credits from dual enrollment. Her volunteer activities have included the Lancashire Nursing Home, the Northern Neck Health Clinic, Senior Olympics and the Eye Bank.

Lysa was a member of the National Honor Society, Key Club, the Red Devil Marching Band (second-chair flute) and flag team. She founded a French Club.

Nguyen lives with her parents, Kim and Charlie Nguyen, in Kilmarnock.

Brad Smith, the son of William and Catherine Smith of Kilmarnock, is headed to Christopher Newport University to major in business. He will transfer more than 60 credits from the dual enrollment program toward his degree.

Smith attended Boys State in 2013 as Governor, has been on the wrestling team as well as the football team for four years and is a member of the National Honor Society.

He has volunteered with the sound booth at the White Stone Church of the Nazarene, gone on mission trips and helped at the

Northern Neck Food Bank. He has owned and operated the Big Red Flea in Lancaster for several years.

Katherine Thomas, the daughter of James and Amy Thomas, will attend Radford University in the Honors program and study environmental biology. She will carry forward 70 credits. Thomas was a member of the National Honor Society, Chesapeake Bay Governor School field studies program, a student athletic trainer, LHS Rise Club and the new French Club. She worked with the Youth Conservation Corps with the Virginia State Parks.

As a member of the LHS Red Devil bands, she performed at concerts and competitions, and the 2013 BCS National Championship.

She attended a mission trip with St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in 2013 to Jamaica, N.Y., after Hurricane Sandy, assisted with vacation Bible school and other local projects.

For many years the Historyland Community Workshop has awarded scholarships to graduates of Lancaster High School who have shown promise of success in furthering their education, said York. In addition to academic records, participation in community and charitable causes are part of the selection process.

Financial need has always been one of the criterion considered, she said. Dual enrollment with the Chesapeake Bay Governor’s School adds a new dimension to the equation.

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