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A Virginia Historical Highway Marker will be erected on the site of the Rosenwald School in Cape Charles, denoting a new step toward preserving the school's history.

School gets historic marker

By Malissa Watterson
Staff Writer

CAPE CHARLES — Less than half a mile away from the entrance to Bay Creek Resort on Old Cape Charles Road stands a vacant brick building that doesn't look historic at first glance.

The words "frozen eels" hand painted on the exterior reveal the building's former function as an eel packing plant.

But for more than 30 years, the building was the elementary school for African-American children in town.

Constructed in 1928, Cape Charles Colored School was partially funded by the Julius Rosenwald Fund, a philanthropic foundation that built schools for African-American students in the South during legalized

segregation. Until 1966, the school housed grades one through seven. Dianne Davis, who attended in the early 1960s, remembers playing basketball with fellow students and cooking hot dogs during the annual "wiener roast" on the last day of school.

"We had a good time there," recalls Davis, who still resides in town.

This year, a Virginia Historical Highway Marker will be erected on the site of the school, denoting a new step toward preserving the school's history.

Located throughout the Commonwealth, highway markers are 42-by-40-inch aluminum signs put up near roadways to honor people, places or events of regional, statewide or national significance. Each sign is

painted silver and adorned with black text that provides historic information. The highway marker program, managed by the Virginia Department of Historic Resources, began in 1927 and is the oldest program of its kind, according to DHR.

Currently there are 26 highways markers erected on the Shore — 13 in Northampton and 13 in Accomack. In December of this year, the school highway marker was approved by DHR.

Tevya Williams Griffin, a former resident of Fairview, proposed the school highway marker last year for the Cape Charles Rosenwald School Restoration Initiative, an organization dedicated to informing the local community about the history of the school

and its alumni and teachers. "The school's a treasure right here in Cape Charles that no one knows about," said Griffin, who is the president of the recently formed organization.

Griffin's interest in the school began in 2009 after her grandmother revealed to her what the building on Old Cape Charles Road used to be.

Soon after, Griffin returned to her home in Chesterfield, researched the school's history and contacted Davis for the names, phone numbers and addresses of alumni and teachers.

"It's remarkable that Tevya took such an interest in the school and was willing to take the initiative to get some

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HOT PURSUITS

WHERE YOU'LL GO THIS WEEK

CHEFS FOR HABITAT PIG ROAST | TODAY
Barbecue pig roast, live music, cash beer and wine bar, Chinese auction. Held rain or shine. Proceeds to help build the "Chefs for Habitat" home for the Pittman family. Must be 21 or older.
WHERE: McVer's Farm, Salisbury.
WHEN: 3-7 p.m.
COST: \$50
CALL: 410-546-1551

RIVERSIDE CARNIVAL | FRIDAY
Featuring rides, dunking booth, kiddie carnival, oyster sandwiches, crab cakes, chicken tenders, homemade ice cream, beer and soft drinks. 50/50 raffle, bingo.
WHERE: St. Francis De Sales Catholic Church, Salisbury. Parking lot next to the church.
WHEN: 6-10 p.m.
COST: Ride all night tickets: \$12 in advance, \$18 at the gate.
CALL: 410-742-6443

WHAT YOU'LL WATCH

- Now playing in local theaters:
- "Bucky Larson: Born to Be a Star" (R)
 - "Contagion" (PG-13)
 - "Warrior" (PG-13)
 - "Apollo 18" (PG-13)
 - "Seven Days in Utopia" (G)
 - "Shark Night" (PG-13)
 - "The Debt" (R)
 - "Colombiana" (PG-13)
 - "Don't Be Afraid of the Dark" (R)
 - "Our Idiot Brother" (R)
 - "Spy Kids: All the Time in the World" (PG) Also in 3-D.
 - "30 Minutes or Less" (R)
 - "Final Destination 5 3-D" (R)
 - "The Help" (PG-13)
 - "Rise of the Planet of the Apes" (PG-13)

- In theaters (wide release) Friday:
- "I Don't Know How She Does It" (NR)
 - "Straw Dogs" (R)

- New TV on DVD this week:
- "The Big Bang Theory: The Complete Fourth Season"
 - "Glee: Season Two"
 - "Supernatural: The Complete Sixth Season"
 - "Grey's Anatomy: The Complete Seventh Season"
 - "It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia: Season 6"
 - "Private Practice: The Complete Fourth Season"
 - "Blue Bloods: The First Season"
- New on DVD and Blu-Ray Tuesday:
- "Star Wars: The Complete Saga (Episodes I-VI)" Blu-Ray only
 - "Thor" (PG-13)

WHAT YOU'LL LISTEN TO

- New CD releases, Tuesday:
- "Down The Night," Lady Antebellum
 - "A Dramatic Turn of Events," Dream Theater
 - "Panic of Girls," - Blonde

WHAT YOU'LL PLAY

- New video games:
- "NHL 12" (Xbox 360, PS3)
 - "Nicktoons MLB" (Xbox 360, Wii, DS)

LIFE IN THE COUNTRY

No more fried chicken temptations for Brice

It was bound to happen. It happened before. There I was at the fried chicken place when I suddenly found myself stuck in the booth. Won't name the store, but when you go in, it's the booth right up against the window on your left.

I knew, squeezing in, it was a bit of a tight fit. When I turned to get out, I found myself stuck. Yes, yes, too many doughnuts, too many pizzas, and way too much candy. And apparently far too much fried chicken.

Imagine, at my age, being stuck between the table and booth. I knew, sliding in, that the booth and table had shrunk since my last visit. I knew because the edge of the table had, well, disappeared into my shirt. OK, my belly.

Truth is, I could hardly move my elbows to gobble those crispy



Brice Stump

wings, much less dive into the Styrofoam cup stuffed with rice.

If I downed the big drink, I just might be permanently wedged

between table and seat. My, the embarrassment of having the EMTs called to rescue me.

Lunch done. I knew I was in trouble when I couldn't turn and slide. To get out of a booth one has to do both.

It is funny now, but at the time, realizing you are stuck for the world to watch the struggle to escape, is really upsetting and embarrassing. The embarrassment quickly dissipated when I realized this was a serious deal. With

restaurant help the way it is today, I could be there two, maybe three days before they found me.

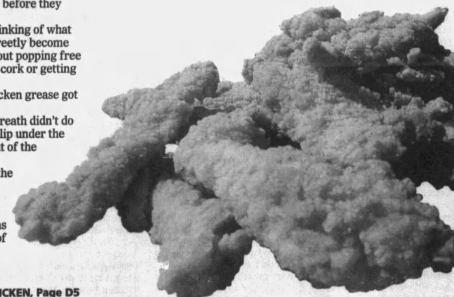
So I sat there thinking of what to do, how to discreetly become "unwedged" without popping free like a champagne cork or getting "more stuck."


Pity all that chicken grease got devoured.

Sucking in my breath didn't do diddly. Trying to slip under the table was, well, out of the question.

So, I pushed on the seat with my left hand, pulled with my right. Inch, by discreet inch, I was nearing the edge of the seat.

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Celebrations

MARRIAGE LICENSES

The following marriage licenses were issued in Worcester County Circuit Court the week of Aug. 29.

• Kevin J. Marth, 41, of Whitehall, Pa., and Patricia L. Stralo, 37, of Whitehall.

• Shane Steven Blair, 23, of Green Castle, Pa., and Victoria Joy Sweeney, 22, of Hagerstown, Md.

• Christopher James Walsh, 28, of Berlin, and Jamie Lee McCarthy, 28, of Berlin.

• Douglas Alan Jesse, 30, of Tiffin, Ohio, and Cari Ann Christopher, 29, of Tiffin, Ohio.

• Nils Michael Lundmark, 27, of Berlin, and Stefanie Marie Michael, 23, of Berlin.

• Scott E. Houchins, 40, of Gilbertsville, Pa., and Karen L. Ellis, 33, of Gilbertsville.

• Eric William Mason, 24, of Pocomoke City, and Amber Nicole Dufour, 21, of Pocomoke City.

• Joseph O. Deshields, 48, of Berlin, and Dorothy L. Brock, 53, of Berlin.

• Mahmoud Mohammad Assad, 22, of Ocean City, and Christine Marie Blackburn, 31, of Dagsboro.

• Aaron J. Brunkill, 31, of Fairport, N.Y., and Allison L. Menz, 35, of Fairport.

• James Thomas Stant III, 26, of Berlin, and Peyton Alyson Furby, 22, of Berlin.

• William Brady Burton, 33, of Salisbury, and Tavy Jane Owens, 30, of Salisbury.

• John H. MacArthur Sr., 65, of Rockville, and Maria L. Tudela, 50, of Rockville.

• Sean M. Clever, 34, of Chambersburg, Pa., and Amanda J. Bowers, 34, of Chambersburg.

• Bruce Walker Stik, 59, of Columbia, Md., and Mary Rebecca Wright, 50, of Columbia.

• Charles Anthony Wimbley, 52, of Parsonsburg, and Leoneda Ann Arent, 53, of Parsonsburg.

• Brian K. Vacula, 34, of Newville, Pa., and Erin K. Swann, 35, of Newville.

• Robert A. Perner, 29, of Follansbee, W.Va., and Ashley Marie Davies, 27, of Follansbee.

• Emanuel Lee Smith, 20, of Berlin, and Anastasia Ilin, 23, of Ocean City.

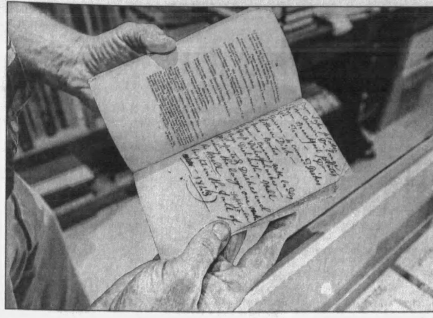
• Matthew Coleman Dennis, 22, of Elkton, Md., and Emily Nicole Firz, 23, of Thurmont, Md.

GET PUBLISHED

Are you getting married or are you a newlywed? Share your good news with the readers of The Daily Times by submitting a wedding or engagement announcement. Brief versions of the wedding and engagement announcements, minus a photo, are available at no charge. There is a fee for publication of wedding and engagement photographs and announcements. Payment is due at the time of submission. Thursday at noon is the deadline for submitting items for publication Sunday of the following week.

Original black-and-white or color photographs may be used. Photographs must be in focus and should be a close-up of the couple, bride or bride-to-be. Digital photos must be .jpg at least 4 inches wide and high resolution (300 dpi). Photos may be picked up at the Daily Times office following publication of the announcement.

Those submitting a wedding or engagement announcement may stop by the newsroom the Wednesday before the scheduled publication date, between 9 a.m. and noon, to proof the announcement. Call 410-749-7171, ext. 235, weekdays between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. or email crobinson@dmg.gannett.com.



Rock Toews of Back Creek Books shows one of his older manuscripts. You won't find any Danielle Steele, James Patterson or Jennifer Weiner novels at Back Creek Books. They're missing by choice from the Annapolis shop.

Man packs bookstore packed with unique items

By Theresa Winslow
The Capital of Annapolis

ANNAPOLIS (AP) — You won't find any Danielle Steele, James Patterson or Jennifer Weiner novels at Back Creek Books. And not because owner Rock Toews is sold out.

They're missing by choice from the Annapolis shop. Nothing against best-sellers, but they're readily available from a host of sources, Toews said.

His shop — which opened in March at a time when many bookstores have closed or are in the process of shutting down — is packed with unique volumes and other publications on subjects ranging from history and art to the maritime topics and Americana. Each is carefully chosen for rarity, content and aesthetics.

"He's just got some interesting stuff," said historian Jane McWilliams. "It's gutsy, very gutsy to do this and I hope he succeeds."

A quick glance of the tables and shelves reveals a reprint of Davy Crockett's almanac, a treatise on Atlantic salmon fishing, a

collection of Willa Cather's works, a concise history of the Marine Corps, a 1930 biography of Benedict Arnold, and a large volume on artist Leroy Neiman.

Toews also has a pamphlet on the Annapolis budget from 1885, a letter from a soldier convalescing at the hospital established at the Naval Academy during the Civil War, and even sheet music and lyrics to "Maryland, My Maryland" from 1862.

All of the items are used, save a few recent publications on local history, such as "Annapolis, City on the Severn: A History" by McWilliams. Used books are priced from \$3 up to \$3,000 (for a book featuring a scandalous attack on Thomas Jefferson written the year he died).

"I want there to be stuff you don't see everywhere else," said Toews, who lives near Back Creek in Eastport and is a married father of two children, 11 and 12.

He also wants to be a bastion of the printed word, fighting the good fight against ebooks and the demise of bookstores. "It's not a Kindle thing,"

he said. "But a book is more than just the pages between the covers. If what you're selling is information or text, you're done. Everything I have in here, I hope, is an object of interest in its own right."

If small bookstores would just hang on, Toews contends, they'd succeed.

So far, sales haven't been spectacular, but he's holding his own between in-store and Internet traffic. He's sold used books online and from his house by appointment for about 15 years — a profession that began by locating hard-to-find books for customers when he worked at Barnes & Noble in the days before the Internet.

Ironically, some of the bookstores in his shop come from big-box bookstores that either moved or closed.

Toews said selling books online isn't easy and thought a shop would offer additional opportunities. As an example, he pointed to a volume on aboriginal peoples of Australia he had for sale online for a decade. Right after putting it on display at the shop, it sold.

Praise the lord. By the time I got decent again, I was really, really out of breath and strength, but managed to get to the top and take the photos.

The good part, at the restaurant, was that I wasn't losing my shirt and pants.

There is a bit of good news out of my struggle with the booth. I have decided it is time to "out back" and do a better job of eating healthier. If there are folks reading this who would like to team-up and join me in their own weight loss program, this just might be the incentive you need.

I will report back in Valentine's Day week with a report on pounds lost.

In the meantime I am steering clear of fried chicken and that smug booth in the restaurant.

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Chicken

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This little episode brought back a memory of a similar situation some years ago when I was in the belly of a church on Deal Island. Two workmen had climbed the vertical wooden ladder above me to show me the repairs being made at the tip of the steeple. The ladder was straight up and open except where it passed through a floor.

Climbing with a heavy camera in one hand and holding the rung with another is really hard. As I climbed higher and higher I squeezed through the opening where it passed between floors. Well, almost squeezed through. My belt took up just enough room in the free space in the hole to make it necessary to wiggle a bit to move

higher. Then, darn it, my belt and waist of my jeans held tight to the square frame of the opening, but I managed to climb higher. Then voila! My pants fell to my ankles.

So there I was, in the house of the lord, holding my camera with my left hand, and a stair rung with my right. My feet, "handcuffed" with plenty of fabric, couldn't move up or down a rung. And above me, two guys waiting for me to get to the top and shoot photos. Below me, a drafty scene indeed.

I hung the flash of my camera from a rung and was able to use both hands to pull myself up far enough to allow my feet to clear the rung below and then lower myself down. By putting my legs tight against the rungs as I slipped lower, I was able to force the pants up to my knees and within reach of my right hand.

Marker

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information," Davis said.

In November of that year, Griffin helped launch the Cape Charles Rosenwald School Restoration Initiative and met with 30 members, made up of alumni and teachers, to discuss future plans.

Initially, the organization wanted to purchase the school building and convert it into a community center, but according to Griffin the current owner was not interested in selling.

Because the organization was unable to secure the

property, Griffin decided a highway marker was one way to let people know about the history that wasn't being told.

"Hopefully, the marker will help people fill in the historical blanks," said James Davis Jr., vice president of the organization and an alumnus.

According to Randall Jones, public relations and publications manager for DHR, a federal transportation enhancement grant is covering all of the \$1,350 cost for the school highway marker.

women and Virginia Indians.

Every highway marker approved by DHR is installed and maintained by VDOT. Griffin says she is still waiting to hear back from a VDOT engineer about when the school highway marker will be erected this year.

Griffin hopes that people who drive past the school highway marker will "gain an understanding that they have something significant to American history in Cape Charles."

She also hopes the school highway marker will prompt people to seek out alumni in the community and ask them about their stories.

Outrage explodes over rhyming diet book

NEW YORK (AP) — Messages of good health and positive self-esteem for girls aren't hard to come by in kid lit, so what's the deal with all the attention for a not-yet-published rhyming picture book about an obese, unhappy 14-year-old named Maggie?

The title, for starters: "Maggie Goes on a Diet."

For seconds, like-wildfire circulation of a blurb describing how the bullied girl is transformed through time, exercise and hard work into a popular, confident and average size soccer star. And cover art showing her wistfully holding up a Cinderella dress as she stares at her imagined, much slimmer self in a full-length mirror.

And an inside page, the only one most people have seen, that shows her hunched over the fridge during a two-fisted eating binge.

Thirds? Real teenagers have long moved on from rhyming picture books and the reading level for Hawaii dad Paul Kramer's amateurish, self-published effort is recommended on Amazon for kids ages 4 to 8.

The online mess for Kramer began recently with outraged commenters on Amazon, where pre-orders haven't propelled Maggie anywhere near the top of the rankings. There's now a "savemaggie" hashtag on Twitter, a "Say No to Maggie Goes on a Diet" Facebook page, calls for a boycott and demands that Amazon and Barnes & Noble pull the book.

Kramer won't disclose how many orders he has for Maggie, which isn't out until October. While most of the attention has been negative, he said, there are supporters, like this one who responded to a book basher on Twitter: "She's 14, not 6. Are you seriously suggesting that, with the obesity problem in this country, that a book teaching children to exercise and eat right is somehow IMMORAL? I bet your fat."

Kramer, who went on "Good Morning America" to defend the book, already has regrets, though using the word "diet" isn't one of them. Diet, he said, isn't a dirty word as many of his angry critics have declared. Even for a book clearly most appropriate for little kids? He insists he didn't have 4-year-olds in mind, thinking more along the lines of 8 and up.

"The main message was that Maggie went on a diet predominantly because she loves sports and wanted to be able to run faster, bend more easily and be better able to play sports more effectively," Kramer told The Associated Press by phone from Maui, where he lives with his wife and soccer-loving, 16-year-old son.



"Maggie Goes on a Diet," by Paul M. Kramer and Mari Kuwayama.

NEWLY NAMED



Karter Nicholas Conley

Chris and Kim Conley of Fruitland have chosen the name Karter Nicholas Conley, for their son, born Thursday, July 14, 2011, at 11:45 a.m. at Peninsula Regional Medical Center in Salisbury.

The baby weighed 8 pounds, 7 ounces and was 21 and one quarter inches long. He has a big brother, 4-year-old, Kaleb Christopher Conley.

Maternal grandparents are Patricia Wilson of Salisbury, and the late A.C. Wilson Jr.

Paternal grandparents are Ron and Carol Moore of Eden.

Great-grandfather is Douglas Good of Fruitland.

Jenny Wheeler and Joseph Vermeil of Pocomoke City have chosen the name Carly-Rae Kindall Vermeil for their daughter, born April 13, 2011, at 1:58 p.m. at Peninsula Regional Medical Center in Salisbury.

The baby weighed 6 pounds, 5 ounces and was 19.2 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are Ruth Ryan of Pocomoke City and Jennifer Wheeler of Parkley.

Great-grandparents are Marilyn Vanginshoven and John Vermeil and Lomnie and Joe Ryan.

Bird club plans Nasawango field trip

SALISBURY — The Tri-County Bird Club will take a field trip to the Nasawango Creek Nature Conservancy Preserve on Sept. 17 to look for fall migrants and to visit a bird banding station.

Participants should meet at the Ward Museum of Wildfowl Art parking lot at 7:30 a.m., and bring binoculars, snacks and drinks. Call 410-543-1853.

Hospital hosts 5K Fun Walk Saturday

SALISBURY — The Peninsula Regional Medical Center Foundation will hold its annual Richard A. Henson Cancer Institute 5K Fun Walk, honoring Barbara Long, on Saturday, beginning and ending at the Richard A. Henson Cancer Institute located on the campus of Peninsula Regional Medical Center.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and the walk starts at 10 a.m. Registration is \$20 in advance, \$25 the day of the event. Dogs can participate for a \$5 entry fee; children 10 years of age and under are free.

The event will also feature a post-walk party with games, a dunking booth, food, screenings and music. Also planned are contests for the best decorated wagon and stroller.

The event is being held to raise money for the Richard A. Henson Cancer Institute and to educate the public about cancer prevention. It will also commemorate the third anniversary of the opening of the Richard A. Henson Cancer Institute and to honor cancer patients, survivors, their families and the hospital family.

To register for the walk online, visit www.peninsula.org/waysto give and click on the "events" tab, or call 410-543-7140.

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