

BRIEFLY

Lucy Corr 5K run/walk

CHESTERFIELD — The Lucy Corr Foundation will hold its annual 5K Run/Walk for the Future July 18. The race will start at 8 a.m. at Lucy Corr Village, 6800 Lucy Corr Blvd. The course will encompass a scenic flat loop around the courthouse area.

Pre-registration is \$15 before July 13, and \$12 for youths 16 and younger. After July 13, registration will be \$20, and \$15 for youths 16 and younger. Participants may also register the day of the race. T-shirts are guaranteed to the first 250 registrants. There will be a \$100 cash award for the top overall male and female winners, as well as medals and door prizes.

Go to lucycorrville.com for a registration form, or request a form from Bonnie Meyers at 804-706-5712 or lcv@lucycorrville.com.

All proceeds from the race will benefit the Lucy Corr Foundation.

VSU programs

ETTRICK — Today is the last day one can register for Virginia State University's sixth annual Commercial Vegetable Production Field Day being held from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, July 9 at Randolph Farm, located on River Road, Ettrick.

Field Day participants will tour a variety of field and high tunnel crops on VSU's 416-acre Randolph Farm, and learn about the production and marketing of specialty crops with proven market potential.

This program, sponsored by Cooperative Extension at VSU, is free and open to the public.

To register, call Carol Streetman at (804) 524-5960 or e-mail cstreetman@vsu.edu.

For more information about the program, call Dr. Reza Rafie, VSU horticulture extension specialist, at (804) 52-5714 or e-mail arafie@vsu.edu.

Also, this week, VSU Cooperative Extension has scheduled its annual three-day Fish School featuring "hands-on practical aquaculture" for anyone interested in producing fish in ponds, cages and greenhouses.

Free and open to the public, the Fish School will be held at 8:30 a.m. daily beginning Wednesday, July 8 through Friday, July 10 at VSU's Cooperative Extension Pavilion located on River Road, Ettrick.

Interested participants can register for the entire session or for individual days. Anyone desiring to engage in hands-on pond, laboratory or greenhouse activities is encouraged to dress appropriately.

Registration may have closed for this program, but for more information about the fish school or to check if there is still space available, call VSU's Aquaculture Office at (804) 524-5496 or e-mail Dr. Brian Nerrie, VSU aquaculture extension specialist, at bnerrie@vsu.edu.

Vegetable harvest class planned

CHESTERFIELD — The Chesterfield County Office of Virginia Cooperative Extension is offering a new class this summer to teach gardeners how to grow vegetables for a fall harvest.

Many vegetables can be harvested in the fall and into winter, including beans, peas, carrots, cauliflower, lettuce, spinach and many greens. Join Master Gardener Sandra Gentry to learn how to grow and harvest these delicious vegetables.

The Plant Now for a Fall Vegetable Harvest class will be offered twice:

— July 13, 5-7 p.m., Meadowdale Library, 4301 Meadowdale Blvd., Richmond

— July 20, 4-6 p.m., Clover Hill Library, 6701 Deer Run Drive, Midlothian

Seating is limited.

Call 804-751-4401 to reserve seats. Admission is free.

Public hearing set to discuss Mid-Lothian Mines Park

CHESTERFIELD — The Chesterfield County Parks and Recreation Department, in cooperation with the Chesterfield County Department of Environmental Engineering, will hold a public meeting July 14, beginning at 6:30 p.m., to provide

information about planned construction projects at Mid-Lothian Mines Park. The meeting will be held in the cafeteria of Watkins Elementary School, 501 Coalfield Road.

From 6:30 until 7 p.m., attendees will be able to visit three project information areas to learn about the development activities planned at the park. These information areas will include Parks and Recreation, Envi-

ronmental Engineering and Risk Management/Environmental Management. County staff in each area will provide those attending the meeting opportunities to review information and ask questions before a formal presentation begins around 7 p.m. There will be another opportunity to ask questions following the formal presentation. Input also is welcome before and after the meeting

by contacting the following:

— Parks and Recreation, Stuart Connock, 804-751-4484, connocks@chesterfield.gov

— Environmental Engineering, Dick McElfish, 748-1035, mcelfishr@chesterfield.gov

— Safety, Jim Carpenter, 318-8805, carpenterj@chesterfield.gov

— Environmental, Jeff Howard, 717-6531, howardj@chesterfield.gov

Battersea, Sycamore Rouge launch fun, educational series



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Darci Tucker portrays Betsy Ross June 13 outside the Battersea mansion during the first program of the Leisure and Learning Series sponsored by the Battersea Foundation in partnership with Sycamore Rouge.

Battersea Foundation has formed a partnership with Sycamore Rouge to launch a Leisure and Learning Series that will provide informative and educational opportunities for the community. The inaugural offering in the series, "Life on the Lawn" was held June 13 outside historic Battersea. This educational program featured a staged reading of "40 Acres & A POW," discussion of the staged reading, a live demonstration by Master Ice Sculptor Robert Sparks, live music on the grounds, children's activities, tours of Battersea, costumed re-enactors, and more. The community was invited to bring their lawn chairs and make themselves comfortable for the afternoon.



Above: 'Baby Huey's Rhythm Section provided the afternoon's entertainment from the front porch of Battersea. Below: Mike Ess performs with Baby Huey and the Babysitters for the first program in the Leisure and Learning Series being sponsored by the Battersea Foundation and Sycamore Rouge.



From 4 to 6 p.m. June 13, visitors at Battersea watched as Master Ice Sculptor Robert Sparks created a cannon ice sculpture, shown above. Pictured top and center, Sparks shapes the wheel of the sculpture during a live demonstration for the 'Life on the Lawn' educational event.