

Willaby's joins businesses supporting March of Dimes

Willaby's Café and Catering in White Stone recently donated to the March of Dimes for the seventh consecutive year.

The March of Dimes raises funds to support research and prevention of premature birth, the leading killer of newborns, which affects 1 in every 8 babies in the United States.

Willaby's owner, William Barnhardt, is no stranger to the reality of having a child at risk. His son was born with a congenital heart condition, which was repaired after birth.

"I understand the anxiety related to having something go wrong at birth. We were lucky to have a cure for Kendall's condition," said Barnhardt. "I support the need for all parents to have solutions when they are faced with birth defects or premature birth."



From left are March of Dimes volunteer Susan DuVal Long and supporter William Barnhardt.

The Northern Neck March for Babies will be held October 4 in Kilmarnock. Registration will begin at 2 p.m. and the walk at 3 p.m. The walk will start and finish at the Kilmarnock Carnival Grounds.

The community goal this year is \$29,000, said volunteer Susan DuVal Long.

"The March for Babies needs your help," said Barnhardt. "Participation is fun and healthy. Your company or organization can form a team, get sponsors and participate with friends, neighbors or co-workers."

To participate, contact Susan DuVal Long at csgplong@yahoo.com, or 436-6243.

On-site computer celebrates its eighth

GeekLab, a full-service computer company, is celebrating its eighth anniversary in the Northern Neck.

Longwood College graduate Chris Emry is proud to have the opportunity to assist with all of their computer needs, he said.

"The secret to our success is focusing on to provide our clients with up-to-date technology at a high level of service to every client, even over these eight years we have built our reputation, value system and a way of working and changes of technologies."

A lifelong resident of Lancaster County, Emry and the people he has the opportunity to serve.

"We are so pleased to have had a positive impact on the community over the last eight years and have much more to come" said Emry.

He offers on-site hardware or software



Wal-Mart transportation

A \$5,000 Wal-Mart Foundation grant through the Wal-Mart awarded to the Boys & Girls Club of the Northern Neck will provide after-school transportation in need. Store manager David Anderson said after-school transportation became a priority for director Tyren Frazier. "We still have a long way to go, but this definitely helps," he said. The transportation program received an additional \$20,000 per year.

Bay Transit to join statewide promotion

Bay Transit recently announced it will participate in the statewide Try Transit Week September 21-25, in coordination with the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT).

Those who try transit during Try Transit Week will be entered in a contest to win a one-year free transit pass, according to Lenea England. With more than 150 transit, rail, carpooling, vanpooling and telework partners and operators, there are many available options. Find the option that works best and pledge to try

transit online at trytransitweek.com.

The locality with the highest total pledges also will receive an award for supporting transportation choices in the Commonwealth.

Bay Transit facts

Bay Transit buses are equipped with wheelchair lifts to accommodate passengers requiring wheelchair assistance. However, service is available for all people, of all ages, for all reasons.

The fare to ride Bay Transit

is generally \$1 per trip. Trips within Lancaster County are \$2 and trips between Charles City County and Williamsburg are \$2 each way (or 2 tickets). A book of 10 tickets can be purchased for \$8.

The bus service will travel to any other location within the county in which the trip originates. Limited service is available to connect with buses in other counties or into certain locations in adjoining counties. Transfers to another bus require another ticket or \$1 fare. Bay Transit buses run in all service areas Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., except some holidays.

Listen to local radio stations during inclement weather. If the county schools are closed, Bay Transit will not be operating.

Children younger than age 12 must be accompanied by an adult to ride Bay Transit.



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