

# Isle of Kent - 1631

To Discover, Identify, Restore and Preserve the Heritage of Kent Island

NEWSLETTER OF THE KENT ISLAND HERITAGE SOCIETY, INC.

WINTER 2024

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The Kent Island Heritage Society was pleased to welcome students from the United States Defense Information School at Fort Meade to conduct training in developing a feature on how a local organization interacts with the community. They visited all KIHS sites. Graduates will be deployed to serve in public information service in commands from all military branches. Pictured from left are: A1 Michael Sanders, TSgt Leilani Peltz, A1C Caitlyn Simmons, A1C Reagan Hardy, and Pfc Christain Kuhn. KIHS hosted a similar visit from the school in 2022.



## President's Message

Don't you love it when a plan comes together! It sure did for our Fall Heritage Picnic on Sunday, September 24 at the Kirwan Farm. The weather was a sparkling early fall day on Kent Island. What a blessing, especially after last year's picnic hurricane rain-out and the cancellation of Kent Island Day '24 due to rain. We had close to 100 members and guests join us to enjoy the afternoon and each other's company. The food and drinks were great, including the fresh pressed apple cider, homemade ice cream, fried chicken, hotdogs, and special covered dishes of all types brought from home. Families and kids enjoyed the music, games, live chickens, hayrides, artifacts, decoy displays, and tours of the historic Kirwan house and Store. It was a wonderful day with a warm family atmosphere, celebrating the best of Kent Island! We are grateful for the impressive team effort by our Board and Society Members, especially Linda Collier, our Kirwan House Curator, for such a successful event. Thank you!

I'd like to highlight some updates on key activities in 2024. A major focus has been planning for our new Kent Island Heritage Center, which will become our new headquarters / museum

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/ records storage / research center. Museum professionals have been engaged to put together the first of our exhibit panels and artifact display cases as we work toward the grand opening in 2025. In addition to the major interior renovation work that had been completed, we've discovered some significant HVAC issues that are being addressed to ensure necessary museum-quality climate and humidity control in the building. Another important effort this year was the completion of major rehab work to our Historic Caboose thanks to the continued generosity of the MacLeay family of Kent Island.

At our general meetings, we hosted two well-attended events – in March by MDTA reps on the history and future of the Bay Bridge and in June by Dr. Darrin Lowery on the famous Marks artifact collection to be included in our new museum. Despite our disappointing rain cancellation of Kent Island Day, we enjoyed our best ever series of First Saturday Open Sites in Stevensville, thanks to the new First Saturday Art Market sponsored by our partners, the Historic Stevensville Arts and Entertainment District. Art vendors are set up at the Historic Christ Church for the event each month and they have drawn large numbers of visitors in town who are then visiting our sites in unprecedented numbers. We look forward to similar activity next year and will be seeking new docents to help meet and greet the visitors at our sites. We are also reaching out to attract tour groups to our sites in Stevensville and at the Kirwan House, in addition to providing outreach displays and visits for schools and local community groups. As mentioned in a previous Newsletter, the Cray House site was used numerous times as the location to film interviews with local watermen for a project by the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum. In September, we were visited by a group of military students from the Defense Information System School at Ft. Meade, to do taped interviews as an educational project for their course work. They have provided their interviews which will be on our website and available for our use in advertising. We were proud to be able to participate in their education and wish them well in their future military assignments.

Looking toward this next year, 2025, the theme of our Golden Anniversary of 50 years for the Kent Island Heritage Society, will be incorporated into all of our activities, especially Kent Island Day and the opening of the Heritage Center. We also anticipate partnering with the Kent Island Federation of Arts (KIFA) to celebrate heritage through art. We are planning a special Docent outreach and training event for the spring to help attract more participants to our important Docent Team. We will be hosting a Maryland House and Garden Tour on May 3 at our Historic Stevensville Sites in partnership with Historic Christ Church. Throughout the year, as we highlight our celebration, we plan to increase our presence on social media and in print media to tell our heritage story and share our accomplishments. We also anticipate increased involvement with the Queen Anne's County Historic Sites Consortium, the County Economic and Tourism Development Office, and the County Public Information Office to help get our word out.

There is one item of wider community interest I want to share. As mentioned, last March we featured the heritage and future of the Bay Bridge at our general meeting. The State is now ready to share the latest decisions on future alternatives for the new bridge(s) at a community open house at KI High School on December 11. See baycrossingstudy.com for details.

Rounding out our Heritage Society year, we plan to have our popular Kent Island Railroad display at the Queen Anne's County Holiday Train Show at the old Narrows Outlet Center the first two weekends in December. It's an enjoyable and well-attended family holiday event. Our final Heritage event will be our important Annual Holiday Brunch and Elections on Sunday, December 8 at beautiful Cascia, Vineyards. See our enclosed announcement and invitation for details and RSVP information. We hope to see you there!

Thank you for your support. We extend to you and your family our warmest wishes for a happy holiday season.

*Jack Broderick*

**KIHS WILL HAVE A BOOTH AT THE TRAIN SHOW WITH PICTURES AND INFORMATION ABOUT THE FOUR TRAIN STATIONS WHICH USED TO SERVE KENT ISLAND**

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**WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU!**

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At the **Kent Narrows Outlet Center**  
**61 Piney Narrows Road, Chester, MD 21619**

Take **Exit 41** from Rt 50/301 at the West end of the Kent Narrows Eridge!

## 2025 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**MARCH 8**  
DOCENT INTRODUCTION EVENT

**MARCH 18**  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**MAY 3**  
MARYLAND HOUSE AND GARDEN  
TOUR STEVENSVILLE SITES

**MAY 17**  
KENT ISLAND DAY 50TH  
ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

**JUNE 17**  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
TBA

**SEPTEMBER 28**  
MEMBERSHIP PICNIC

**DECEMBER 14**  
MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON AND  
ELECTIONS

**KIHS HISTORIC SITES ARE OPEN**  
first Saturdays from April to Nov.

**KIHS BOARD MEETINGS**  
are held on the third Wednesday of  
the month at the Kirwan House.  
All Society members are welcome  
to attend or suggest topics for  
consideration.

**FOR INFORMATION** on these and  
other events, visit our website  
**kentislandheritagesociety.org**

THE KENT ISLAND HERITAGE  
SOCIETY MAINTAINS A SOCIAL  
MEDIA PRESENCE ON-LINE AT  
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### Do We Have Your Email Address?

To enhance our communications with members on a timely basis, KIHS is expanding our membership email list. This will enable us to more quickly distribute information—such as changes to an event—and other announcements, and for members to communicate with KIHS. Member email addresses will not be shared with any other organizations and can be removed at any time. To receive our email communications, please send your email address to [kentislandheritagesociety.com](mailto:kentislandheritagesociety.com).

THE KENT ISLAND HERITAGE SOCIETY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Requests the Pleasure of your Company at the  
*Annual Holiday Brunch*

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS  
Sunday, December 8, 2024  
Cascia Vineyard Tasting Room  
1200 Thompson Creek Rd. Stevensville, MD  
(Catered by Chesapeake Celebrations)  
1:00 to 3:30

**BUFFET MENU:**

French Toast Casserole  
Potato and Brisket Hash  
Egg and Spinach Quiche  
Smoked Salmon / Mini Bagels / Condiments  
Sausage & Bacon

Scones with Lemon Curd  
Fruit & Berry Salad  
Fruit Juices  
Coffee Bar / Bottled Water  
Cash Wine Bar

*Please Reserve your Seat for the Brunch*

**ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY MONDAY, DECEMBER 5**  
**The cost will be \$30.00 per person**

*Please make checks payable to: The Kent Island Heritage Society, Inc  
Mail to: Kent Island Heritage Society P.O. Box 321 Stevensville MD 21666  
If you desire transportation to the Brunch, call or text Jack at 410-829-7760.*

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**THE KENT ISLAND HERITAGE SOCIETY, INC.**  
**2025 SLATE OF NOMINEES FOR OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

An election of Officers and Directors to lead the Kent Island Heritage Society in 2025 will be held at the Annual Holiday Brunch on Sunday, December 8, 2024. Officers are elected for a one year term and Directors for a three year term.

The following slate is recommended by the Board:

**President** Jack Broderick  
**Vice President** Bob Lowe  
**Recording Secretary** Lou Crouch  
**Treasurer** Ericka Kriegisch

**New Directors:** Joan Stoer  
**Returning Directors:** Josh Brown  
John Conley  
Linda Collier  
Lou Crouch  
Kristin Bombard-Green  
Carol Frederick  
Mike Rosendale  
Harrison Van Waes  
Hanna Wall

*Objections to this slate may be made by December 5, 2024 to Bob Lowe at 863-259-9120 or rclowesr@yahoo.com*

Additional nominations may be made by December 5, 2024 by a member-at-large. A declaration of intent must be presented to Bob Lowe, 272 Goldfinch Lane, Centreville, MD 21617, signed by the candidate and two supporting members of the Society.

**BECOME A DOCENT TO HELP SHARE  
KENT ISLAND HISTORY**

*By Hanna Wall, Docent Coordinator*



If you have received this newsletter and are reading this article, it means that you are a member of The Kent Island Heritage Society. We have a large membership, but we need your help! I have heard members say, "I am not a native Kent Islander, and I don't know the local history." Neither did most of our current docents. I am inviting you to learn more about how you can help share the enjoyment of visiting our Historic Sites.

**Docents share Kent Island history with local residents and visitors from all over the country. They also help KIHS introduce local students to our special history during tours. Please consider becoming a docent as KIHS celebrates its 50th Anniversary in 2025.**

With the Society's 50th Anniversary being celebrated in 2025, you are invited to learn more about sharing the efforts of the Society and its sites. We are planning a training session at 10 a.m. on March 8 at the Kirwan Museum for anyone who will consider becoming docents or other activities to support our mission of researching, preserving, and sharing Kent Island History.

We now own the Cray House, the Post Office, the Train Station, the Caboose, the new Museum/Visitor Center, and the Historic Kirwan House and Store in Chester. The Bank Building and Historic Christ Church are also historic buildings in the center of Stevensville.

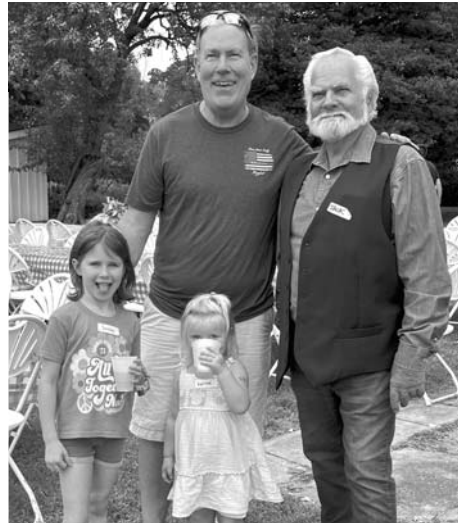
Let us honor the tradition, service and work of the past 50 years and look forward to the heritage we are now creating. Thanks to all the members for making this Society such a success and we are looking forward to having the next generation of Kent Islanders and newcomers learn the history of this beautiful Island.

Please contact Hanna Wall 410-924-1069, hwall506@gmail.com for more information about being a docent and dates for the training sessions.





While the Kent Island Heritage Society Membership Picnics in recent years have been all but a guarantee of rain, a large crowd was able to attend a fair weather festival of food and fun this year. Music again provided by Michael and Monique Thomas added to the atmosphere and Linda Collier and her team had the Kirwan Museum and grounds in tip top condition. We hope that these pictures will encourage another nice turnout on a Sunny Sunday September 28, 2025. (The pumpkin weighed 115 pounds.)



## FUN TIMES AT MEMBERSHIP PICNIC 2024

# Stevensville High Schools Through the Years 1909-2024

By Louis S. Crouch Jr.

The Kent Island Heritage Society (KIHS) has an excellent booklet on the public schools on Kent Island, History of Schools on Kent Island Queen Annes's County Maryland, originally published in the late 1970s and covering the schools through 1966. Eleven original public schools were documented as well as later ones replacing them with one school dated as far back as ~1850. These public schools on Kent Island only offered primary education through grades 1-7 until the 1909-10 school year.

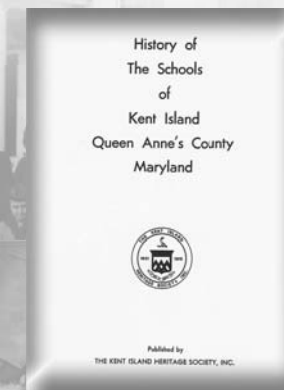
One of the original 11 schools was designated Stevensville School #2-4, which as time went on and student needs changed, was located on two campuses, first sequentially in two buildings at the southern end of today's Love Point Road from 1870-1956 and then to buildings on a second campus where the present day Stevensville Middle School is from 1931-1966. The first Stevensville School #2-4 building was used from 1870-1909 and was replaced by a new building on the same campus, then the 1870 building was moved in 1910 to what is now 310 Love Point Road for use as a private residence. The KIHS acquired the 1870 building in 2023 to establish the Kent Island Heritage Center. The second Stevensville school #2-4 building opened in 1909 when 3 years of high school education were added to the public school system. The 1909 school building originally housed all grades from 1-10 in a one story building and so was born Stevensville High School. This building continued as the location of the high school grades until the high school students were relocated to the first new building on the second Stevensville High School campus beginning in the 1931-32 school year. The 1909 school building continued to house the lower grades until closed as a public school at the end of the 1955-56 school year with the opening of the new Kent Island Elementary School for the 1956-57 school year. The 1909 former school building has remained in use at the original site by private businesses (now 210 Love Point Road) much of the time since.

The grades in the 1909 Stevensville school #2-4 when opened totaled 10 as noted above. The Stevensville

High School class of 1949 was the last to graduate when there were only 11 grades of public-school education and a 12th grade was added for the next school year. Consequently, there was no formal high school graduating class of 1950 although a student who had transferred from a Baltimore school in October of 1949 received a 1950 diploma. However, it is not clear when the total grades of public school education on Kent Island changed from 10 to 11. A second story was added to the 1909 Stevensville School #2-4 for the purpose of housing just the high school students. According to a contract between the Queen Anne's County School Board and building contractor George E. Lane dated 15 August 1914, this was to be completed on or before 15 October 1914. George E. Lane also constructed the original 1909 building. Furthermore, according to the records of the Stevensville High School Alumni Association, there was no graduating class of 1915. Therefore, it is possible the second story was added in anticipation of increasing the total grades to 11 with the class of 1916 being the first to graduate with 11 years of school. Additional records found are consistent with 11 grades of school at least by the 1922 graduating class of Stevensville High School. However, the KIHS was not able to locate specific documentation for this article as to exactly when the 11th grade was added.

The long life of the building housing the first high school came to an end with its destruction in November. Stevensville High School closed at the end of the 1965-66 school year after 56 school years and approximately 900 graduates. The students of the four Queen Anne's County high schools began the 1966-67 school year together in the new Queen Anne's County High School in Centreville. High school education on Kent Island returned with the opening of Kent Island High School in 1998. The Stevensville High School mascot name Pirates lives on in Stevensville Middle School and perhaps a nod to it by the Kent Island High School Buccaneers in today's school that opened in 1998.

The History of the Schools of Kent Island is available for purchase for \$10.



# Artificial Intelligence (AI): Reporting History or Rewriting it?

By Robert Lowe

By now most of you have heard the term AI bandied about online, in the news media, and around the water cooler. What exactly is AI and how did it come about? And can it change history?

AI technology is widely used throughout industry, government, and science. Some high-profile applications include advanced web search engines (e.g., Google Search); recommendation systems (YouTube, Amazon, and Netflix); interacting via human speech (Google Assistant, Siri, and Alexa) and text (Grok on Twitter, Copilot on Edge, and Chrome AI) ; autonomous vehicles (Waymo); generative and creative tools (ChatGPT and AI art); and superhuman play and analysis in strategy games (chess and Go).<sup>1</sup> We may not realize the amount of AI applications that have made their way into our everyday lives because they have become so common. Additionally, new applications using AI seem to appear daily! As I write this Apple has announced their generative AI: Apple Intelligence for users of new iPhones. Technology moves at the speed of light!

Although the term AI was born in 1956 at the Dartmouth Summer Research Project on Artificial Intelligence, its beginnings have been around since 1936 when Alan Turing developed the Turing Machine. In 1966 the first chatbot 'Eliza' was born. In 1972 AI made its way into the medical field with the development of MYCIN. By 1986 computers were given the ability to speak with NETalk. In 1997 the AI chess computer, 'Deep Blue', beat world champion Garry Kasparov in a tournament. Technological advances in hardware and software allowed AI to enter everyday life with programs like Apple's 'Siri' in 2011 followed by Microsoft's 'Cortana' in 2014 and Amazon's 'Alexa' in 2015. Also, in 2011 the AI 'Watson' won a television quiz show against human players. In 2018 AI was able to debate complex topics with master debaters in IBM's 'Project Debater' and Google's AI was able to make a hairdresser appointment over a 'Duplex' phone without the person on the other end knowing they were speaking to a machine. Despite all these advances AI is still considered in its infancy. Major considerations are reliability and security.<sup>3</sup>

Finally, the question arises whether AI can alter history by rewriting it. AI has the potential to enhance historical research by processing complex information allowing historians to reveal patterns and provide new hypotheses.

However, AI is trained on existing data so there is the possibility it may alter the historical record by including bias in the data. Examples of this are recent deep fakes and manipulations of video and audio.<sup>4</sup> To combat this AI software programs can analyze digital fingerprints to determine authenticity, but it is becoming more difficult.

As an example of how AI can work, I asked Copilot on the Edge browser whether William Claiborne brought any slaves to Kent Island in 1631. It produced, in part, the following answer "William Claiborne sailed for Kent Island in 1631 with indentured servants recruited in London and money for his trading post. However, there is no specific record indicating that he brought enslaved Africans to Kent Island."<sup>5</sup> Next, I asked Copilot to provide me with a picture of William Claiborne.

I received the following ten likenesses from ten sources:



On the other hand, if I ask the Adobe generative AI program Firefly<sup>6</sup> to produce a likeness of William Claiborne in 1631 I get the following:



How can we tell if something has been generated by AI? Currently, there are numerous software programs that that examine text for AI content. Some are free to use, others come at a cost. For example, Justdone's Turnitin AI Checker<sup>7</sup>, a popular academic plagiarism tool, can detect, correct, and improve writing. It rated this article as containing 86% AI generated text! Copyleaks<sup>8</sup>, an AI detector covering GPT, Gemini, and Claude rated this article as human text. Semrush's AI & Plagiarism Checker<sup>9</sup> stated this content to be unique and written by a human author. As a final check I used AI Detector by Grammarly<sup>10</sup> to check the text of this article and it reported 0% of the text appeared to be AI-generated. Finally, as a question to ponder: can we trust AI to regulate itself? There are already AI Humanizers that can make your AI text undetectable and AI programs to make them undetectable to AI content detectors.

It seems obvious that there are many benefits to using AI. However, there are many questions about how to regulate the industry, so it does no harm. Most experts do not think AI will rewrite history, but it pays to be skeptical. So far, the best use of AI is in labor saving to allow historians to focus on the nuances of history and not get bogged down in the tedium of historical research, but this could rapidly change. Clearly this is an evolving field, and the bottom line is only the future will tell, not the past.

1 [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Artificial\\_intelligence](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Artificial_intelligence)  
 2 Artificial Intelligence (AI) Coined at Dartmouth | Dartmouth  
 3 History of artificial intelligence | Bosch Global  
 4 <https://cyclux.com/is-ai-going-to-rewrite-history>  
 5 Edge Copilot

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Beth Nowell welcomes Kent Island Heritage Society for a presentation to the Four Seasons Environmental Committee on The Saving of Kent Island in 1917 and Kent Island history. KIHS board member John Conley encouraged Four Seasons residents to become involved in the Society. KIHS is happy to present to other community groups and organizations.



**Members of the military who are students at the United States Defense Information School visited our historic sites in September as part of their public affairs training.** They heard from Linda Collier at the Kirwan Museum, Nancy Cook at historic Christ Church, Jack Broderick at the Cray House, and John Conley at the train station. The Defense Information School (DINFOS) is a component of the DoD's Defense Media Activity, located at Fort George G. Meade, Md. The school trains US Military, DoD civilian, international military, and interagency students in a variety of subject areas including public affairs, print journalism, photography, video production, broadcast journalism, broadcast equipment maintenance, and various forms of graphic design and digital media. One of their videos can be viewed at [kentislandheritagesociety.org](http://kentislandheritagesociety.org) and will be used to promote Kent Island.



*Congratulations* to KIHS member **DON CROUCH** for being the **oldest participant** in the Bay Bridge Run 2024.

He is shown with (from left) L-R are Denise Jackson, Lou Crouch, Patricia Crouch Underland and Suzie Teaney.

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## Welcome New Members

Carol & Dennis Conrad, *Family*  
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You can reach our Kent Island Heritage Society website with most Smartphones which are equipped with QR Code readers in their cameras. Hold your Smartphone camera over the QR Code so that it is clearly on the phone screen. The phone will scan the code and connect to the site. Some phones might require you to take a picture of the QR Code.

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*Dues and contributions are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.*

**Membership period:  
January 1 to December 31**

**The Kent Island Heritage Society, Inc  
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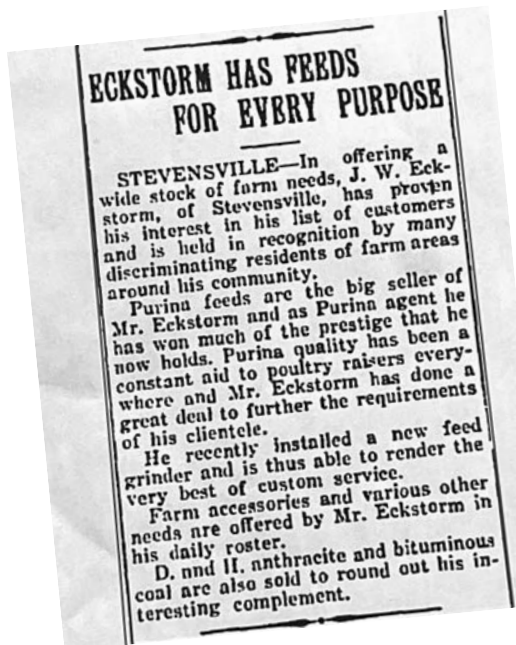
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## POSTCARD from Kent Island: Stock up on Coal Now for Long Winter

*From John L. Conley Collection*



Coal was King for a significant part of the 20th Century and no doubt your editor was not the only one as the designated "Clinker Clearer" in KIHS. The J. William Eckstrom Feed

Mill Property was located on the east side of Love Point Road near the railroad that ran from Stevensville to Love Point. Eckstrom purchased the property in 1925 and appears to have sold it in 1950. Several advertisements for Anthracite coal and many other products appear in newspapers throughout that time period, including this one from 1936. Note the phone number Queenstown 37-F-3. Coal was used in both private and commercial buildings, including the old Stevensville High School which was located on the site of today's Stevensville Middle School.

*Update: We have learned that the building in our Fall Newsletter Postcard that housed School #8, District 4 Point White School does still exist.*

**LET US HEAR FROM YOU!!!!** Please contact KIHS if you have comments on items in [Isle of Kent 1631](#) or if you have questions about Kent Island history that we can try to answer. We welcome topics you would find of interest and especially information you can provide for future issues. Contact: John Conley: [jconcomm@gmail.com](mailto:jconcomm@gmail.com) | cell: 703-216-0449