



## Planning for pandemic —Operation HEALTH tests Henrico’s emergency plans

Late last fall, local hospitals, clinics and doctors’ offices began noticing an influx of patients suffering from flu-like symptoms that were unusually severe. Henrico health officials quickly determined that a new strain of influenza virus had infected the local population.

In a bid to stem the spread



Hundreds of Henrico residents participated in Operation HEALTH, lending a shoulder — and receiving a free flu shot — to help the county test its emergency plans.

of the potentially lethal illness, the Centers for Disease Control rushed a shipment of experimental vaccine to the county. Health officials moved quickly to implement an emergency plan to distribute the vaccine to county residents, working against time to stop the new strain of flu before it triggered a pandemic.

The fictitious scenario depicted above was brought to life one Saturday last November for Operation HEALTH — a special exercise designed to test Henrico’s plans to respond to a large-scale health emergency, such as a flu pandemic or bioterrorism attack, that would require the mass-dispensing of vaccine or preventive medication to residents. The county drill was part of a federally mandated

effort by localities statewide to put their plans under the microscope —CONTINUED, NEXT PAGE—

## Donati, Kaechele to lead board in 2007

The Henrico County Board of Supervisors ushered in the new year by electing two of its longest-serving members to head the board in 2007. At its initial meeting last month, the board’s first order of business was to vote Vari-

na District Supervisor James B. Donati, Jr. chairman and Three Chopt District Supervisor David A. Kaechele vice chairman.

Brookland District Supervisor Richard W. Glover passed the chairman’s gavel after leading the board for the past year. Donati and Kaechele will each serve a one-year term.

Donati, a native of Henrico County, has represented the Varina District since his election to the board of supervisors in 1991. He begins his fourth term as board chairman. He has served on a number of national, regional and local governmental organizations, including the Capital Region Airport Commission, the Henricus Foundation advisory board, the Maymont Foundation board of directors, the

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Varina District Supervisor James B. Donati, Jr. is serving his fourth term as board chairman.

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James River Advisory Council and steering committees for the Virginia Association of Counties and the National Association of Counties. A veteran of the U.S. Army, Donati owns WhiteOak Turf Care, a landscaping company.

First elected as Three Chopt District supervisor in 1979,



David A. Kaechele has been a board member representing the Three Chopt District since 1979.

Kaechele also has served on a variety of governmental and civic boards and organizations, including the National Association of Counties, the Virginia Association of Counties, the Richmond Metropolitan Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Capital Region Airport Commission, the Greater Richmond Partnership and the Richmond Metropolitan Authority Stadium Operating Committee. Kaechele, a retired senior development engineer for Reynolds Metals Company, is a graduate of Michigan State University and a veteran of the U.S. Army.

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### **–Planning for pandemic–**

scope and to educate the public about a potential real-life health crisis.

The Henrico public also played a key role in the exercise. To make the drill as realistic as possible, county officials sought — and received — the participation of hundreds of local residents.

“Operation HEALTH provided our citizens with insight as to what may occur during a true health emergency,” said Public Health Director Dr. Mark Levine. “And to adequately test our plan, and make the exercise a success, the involvement of local residents was essential. We are grateful for their willingness to help.”

### **Mass vaccination**

Henrico's exercise imagined a situation — a natural outbreak of avian flu or SARS or an intentional attempt to spread diseases like smallpox or anthrax into the population through the local water system, for example — that would potentially threaten the health of a majority of the county's approximately 300,000 residents.

Applying county population data to models developed by the Centers for Disease Control, a pandemic flu outbreak in Henrico could have a significant impact: up to 50,000 outpatient visits to area hospitals and clinics; some 1,260 patient hospitalizations; and more than 240 deaths, per each eight-week wave of the illness. A large number of people would need vaccine in a

relatively short period of time.

Health officials would confront such a situation by enacting the county's mass-dispensing emergency plan. The plan uses two sites, located to best accommodate the county's geography and population, from which to provide vaccine. It directs the transportation of residents to and from these sites, and calls for a layout and process that gets them vaccinated as orderly and efficiently as possible.

The plan also takes into account a variety of other critical measures, including patient screening, provisions for serving handicapped residents, proper cold storage of the vaccine or medication, the use of an incident command system, communications, traffic control and security. It coordinates and directs the interaction of a dozen different county agencies and a few hundred county personnel.

“There are so many different parts to this puzzle,” Levine said. “It is a county-wide effort, which is what we would need in a large-scale emergency.”

### **Real-life rehearsal**

Of course, as leaders ranging from military commanders to football coaches to county officials know, plans put into practice often bear little resemblance to plans on paper. To fully gauge the effectiveness of the mass-dispensing plan and Henrico's ability to confront a large-scale emergency, Health officials needed people to participate. Lots of people.

Henrico residents ranging

in age from 5 to 80 responded. Nearly 900 registered through a special Web site and phone hotline established for the exercise. Participants received the 2006-07 seasonal flu vaccine — as a traditional shot or as a nasal spray, depending on their choice, age and health status — free of charge. Use of actual flu vaccine helped make the exercise as realistic as possible, Health officials said, while giving residents an additional incentive to participate.

In addition to choosing the type of vaccine, participants also chose the site where they would receive the vaccination. The county's mass-dispensing plan calls for two sites, and Dumbarton Elementary and Fairfield Middle schools were designated for the exercise.

Participants arrived at staging areas at the Henrico Government Center and Fairfield Commons mall parking lot, where they boarded buses and were transported to the vaccination sites. The “patients” could not drive themselves, as security and mass transport are important components of the county plan, although handicapped residents were permitted to travel independently and use special drive-through vaccination lanes at the sites.

Once at the vaccination centers, participants filed into schools converted into temporary clinics. Approximately 100 county personnel staffed each site, providing security and traffic control, serving as greeters, screeners and nurses while also answering questions and offering direction to their patients. After completing a



Henrico's mass-dispensing emergency plan includes a drive-through vaccination service for handicapped residents.

screening process and receiving an injection or inhaling the spray vaccine, the volunteer patients returned to waiting buses.

Participants needed an average of eight to 10 minutes to move through the two sites, translating to a rate of about 300 vaccine doses administered per hour. Based on the test exercise, Health officials estimated the actual vaccination capacity of the centers, in a real emergency, to be at least 900 doses per hour or approximately 10,000 people over the course of a 12-hour day.

"At that rate, it would take about a week to vaccinate the entire county population," Levine noted.

For 96 percent of participants, the entire process — from parking at the staging areas and boarding buses to receiving the vaccinations and returning to their vehicles — took 30 minutes. In preparing for the drill, officials had

anticipated it would take 60 to 90 minutes to complete the process.

"We were blown away by how swiftly our patients were able to finish the exercise," Levine said. "That's a tremendous accomplishment and says a great deal about the quality of the planning and cooperation of the different agencies and personnel who coordinated the event."

#### Lessons learned

The speed and efficiency of the vaccination process were good indicators that Henrico's mass-dispensing plan would succeed in a real-life emergency. Officials learned a number of lessons from the exercise.

The eastern and western sites — Fairfield Middle and Dumbarton Elementary schools — were properly located in relation to the county's geography and population, although a majority of participants tended to come from neighborhoods

closest to the two schools. In a real emergency, additional sites may be needed to bring more vaccine into the community.

The reservation system, which featured a Web site and phone bank, worked well. Health staff were able to schedule the age-appropriate vaccine — shot or nasal spray — for participants, enhancing operations at the sites. The reservation system also allowed staff to prepare for patients with special needs.

The successful use of two vaccine types allowed officials to test the flexibility of the plan, an important characteristic — in the event of a real pandemic, the Centers for Disease Control may provide vaccines in different forms.

The exercise also tested the ability of staff from a variety of departments to become a cohesive team in a complex project.

"Personnel from the different agencies really worked well together," said Emergency Planner Mike Magner. "During a disaster, that would be extremely important."

The exercise revealed some room for improvement as well. The use of multi-channel radios at the sites proved problematic; some personnel needed additional training in radio operation and appropriate on-air communication forms. Also, improved signage would enhance the flow of patients through the sites, and the efficiency of the drive-through vaccine stations for handicapped residents — which proved difficult to resupply and awkward to use at times

— could be improved.

Challenges remain, Levine said, but he sounded an upbeat assessment about the mass-dispensing exercise and Henrico's emergency-planning efforts.

"Considering the time we're living in, we need to continue planning for a disaster event with major health implications," he said. "But we're clearly at the forefront. We have built a level of confidence and know that we can respond in an emergency."

## Free tax help available for Henrico taxpayers

**—Eligible families, individuals could see bigger refunds**

So you're eight weeks into 2007 and taking another look at your resolutions for the new year — and trying to find an item you can cross from the list.

The "eat fewer cookies/do more crunches" goal is still there, of course. But what about that item — "get taxes done for free" — just beneath it? If you qualify, Henrico can help you draw a big red line through that resolution, and maybe boost your federal refund by hundreds of dollars in the process.

Henrico County and the Greater Richmond Earned

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Income Tax Credit Coalition (GREITCC) are working to ensure that eligible taxpayers know about — and receive — the earned income tax credit. And they're helping qualifying families and individuals prepare their taxes and apply for the credit, free of charge.

Department of Social Services. "Word is getting around about this service and the earned income tax credit, but there are still many people who are missing out."

To qualify for the earned income tax credit, residents must meet the following in-

- ▶ Human Services Building, 8600 Dixon Powers Drive; through April 12, 4-8 p.m. each Tuesday and Thursday;
- ▶ Fairfield Area Library, 1001 N. Laburnum Ave.; through March 3, 6-8 p.m. each Thursday and 10 a.m.-1 p.m. each Saturday.

Now in its fifth year, the GREITCC is a unique organization of local governments, businesses, nonprofit groups and the IRS working to increase public awareness of the earned income tax credit and to offer qualifying taxpayers a no-cost alternative to paid tax-preparation services.

Last year, GREITCC volunteers helped eligible taxpayers file 725 federal returns, generating \$451,000 in earned income tax credit funds and a total of \$888,000 in federal returns. The free service saved area filers an estimated \$145,000 in preparation fees. The additional funds benefit the local economy as well: more than 80 percent of earned income tax credit refund dollars remain in the community where they are received, according to the coalition.

Many area residents miss this opportunity, however. The GREITCC estimates that approximately 20 percent of eligible taxpayers are not claiming the earned income tax credit.

For more information, contact the GREITCC at 649-0330.

## Board eliminates vehicle decals

At its regular meeting Feb. 13, the Henrico County Board of Supervisors approved an ordinance abolishing the county's personal property tax decal for vehicle owners.

Henrico previously had issued new permanent decals to vehicle owners and required that they be displayed by Feb. 15. Board members received overwhelming feedback from residents regarding the decals, who expressed concerns about their design and larger size. The comments from residents spurred the county to eliminate the new stickers; residents are no longer required to display a county decal in the windshield of their vehicles.

"Henrico County appreciates the input of our residents regarding the vehicle decals," said County Manager Virgil R. Hazelett, P.E. "We are responding to their concerns. At this point, we believe that eliminating the decals is the best way to move forward."

Like other area localities, which eliminated their vehicle decals in the past year, Henrico will continue to assess annually the licensing tax — \$20 for a standard vehicle.

"Henrico County is committed to good stewardship of the taxpayer's dollar," Hazelett said. "This decision will allow us to eliminate some recurring costs and, ultimately, to better serve our residents."

Residents can contact the Revenue Division at 501-4263 for more information.



The earned income tax credit is a benefit for workers who file a tax return and meet certain income requirements. Designed to reduce the tax burden on lower-income workers and to supplement their wages, the credit could increase a federal refund by as much as \$4,536 for families and \$412 for individuals.

"We strongly encourage Henrico's eligible taxpayers to take advantage of our free service and avoid paying high fees to have their taxes prepared," said Employment Services Supervisor Maureen Goode, who coordinates GREITCC activities for Henrico's

come requirements for 2006:

- ▶ Adjusted gross income of less than \$36,348 and two or more qualifying children;
- ▶ Adjusted gross income of less than \$32,001 and one qualifying child; or
- ▶ Adjusted gross income of less than \$12,120 and no qualifying children.

Volunteers are currently helping eligible taxpayers prepare and file returns at GREITCC sites throughout the metropolitan area, including two in Henrico. Appointments are not necessary, and child care is available at the Henrico locations:

# HCTV-Channel 17 winter schedule

For program descriptions or more information, tune to TV Guide Channel 20 or go to [www.co.henrico.va.us/pr](http://www.co.henrico.va.us/pr)



		<b>Even Hours</b> 12 a.m., 2 a.m., 4 a.m., 6 a.m., 8 a.m., 10 a.m., Noon, 2 p.m., 4 p.m., 6 p.m., 8 p.m., 10 p.m.	<b>Odd Hours</b> 1 a.m., 3 a.m., 5 a.m., 7 a.m., 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m., 5 p.m., 7 p.m., 9 p.m., 11 p.m.
<b>Feb 26 through Mar 4</b>	Mon Wed Fri Sun	<b>Turning the Page: The New Look of Henrico's Libraries</b>	<b>Living with Autism</b> - 28 mins
	Tue Thu Sat	<b>Magazine 17: Winter 2007</b>	<b>Culture and Pride: Native American History in Virginia</b> - 57 mins
<b>Mar 5 through Mar 11</b>	Mon Wed Fri Sun	<b>Losing Weight, Gaining Life: The Obesity Epidemic</b>	<b>Crystal Clear: The Water Reclamation Facility</b> - 17 mins
	Tue Thu Sat	<b>A Hunger to Live: Transplanting Life</b> - 23 mins	<b>The Bridges of Henrico County</b> - 28 mins
<b>Mar 12 through Mar 18</b>	Mon Wed Fri Sun	<b>Garden Retreats: Stopping to Smell the Roses</b> - 31 mins	<b>The Planting Zone: First Time Gardening</b> - 26 mins
	Tue Thu Sat	<b>Joining Forces: The Henrico Citizens Police Academy</b> - 18 mins	<b>Your Weapon Against Gun Violence: Henrico Exile</b> - 20 mins
<b>Mar 19 through Mar 25</b>	Mon Wed Fri Sun	<b>Battlefield Henrico: Savage Station 1862</b> - 42 mins	<b>An Officer's Duty: The History of Henrico Police</b> - 34 mins
	Tue Thu Sat	<b>A Working Partnership: Canines In The County</b> - 23 mins	<b>R.I.S.E.- Recovery in a Secure Environment</b> - 30 mins
<b>Mar 26 through Apr 1</b>	Mon Wed Fri Sun	<b>Henrico S.W.A.T.: Ready for the Call</b> - 20 mins	<b>A Community Investment: Real Estate Taxes and Assessments</b> - 25 mins
	Tue Thu Sat	<b>Taking Flight: Stories of Early Virginia Aviation</b> - 53 mins	<b>Going to Work: The Capital Area Training Consortium</b> - 16 mins
<b>Apr 2 through Apr 8</b>	Mon Wed Fri Sun	<b>Foundations in Time: Henrico's Architectural Treasures</b> - 36 mins	<b>Attack Transport: Remembering the USS Henrico</b> - 57 mins
	Tue Thu Sat	<b>While You Sleep, Henrico Works for You</b> - 25 mins	<b>Voices from Mountain Road: The Historic Mountain Road Corridor</b> - 36 mins

## Traffic impacted by water main installation

The Henrico County Department of Public Utilities advises motorists that the installation of several water mains will have a long-term

the work hours.

Continuing into the fall, installation of a 16-inch water main will affect traffic flow along the two northbound lanes of Brook Road between Brook Run Drive and Lakeside Avenue. At least one lane will remain open at all times, with an additional lane opening to accommodate rush-hour traffic.

Residents can also check



impact on traffic in parts of the county. Motorists traveling in those areas are urged to drive with caution while crews complete the projects.

Through the spring, installation of a 12-inch water main will affect traffic flow at the intersection of Staples Mill and Dickens roads. Crews are working on Dickens Road from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 30 minutes after sunrise to 30 minutes before sunset on Saturday and Sunday; and from 7 p.m.-5:30 a.m. Sunday through Thursday on Staples Mill Road. Traffic has been reduced to two northbound lanes on Staples Mill during

current traffic conditions any time on Henrico County's Web site at [www.co.henrico.va.us](http://www.co.henrico.va.us) by clicking on the "How's Traffic" link.

**Correction:** In the Fall 2006 issue, Henrico Today misreported that America's best 12U softball players will return to compete in Henrico. In fact, the 14U baseball players will compete in the Babe Ruth World Series Baseball Tournament at the Glen Allen Stadium at RF&P Park.

## Spreading holiday cheer —County staff lend a big hand to Christmas Mother program

Henrico's elves were busy again in 2006, working diligently — and generously — to provide some holiday help for hundreds of local families in need.

The Henrico Christmas Mother program long has been a fixture of the holiday season for the county's general government employees, and last year was no exception. Numerous agencies and departments held a variety of events, ranging from pancake breakfasts and bake sales to raffles and office "yard" sales, to raise funds. Individual employees joined the campaign as well, contributing food, cash and gifts.

The effort by county staff generated a record amount of monetary donations — nearly \$16,200. In addition, workers provided boxes filled with clothing, household items, toys, games,

canned goods and gift stockings.

The Sheriff's Office continued a tradition, contributing more than 85 bicycles — and a similar number of helmets — to the effort.

Beneficiaries included county families, children, senior citizens and handicapped adults. In all, the 2006 program assisted 1,503 families with 4,426 individuals, including 2,586 children and 651 seniors or disabled adults.

The Henrico Christmas Mother program dates to 1942, when a local elementary school teacher rallied her students to collect food donations for needy neighbors. Now part of an annual regionwide campaign, the program encompasses the efforts of Henrico businesses, residents and others, including general government employees.



Henrico County staff members Lisa Orlosky, left, and Barbara Poole, right, present a check for funds raised by general government employees to Chris Hardin, center, the 2006 Henrico Christmas Mother.

# Recreation Roundup

## **Fri, Feb 23: Gaming in the Tavern**

A night of friendly games: backgammon, Parcheesi, chess, checkers and more. Just walk in and play. No registration necessary. Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times. For ages 8+: Feb 17, Mar 24 & Apr 14, 1-7 p.m. For ages 18+: Feb 23, Mar 23 & Apr 27, 3-10 p.m. Walkerton Tavern. Free. Info: 261-6898.

## **Fri, Feb 23: Adventure Series-Hiking the Inca Trail**

Bob Singer will share his recent trek along the Inca Trail in South America, showing possible connections to other civilizations in other parts of the world. From Cusco at the Plaza de Armas to Machu Picchu, explore unique ecological zones such as a jungle, as well as natural tunnels, river valleys and a glacier. 7:30-8:30 p.m. Henrico County Admin. Boardroom. Free. Info: 501-5807.

## **Wed, Mar 7-Apr 4: Sign Language I**

For ages 15+. Do you have an interest in signing or would you like to communicate better with someone you know who's deaf? Join this five-week class and learn the sign language alphabet, introductory phrases and some basic vocabulary. 7-9 p.m. Tuckahoe M.S. Library. \$32. Register by Feb 21. Info: 501-5112.

## **Fri, Mar 9: Adventure Series-Livin' the Dream**

Kevin Whitley is known locally as the "HRBT (Hampton Roads Bay Tunnel) Bandit," and along the East Coast as "Kayak Kevin." He accomplished an extraordinary kayak fishing goal by completing a 1,800 mile journey from the Gulf Coast of Florida to the Chesapeake Bay in Virginia. He paddled alone in a sit-on-top kayak he affectionately named "Livin' the Dream." Join Kevin as he shares his paddling journey. 7:30-8:30 p.m. Henrico County Admin. Boardroom. Free. Info: 501-5807.

## **Sat, Mar 10: 9th Annual Kite Festival at Dorey Park**

The Richmond Air Force Kite Club, in cooperation with the Division of Recreation and Parks, is hosting a day of children's contests, games, demonstrations and kite flying lessons. Concessions will be available for purchase. (Rain date: Mar 11.) 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Dorey Park. Free. Info: 501-5121.

## **Thur, Mar 15: The Richmond Symphony in Concert**

The Henrico Family Concert Series features the Richmond Symphony, conducted by Sarah Hatsuko Hicks. Bring the entire family for a great evening of music. 7 p.m. The Cultural Arts Center at Glen Allen. Adults: \$12. Children 12 and under: \$6. Tickets & Reservations: 788-1212.

## **Sat, Mar 17: A Taste of Ireland**

It's St. Patrick's Day! When the Irish arrived in the Richmond area prior to the Civil War, what food traditions did they bring? Learn about trotters and other Irish dishes. Noon-3:30 p.m. Meadow Farm Museum. Info: 501-5520.

## **Fri, Mar 23: An Evening with Mountainfilm**

Presented by Telluride Mountainfilm on Tour. Mountainfilm celebrates the cultures unique to mountain communities. The film tour is a culmination of the best films presented throughout the festival's 25-year history. 7:30-9:30 p.m. Henrico County Admin. Boardroom. Free. 501-5807.

## **Fri, Mar 30: Sweetheart Ball for Mothers & Sons**

For ages 4-6 with a paying adult. This is an opportunity for mothers and sons to have a special date night. There will be dinner, dancing and entertainment - a real night on the town! 6:30-8:30 p.m. Belmont Rec Center. \$7.50 per person. Register by Mar 16. Info: 501-5809.

## **Sat, Mar 31: Old-Fashioned Egg Hunt**

For ages walking-5. Bring your basket and join in an old-fashioned egg hunt. Later, enjoy the park and playground, feed the ducks or walk the trails. 11 a.m.-noon. Meadow Farm Museum/Crump Park. Free. Reservations required by Mar 19. Info: 501-5809.

## **Tue & Wed, Apr 3 & 4: On-the-Air Radio Players present "Sci-Fi on the Hi-Fi"**

Be a part of the studio audience for an hour-long taping featuring live music and sound effects and authentic scripts from the "golden age of radio." Directed by Jim Barbour. 7:30 p.m. The Cultural Arts Center at Glen Allen. Free. Info: 501-5138.

## **Thur, Apr 5: Eggstravaganza**

For ages 2-5. Celebrate spring and at-

tend this fun-packed morning. Activities will include hopping games, springtime crafts and face painting, and will conclude with the Grand Egg Hunt. (Rain date: Apr 6.) 10-11:30 a.m. Dorey Park. Free. Reservations required by Mar 22. Info: 501-5809.

## **Sat, Apr 7: 18th Annual Henrico 5K Run**

For all ages. This event is sponsored by the Division of Recreation and Parks in cooperation with the Innsbrook Owners Association and the Richmond Road Runners. Awards will be given and the first 200 runners will receive a t-shirt. All runners must submit an official 5K registration form and an entry fee. Registration and check-in will be from 7:30-8:45 a.m. The race begins at 9 a.m., rain or shine. The Shoppes at Innsbrook (Dominion Blvd.). \$10 in advance, \$15 on-site. (Pre-register through Apr 2.) Info: 501-5121.

## **Mon, Apr 9: Juggling Workshop**

For ages 5+. Learn the basics of juggling from well-known entertainer Jonathan "the Juggler" Austin. Juggling builds self-confidence as well as coordination. Bring a can of three tennis balls. 6:30-8 p.m. Deep Run Rec Ctr. \$25. Register by Mar 26. Info: 501-5812.

## **Tue, Apr 10: Spring Breakers-Flashlight Tag**

For ages 7-12. Stay out after dark and play flashlight tag with your friends and neighbors. If you don't know how to play, we'll go over all of the rules prior to playing. Bring your own flashlight and wear dark clothing. (Other "Spring Breakers" available, call for details.) 8-9:30 p.m. Deep Run Park. \$6. Register by Mar 27. Info: 501-5807.

## **Thur, Apr 12: Family Campfire Programs-The Haunted Campfire**

For ages 6+. Storyteller Jane Crouse will lead us through a world of ghosts and goblins as we sit back and relax around a warm campfire and fill up on s'mores! An adult must register with children under 16. 7:30-9:30 p.m. Dorey Park. \$6. Register by Mar 29. Info: 501-5807.

## **Fri, Apr 13: Bluegrass Coffeehouse**

For ages 8+. Bluegrass musicians, young and old, experienced, or just starting out are invited to Walkerton to play music,

learn from each other and share their knowledge. Or, just come and listen. Acoustic only. Children must be accompanied by an adult. 7-9 p.m. Walkerton Tavern. Free. Info: 261-6898.

## **Sat, Apr 21: Earth Day Celebration**

Celebrate Earth Day and the grand reopening of Three Lakes Nature Center & Aquarium. Enjoy folk music and entertainment by the female trio Zendiva. Activities will include litter "pick-up" races, recycling games, the county bookmobile, a petting zoo, arts and crafts, games, face painting, live animals, a critter crawl (for children 12 and under) and much more. Concessions available for purchase. 1-4 p.m. Three Lakes Park. Free. Info: 501-5121.

## **Sat, Apr 21: Sheep to Shawl**

Meadow Farm is shearing its sheep and taking the wool through the entire process from sheep to shawl. See natural dyes used for color or try your own hand at spinning or weaving. Knitting and crocheting lessons will be available. Preregister to make a rag doll with wool stuffing. Noon-4 p.m. Meadow Farm Museum. Free. Info: 501-5520.

## **Sat, Apr 28: Henrico Speed Festival**

Experience the excitement of auto racing in a family-friendly environment. Try out your competitive racing skills with micro reality racing and let the kids speed around the Playtona Speedway! Live music by Roadhouse Rowdies and Random Play, racing themed contests and games, face painting and arts and crafts. Concessions available for purchase. 1-4 p.m. Dorey Park. Free. Info: 501-5121.

For additional programs, check out a copy of "At Your Leisure," our catalogue of events and classes. Copies are available at your local library, or call the Division of Recreation & Parks at 501-7275 to be added to our mailing list.

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