



From the Editor: RCES News

by Sam P

Now with the science fair over, the two winners who received the most votes from the judges were Jacob Johnson and Nathan Genho. There have been so many fundraisers and great successes over this past year, including the coat drive, the Halloween dance, and the trash pickup right outside our very school.

In this issue we are including some articles written by RCES students for the Foothills Forum Writing Contest, the winners were in the Rappahannock News, but there were many others worth reading.

Internet

by: Alexis G

Welcome to Rappahannock where the people are great and the internet is tragic. This is a problem because everyone uses the internet every day of their lives unless the power goes out. We use the internet to shop, watch YouTube, to check the weather and a thousand other things. Students in our community need access to the internet to do assignments for school and even though there are a few public places that they can receive the internet many people don't have it at home.

Our local schools have started dropping away from using paper and have started down the road of technology. This means that many classes have switched from paper homework to turning in homework online through programs like Google Classroom. This is great in many ways but also is a huge problem for kids who don't have internet at home. Most teachers expect this homework to get done at home and turned in online, but if kids don't have access to the internet they can't achieve this. This makes it harder for students to get good grades and pass their classes.

Students that don't have internet at home have another option for internet by using public facilities. Our public library has a couple of computers and has free public wifi for our use. The school also has internet but it is mainly used for the students and staff while they are at school. There are also some places like the Before and After Cafe and other local stores that allow their customers to use their wifi. Yet this is not a solution for everyone, we need to be able to access the internet throughout the county.

There are many reasons people can't get internet at their homes in Rappahannock. In several places in our county, you

can only get internet through a satellite or by radio signals. Often times these signals can't reach citizens because of weather conditions or because the landscape of Rappahannock blocks the signals. Also, internet service is very expensive here. Some people have to pay eighty dollars a month or more for the internet. Many families might not be able to afford this cost.

In conclusion, whether you are a student, teacher, or just a person who lives in Rappahannock you need the internet. There are other ways to receive the internet if you don't have it at home, but those ways don't work for everyone. To make Rappahannock the best it can be we need to work together to make internet service in the county cheaper and more reliable for everyone.

1929 Rye Cove Tornado Outbreak in Rappahannock

by Beth B.

Woodville was established in 1798. The village was laid out in a half-acre lot according to Images of America Rappahannock County by Kathryn Lynch and the Rappahannock Historical Society. "Union forces camped for an time in the area and even used the top of Red Oak Mountain as a vantage point." (Images of America Rappahannock County by Kathryn Lynch & Rappahannock Historical Society).

The 1929 Rye Cove Tornado Outbreak spread from Woodville to Flint Hill. The most impacted areas were Woodville, Rappahannock, Catlett Fauquier, and La Grande Culpeper. It's the worst tornado outbreak in the area in history.

Four of six tornadoes were spawned by one storm system. Twenty-two people were killed and many other people were injured.

The Woodville School (pictured here) was totally destroyed. After the tornado, high school students attended Sperryville High School. A blackboard from the Woodville school was found 25 miles away from the school near the Fauquier County community of Hume.

The Woodville Baptist Church was destroyed by the tornado. It was then rebuilt, and the new church building was finished in 1930. Woodville Methodist Church was also destroyed, but the building was not rebuilt. Another tornado touched down a mile north of Hamilton in Loudoun County. According to The Washington Post, Arabelle Laws Arrington said, "It cut through the woods like they put in a power line." In just a few minutes it went through town and destroyed most of the buildings including the high school.



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Sports: The NBA Playoffs

by Sam P.

The NBA has been heating up lately. It's the third round of the playoffs. The first and second rounds have concluded, leaving these two teams left to battle it out. Warriors and the Raptors will face off in game one of the NBA finals on this Thursday. The Bucks have won the series against the Celtics in just five games, 4-1; it is a best of seven series. The Raptors won the series against the Sixers in seven games and the Bucks in six games. The Warriors won the series against the Rockets in six games and the Trail Blazers in four games. The Trail Blazers trounced the Nuggets in seven games. The Raptors and the Warriors will face off in the NBA finals to decide the national champion. This has and will be a great NBA playoff. Also, I would like to point out that Steph Curry is 15-2 against the Raptors in his career with the two losses coming this year.



National Champs AGAIN

by Isaac S.

When someone says that a national championship is good, make sure to tell them that UVA has won two this year – Basketball and Lacrosse, two highly competitive sports!

Beating the No.3 seed Texas Tech in basketball and beating the defending champs Yale in lacrosse showed amazing doggedness. When UVA won the national championships in lacrosse and basketball, they were noted as one of the top defenses in the country. DEFENSE wins championships. The final score for the lacrosse game was 13-9.

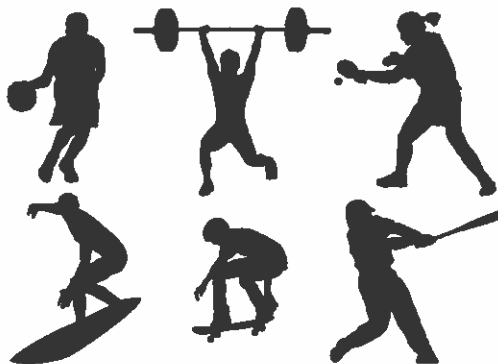
GO HOOS!



Be Healthy Have Fun & You're Good: Active Sports

by Emily S

Basketball, baseball, softball, football, track and so many more amazing sports are good for you! They are active, and if you try them you may have fun. I am stronger and faster from playing sports. I had so much fun playing basketball. My favorite sport is either basketball or gymnastics. When I'm playing, I feel so healthy and so much happier that I want to play more sports. Be healthy and have fun: try a new sport this summer! I know so many people who do not like sports, but that is fine; just be healthy and have fun with some kind of exercise!



Our Stories - JUST FOR FUN!

BEEES

by Everett Z

I'm writing this poem
for something in school.
It's optional, of course,
but I think it's cool.

I can write about dragons
and a very brave knight.
I can write about giants
of monstrous heights.

I could write about the wars
that occurred in history.
I could write about animals
like sharks, bears, and bees.



I could write about anything,
anything at all.

I might write about houses,
that have lots of walls.

But even if I could write literally
anything I please.
I would always get bothered by those
ANNOYING BEEES!

I don't know why they're here
they just won't go away.
They only sting me when I write
I cannot let them stay.

I tried attacking them,
But that did no good.
They picked me up and dropped
me down onto a piece of wood.

I guess the moral is clear,
don't attack any bees.

But they dropped me from a great big height,
so **CALL A DOCTOR, PLEASE!!!**



THREE ANIMALS WITH "A" FUN FACTS

by: Carmen B

There are two species of the African Elephants: the African Bush Elephant and the African Forest Elephant. Their scientific name is



Loxodonta. The African Elephants are the largest animals on Earth, The herds go through 37 countries in Africa! Their trunks are used for communication and handling objects, while their large ears allow them radiate excess heat. They

weigh around 13,000 lbs, and can grow up to 11 ft and live up to 60-70 years.

The Alaskan Moose is a subspecies of moose that "ranges from Alaskan to Western Yukon," according to Wikipedia. They are the largest subspecies of moose in North America. The Alaskan Moose are usually solitary but



they sometimes form small herds. The Alaskan Moose are the largest member of the deer family; they are also the largest moose in the world! The Alaskan Moose male weighs an average of 1000 lbs and the average female weighs 800 lbs. Their height averages around 5.9 ft - 6.9 ft, and they live around 15 - 25 years.



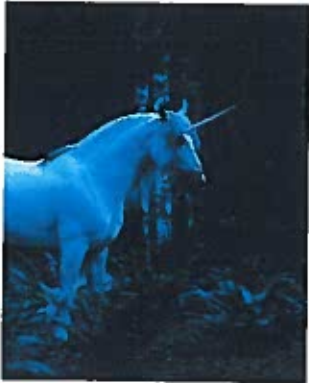
The Asian Tapir also known as the Malayan Tapir; they are the largest of the 5 species of Tapir. They are also the only species native to Asia. "Tapirs look like pigs with trunks, but they are actually related to horses and

rhinoceroses. "This eclectic lineage is an ancient one—and so is the tapir itself. Scientists believe that these animals have changed little over tens of millions of years." According to National Geographic. The Tapirs are excellent swimmers and will even dive into the water to feed on some aquatic plants. Malayan Tapirs are currently endangered and they only have 3,00 left in their species. Asian Tapirs stand a height of 2 ft 11 in to 3 ft 7 in, and a length of 5 ft 11 in and 8 ft 2 in. (not including their stubby tail) They weigh around 550 lbs and live up to 30 years.

Our Stories:

In Skittles Land

by Brooklyn S



A girl named Lily was wandering around the forest. She found a door in a tree, and when she opened it, something grabbed her and down she went. Looking up from where she fell, her eyes stared into a Unicorn's eyes! "Welcome to Skittles Land" was on the sign.

Lily had a plush unicorn at home named Blue, that was alive and gave her a ride! She met Blue's best friends, Green, Pink, and Teal. Then they met a panda named Chloe. She was a rainbow panda. Later Lily saw her best friend Chloe and they ate cakes all day. Finally, Lily and Chloe went home.

Perhaps this summer you'll find yourself in the same position as our reviewer, wondering **Apple Vs. Samsung?**

by Lee C.

I've been given the opportunity to upgrade my phone, so I did some research: it's between Apple and Samsung. I researched the plus models & the default models.

The Apple Xr and the Xs and the Samsung 10E & the S10+.

The prices and quality of the phones are close but the S10E did



really pull away with the insane power of the Snapdragon 855, and the all new power sharing. But on the other hand the Xs did have better durability reviews then the S10E and a slightly better camera. But I have to give it to Samsung with the insane power and all new power sharing. The reviews and ratings of all the phones were very close. Both of the Apple phones got close ratings and reviews the Xr got an 8.9 and the Xs got an 8.8. The only bad things were the Xs battery and the Xr had an LCD screen vs. the OLED screen. Similar to Apple the reviews and the ratings for Samsung were close, the S10+ got a 9.0 and the S10E

got an 8.9. The only detractors were the S10+, which had a night sight camera problem and the S10E was a poor phone for lefties. Overall, I found that Apple and Samsung make very good phones. But I think that Apple barely came out on top because, they had a better camera, virus protection, and performance. And with that being said, I think I'm going to go with Apple for my next phone.

Geographic Superstars

What's the world's largest country? The world's smallest continent? Do this fraction match-up to find out.

Each geography supertitle below is followed by a fraction. Reduce that fraction to its lowest terms. Then match it to one of the fractions (and places) in the right column.

| Super Title | Fraction | Place |
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| 1. World's highest mountain | $\frac{3}{9}$ | $\frac{1}{9}$ Soviet Union |
| 2. Largest cave system | $\frac{12}{18}$ | $\frac{1}{4}$ Sahara |
| 3. Smallest continent | $\frac{3}{21}$ | $\frac{10}{11}$ Salt Angel |
| 4. Largest desert | $\frac{7}{28}$ | $\frac{1}{3}$ Everest |
| 5. Deepest spot in the ocean (It's in the Pacific) | $\frac{4}{8}$ | $\frac{2}{3}$ Mammoth-Flint Ridge |
| 6. Largest country (land) | $\frac{2}{16}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ Marianas Trench |
| 7. Largest country (people) | $\frac{6}{30}$ | $\frac{1}{7}$ Australia |
| 8. Highest waterfall | $\frac{100}{110}$ | $\frac{1}{5}$ China |

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One child was crushed by debris and killed, and 13 were found unconscious about 200 yards from where the school was. The tornado continued over Red Oak Mountain and Wharton Hollow where a man named Carroll Settle died after his house blew away and his chimney fell on him.

The tornado continued 13 miles in Rappahannock, to Flint Hill where three people were killed and 30 more injured. From Wharton Hollow, the tornado traveled west of Laura Mills, and set down near Ben Venue along Route 211, where it killed a mother named Lena Peyton and her 2-year old daughter.

Before the tornado Woodville was a thriving village, having many country stores, services, and many people. When the 1929 tornado hit Woodville, it obliterated most of the country stores, services and more. Not many houses were destroyed but many were severely damaged. Imagine if the 1929 Rye Cove Tornado Outbreak didn't happen, Woodville, could've become the most thriving community in Rappahannock County.