

KFS Varsity Basketball Season re-cap



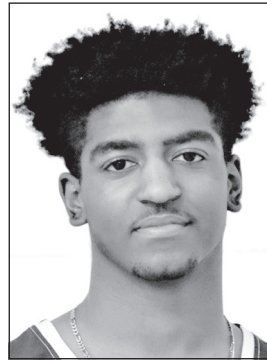
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The Kenston Forest School (KFS) Girls Varsity Basketball team coached by Michael Briggs were the VCC Regular season runner-up.

Team members Shelby Gunn and Gracie Gunn were named to the VCC first team all conference. Leah Briggs was named to the VCC second team all conference. Shelby Gunn was also named to the all tournament team and the VCC all academic team.

The KFS Girls Varsity Basketball team played in the



first round of the VISAA Division 3 state tournament and ended their season with a 32 to 23 loss to

StoneBridge School in Chesapeake.

The KFS Boys Varsity Basketball team coached by Kelly Jones

were the VCC Regular season runner-up.

Team members Trey Lewis and Kendall Thorne were named to the VCC first team all conference. Jacob Stallard was named to the VCC second team all conference and the VCC all academic team. Trey Lewis was also named to the VCC all tournament team and VCC player of the year.

KFS cheerleader Madyson Clary, coached by Field Green, was named to the VCC all academic team.

OBITUARIES

Darrell Gray Irby

Darrell Gray Irby, 83 of Lunenburg, went to be with the Lord on March 2. He was preceded in death by his wife, Doris Glass Irby; his parents, Earl Howard Irby and Willie Alma Lloyd Irby; his brothers, Vernon Earl Irby, William Sherwood Irby and Harry Whaley Irby and a sister; Eva Irby Knott.



Darrell is survived by his sister, Myrtle V. Irby; numerous nieces and nephews and his sister-in-law, Carole S. Irby, all of Lunenburg County.

Darrell retired from VDOT as a truck driver. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening, cutting grass and sitting on the front porch.

The family received friends Saturday, March 5, from 6:30 – 8 p.m., at the Staples Funeral Home in Victoria. Graveside funeral services were held 2 p.m., Sunday, March 6, at the Lakeview Cemetery in Victoria. In lieu of flowers please consider memorial contributions to the Lunenburg Health Services, P.O. Box 121, Victoria, VA 23974.

Ann Hall Jobora

Ann Hall Jobora, 90 of Blackstone, passed away on Monday, Feb. 28.

She is survived by her four children, John Michael



(Susan) of Mt. Airy, Maryland, Marty Gregory (Jeff) of Chesterfield, Lee Mayton (Wanda) of Victoria and Whit Mayton (Anita) of Keeling; 13 grandchildren; 18 great grandchildren; a sister, Beverly Waguespack of Matoaca and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family received friends from 6 - 8 p.m., Thursday, March 3, at the Joseph McMillian Funeral Home, 1826 Cox Rd., Blackstone, VA 23824. Chapel funeral services were held at 1 p.m., Friday, March 4, at the funeral home. Interment will follow in the Lakeview Cemetery in Victoria.

www.mcmillianfuneralhome.com

Theresa Gail Watson

Theresa Gail Watson, 52 of Keysville, passed on Feb. 28, at Lynchburg General Hospital.

Ms. Watson was born on Dec. 8, 1969, in Virginia, to Aubrey Vernon Wilkerson and Peggy Jean Wilkerson.

Ms. Watson worked as a CNA for many years. In her spare time, Mrs. Watson enjoyed crafting and visiting the beach.

In addition to her parents, Ms. Watson is survived by her children, Bridget Woodard, Alexis Mullen and Roman Burch and wife, Megan; siblings, Sharon Lacks and husband, Danny, Patricia Yurcaba and husband, Jeff, and Michael Wilkerson and wife, Diana. Also surviving are numerous nieces and nephews.

Browning-Duffer Funeral Service in Keysville is respectfully serving the Watson family.

Adventure Series is back and better than ever

Kicking off its fifth year in action, the Virginia State Park Adventure Series presented by Appalachian Power launches March 19. With 22 races this year that consist of bike races, adventure races and runs from 5k's to ½ marathons and triathlons, participants will compete for prizes while visiting the various state park locations.

"These events provide an opportunity for you to show off your outdoor skills while competing for top prizes and bragging rights. We encourage you to check out the various trails, bike paths and scenic waterways to partake in your next outdoor adventure," Virginia State Parks Director Dr. Melissa Baker said.

There are several ways to win prizes such as Virginia State Parks gift certificates and passes. Compete in six Adventure Series races and win a \$100 Virginia State Park gift certificate and annual pass. If you compete in any four Adventure Series races you win a Virginia State Parks annual pass and you'll also be entered into a drawing for a \$150 Virginia State Parks gift certificate.

Check out the list of upcoming races in the series:

- March 19-20 Tour de Pocahontas at Pocahontas State Park
- March 26 Dogwood Ultra Marathon at Twin Lakes State Park
- April 3 Pocahontas Trail Running Fest at Pocahontas State Park
- April 9 Frozen Foot Challenge at Seven Bends State Park
- April 24 Marl's Revenge at York River State Park
- April 30 Smith Mountain Lake Triathlon at Smith Mountain Lake State Park
- April 30 Spring Bloom Adventure Race at Lake Anna State Park

- May 1 Middle Mountain Momma at Douthat State Park
- May 7 Shenanduro at Shenandoah River State Park
- May 7 High Bridge Trail Time Trial at High Bridge Trail State Park
- June 5 Taskinas Creek 1/2 Marathon at York River State Park
- June 18 Poca Go! at Pocahontas State Park
- June 25 Night Train 1/2 Marathon at High Bridge Trail State Park
- July 17 Summer Sizzle at York River State Park
- Aug. 7 Guts, Gravel, Glory at Pocahontas State Park
- Aug. 21 John Blair Blur at York River State Park
- Sept. 17 Odyssey Trail Running Rumpage at Douthat State Park
- Sept. 17 New River Trail Challenge at New River Trail State Park
- Sept. 24 Crazy 8 Miler at York River State Park
- Oct. 1 Howlin' Coyote 10k at Caledon State Park
- Oct. 1 James River Ultra Runs at James River State Park

Scoring is based on the race and each race will be assigned 100 points. Competitors will be awarded points based on their finishing place counting down from 100. For example, first place will receive 100 points, second place 99, etc. Winners of the competition categories are based on their top 8 finishes.

Races are taking place at various state parks from March until October. For a complete list, details and to register visit the Adventure Series web page at dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/adventure-series.

Farmers commended during Ag Week

Farming is a 24/7 job, and Virginia farmers work every day to provide us with food, fiber and fuel while protecting the state's natural resources.

That's something to celebrate during National Ag Week, March 20-26. The national observance is a time when farmers, agricultural associations, corporations, universities and others recognize and celebrate the abundance provided by American agriculture.

As the world population soars, there is even greater demand for the food, fiber and renewable resources produced by farmers in the U.S. Nationally, there are 2 million farms and 98% of those farms are operated by families.

In Virginia, the 2017 Census of Agriculture found 43,225 farms, with the average size being 181 acres. Farmland covered 7.8 million acres of the state, according to the census, which is conducted every five years.

The census also found that almost 400,000

acres on over 2,000 farms were enrolled in a conservation easement program, which means that land is being protected from development.

Many Virginia farmers employ sustainable practices like minimal-till or no-till planting, which decreases the amount of soil displacement and risk of erosion when crops are planted. According to the census, 32% of Virginia's cropland—over 1 million of the state's 3.1 million cropland acres, was being planted using no-till practices.

Additionally, 4,034 farms planted cover crops on 409,862 acres, preventing soil erosion and helping cropland retain the nutrients that keep it productive. And almost 40,000 acres of farmland were planted with riparian buffers or have restored wetlands on the property. Riparian buffers are forested or grassy areas adjacent to waterways that help protect water quality.

Nationally, American

Farm Bureau Federation reports that more than half of America's farmers intentionally provide habitat for wildlife. Additionally, careful stewardship by farmers has resulted in a 34% decline in erosion of cropland by wind and water since 1982, according to AFBF.

Additionally, U.S. farmers and ranchers

have cut greenhouse gas emissions 24% since 1990 while producing 80% more pork, 48% more milk and 18% more beef, according to AFBF.

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