

## LHS fall banquet recognizes 17 athletes

by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi

Lancaster High School held its fall athletic awards ceremony last Thursday with 17 trophies presented in seven varsity sports.

Four players were recognized for outstanding play on the football team with senior Kai Antonio receiving the Red Devil award and senior Kedrick Lee receiving the "team before self" award. Senior Tre'Vaughan Davis was chosen as the most improved player and junior Ricky Gibson was given the coaches' award.

Seniors Brooke Hudnall and Skylar Kellum were honored as co-Most Valuable Players (MVPs) on the girls volleyball team.

Senior Colton Hayden and freshman Alex Nelson each received a coaches' award for golf.

Senior Liza Carter was chosen as the MVP of the girls field hockey team and the coaches' award went to senior Marissa Coates.

The most improved honor on the boys cross country team went to senior Alex Alderks while the coaches' award was presented to senior Sam Friday. Junior Ronnie Cutler was chosen as the team MVP.

On the girls cross country team, senior Elizabeth Flynn was named the MVP and senior Nikki Stump received the coaches' award.

Juniors Trena Henderson and Keyondra Norris received the cheerleading trophies. Henderson was presented the coaches' award and Norris was selected as the most improved.

Team awards, including letters, pins and certificates, were presented to all the varsity athletes.

## Lancaster girls open with 39-36 win over West Point

Shamerah Taylor and Sharda Beane combined for 21 points to help Lancaster edge West Point, 39-36, in the varsity Lady Devils' season opener last Tuesday.

Seven different shooters scored for Lancaster, which expanded a one-point half-time lead with a 16-8 run in the third quarter. Aleyah Davenport scored six points and Beane five in the third-quarter run, which gave the Lady Devils a 33-24 lead.

West Point scored four unanswered in the fourth to cut Lancaster's winning margin to three.



## Trojans showdown

Essex wide receiver DeAndre Baylor weaves through the John Battle defense 40 yards for a touchdown and a 27-3 lead at half-time. This hook and ladder play proved to be a pivotal point in the Group A Division 2 state semifinals, ultimately leading to Essex's 40-9 victory over John Battle. The game also saw sophomore quarterback Dominek Broadus break the Virginia High School League record of 48 touchdown passes in a single season with 52 scoring passes this season. Essex will play Goochland Saturday at Salem Stadium in an attempt to win its second state championship since 2009. Photo by Shannon Rice



Lancaster High School varsity basketball team members, from left, are (front row) Tyler Colding, Ricky Gibson, Chris Turner, Kaliq Noel, Kedrick Lee, Tykwon Redmond and Brian Moody; (next row) Cameron Kenner, Taj Smith, Jovante Smith, Devante Haskins, Trevon Taylor and Keondra Owens. Photo by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi

## SCOREBOARD

### Varsity football

#### Eastern Section finals

#### Division 1

George Wythe 27, Franklin 21

Honaker 48, Sussex Central 40

#### Division 2

Essex 40, John Battle 9

Goochland 35, Wilson Mem. 0

### Varsity boys basketball

Lancaster 94, King & Queen 30

Lancaster 78, King William 25

Lancaster 81, Mathews 52

Lancaster 58, West Point 47

JV boys basketball

Lancaster 61, King & Queen 23

Lancaster 63, Mathews 25

Lancaster 53, King William 17

### Varsity girls basketball

Lancaster 41, Mathews 36

Lancaster 54, King William 29

Lancaster 62, King & Queen 13

JV girls basketball

Lancaster 35, King William 14

### Upcoming games

#### Varsity football

#### December 8:

#### Eastern/Western Section championships

#### Division 1

George Wythe (12-1) vs. Honaker (13-1), noon at Salem City Stadium

#### Division 2

Essex (14-0) vs. Goochland (12-2),

4:30 p.m. at Salem City Stadium

Boys basketball

(JV 6 p.m., varsity 7:30 p.m.)

December 6:

Lancaster at Mathews

December 10:

West Point at Lancaster

Girls basketball

(JV 6 p.m., varsity 7:30 p.m.)

December 6:

Mathews at Lancaster

December 10:

Lancaster at West Point

Wrestling

December 8:

Lancaster at Lafayette High School



Members of the Christchurch School varsity basketball team, from left, are (front row) Wellington Goddin, Mike Baerga, Josh Gravett, Jamie Wilson, Austin Abell and Tucker Fitzhugh; (next row) Eric Au, Xingxin Fu, Julian Reed, Harrison Burton, Brendan Cole, Nick Douglas, Jordan Wallace and Robert Frazee; (next row) Will Olenyik, Davis Horbal, Quinn Randall, Willis Mackey, Devin Robinson, Justin Peebles, Mitch MacDonald and David Koenig. Ben Thompson, the 2010-11 and 2011-12 Prep League Coach-of-the-Year returns to the head coaching position.

## John Stone tournament opens Friday

Christchurch School will host the 23rd annual John Stone Memorial Basketball Tournament this weekend in Yarbrough Gymnasium on the school campus.

The tournament is in memory of John Stone, a 1986 Christchurch School graduate.

The Seahorses will host Norfolk Christian Academy, Williamsburg Christian Academy and Bishop Sullivan Catholic High School.

The tournament will tip off at 6 p.m. Friday, December 7, with Bishop Sullivan versus Williamsburg Christian. At 7:30 p.m.,

the Norfolk Christian versus Christchurch game begins.

On Saturday, December 8, the junior varsity teams for Williamsburg Christian and Christchurch will play at noon, followed by the tournament consolation round at 2 p.m. and the championship game at 3:30 p.m.

## Registration deadline is Friday for Boys & Girls Club basketball

The Boys & Girls Club of the Northern Neck is organizing a winter basketball league and look for boys and girls, according to unit director Wardell Carter.

There will be several age divisions—girls 6 to 9 and 10 to 12; and boys 6 to 9 and 10 to 12.

The registration deadline is Friday, December 7. Applications will be accepted at the Boys & Girls Club. The fee is \$15 for members and \$35 for others, including a club membership and tee shirt.

Practices will begin the week

of December 17. League games will begin in mid January.

The primary focus of the league is skill development, sportsmanship and fun, said Carter.

For applications, visit the club, or call 435-2422.

## Audubon to hold flashlight memorial service

The Northern Neck Chapter of the National Audubon Society invites all to a trail dedication to Henry Bashore on December 12. A bench on the trail with a memorial plaque also will be dedicated.

The trail has been recently enhanced by many identified and labeled trees in his

honor, said publicity chairman Maggie Gerdts.

Participants will meet at the Hickory Hollow parking lot at 4 p.m. to walk the trail, followed by a flashlight memorial by the bench at dusk.

Bashore was the state forester for many years for Lancaster and Northumberland

counties, said Gerdts.

In 1999, as a member of the Chapter of the Northern Neck Native Plant Society, he was one of several individuals responsible for Hickory Hollow's purchase and conservation as a natural area preserve. He died December 16, 2010.

## Red Devils jump-start basketball season, 4-0

by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi

It will be hard for Lancaster High's varsity boys basketball team to come up with an encore to last year's state championship season, but they aren't taking a repeat performance off their repertoire.

"They keep talking about getting back there," said LHS coach Tim Rice, "and that's good if they want to set those goals. They are playing hard and working hard."

Rice and his 2011-12 team turned in the best season in school history, going 27-2 and beating George Mason, 66-51, to win the state Group A Division 2 championship. Unfortunately, Rice graduated eight from that team, including the state player of the year, center Melvin Gregory. He is one of four starters gone.

Senior guard Tyler Colding is the only starter returning. Colding missed the first part of last season with an injury before rejoining the starting lineup. So far this season, he's leading the team in scoring with 78 points in the Devils' first four games. He scored 22 last Friday night when Lancaster beat Mathews, 81-52, and another 22 Monday when the Devils defeated King & Queen, 94-30. That win lifted Lancaster to 4-0.

Rice is looking to Colding, junior guard Ricky Gibson and senior forward Taj Smith for team leadership. Gibson has already turned in some double-digit performances to start the season, with 14 points against King & Queen and 11 in Lancaster's 78-25 win over King William.

Gibson saw some starting time last season and got plenty of time off the bench. Smith lists playing time in the state championship game on his resume. A 6'2" forward, he will have the daunting job of filling Gregory's shoes. Gregory averaged 17.2 points and 13 rebounds per game last year.

Rice also lost Aaron Manning, Michael Coleman and Brandon Morris from his starting lineup.

They were all big producers, both on offense and defense.

"We need to form our own identity," said Rice of this year's team. "This a different team entirely from last year's."

Colding, Smith and Gibson will be joined in the starting five by junior forward Trevon Taylor and junior forward Jovante Smith.

"We have to pick it up on the defensive end this year," said Rice. "Our defense is going to have to cause turnovers and come up with some points."

Also playing guard for the Devils will be seniors Brian Moody, Kedrick Lee and Chris Turner and junior Tykwon Redmond. Getting playing time at forward will be seniors Cameron Kenner and Keondra Owens and juniors Kaliq Noel and Devante Haskins.

Lancaster will not get its first Northern Neck District test until after the holiday break when they travel to Essex on January 4. They go to Mathews Friday, December 6, for a rematch with the Blue Devils.

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE	
December 6	at Mathews
December 10	West Point
December 14	at King & Queen
December 17	at King William
December 18	Middlesex
January 4	at Essex
January 8	at Washington & Lee
January 11	Colonial Beach
January 18	at Rappahannock
January 22	at Northumberland
January 25	Essex
January 29	Washington & Lee
February 1	at Colonial Beach
February 5	Northumberland
February 8	Rappahannock

## EVANS BOWLING CENTER RESULTS

### Ladies League

First-place Yeatman's fork-lift won three games from The Corner Restaurant. Mary York bowled a 307 set with a 102 game. Alma George rolled a 303 set with a 118 game. Joan Bowles had a 100 game.

For The Corner, Betty Evans bowled a 110 game. Donna Thomas and Gayle Conrad each scored a 106 game.

Marie Piccard led Davis Auto in three wins over R. P. Waller

with a 344 set, including games of 104, 132 and 108. Vivian Callaway's 318 set included a 130 game. Vicki White had a 113 game.

For R. P. Waller, Marsha Nash bowled games of 109 and 105. Dee Atkins had a 113 game. Jean Reynolds had a 102 game.

Tri-Star took two games from D & L Doc 'n Divas. All four bowlers each had a 300-plus set. Mary Newton had 332, with games of 107 and 130. Kara

George had 307, with games of 112 and 109. Shona Pacheco had 307, with games of 107 and 102. Cathy Hoskins had 302, with games of 114 and 101.

For D & L, Darlene Benson bowled the week's highest set, a 347, with games of 133 and 123. Terry Stillman rolled a 344 set, with games of 115, 108 and 121. Linda Lake bowled a 305 set, with games of 100 and 114. Beverly Benson scored a 304 set, with games of 105 and 111.

# Club announces 2012 tennis championships

Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club recently concluded its 2012 club tennis championships. This annual event offers competition in A and B categories in singles, doubles and mixed doubles.

This year's first-time winner in the Men's A singles was Norm Faulkner. He defeated the 2011 champion David Dew in a hard fought, three-set match to an appreciative crowd at the club's indoor tennis facility on November 9, reported Megan N. Stephens.

Dew partnered in August with Nelson Horsley to win the Men's A doubles against Jim Anderson and John Sultenfuss.

In the Women's A singles, Gail Kenna defended her sixth title in a two-set win over Terri Dort. In August, Kenna and Dort won the Women's A doubles in a two-set victory over the 2011 champions, Beth Kendrick and Wilma Tripodi.

Kendrick and Horsley regained their 2011 Mixed A title in September, defeating Kenna and Anderson in a close three-set match.

In other matches, David and Katie Dew defeated Nelson

Horsley and Dee Tyson in the A/B Mixed doubles. Katie Dew partnered with Kylie Bransford to win the Ladies B doubles against Nancy Thorndike and Julie Ghiselin. In the B women's singles, Tracy Ficklin defeated Juli Ghiselin.

Throughout the year, the tennis program at Indian Creek offers tournaments for its members, including 60s and 70s competition in singles, doubles, and mixed, said Stephens.

Each May on the four outdoor courts, the club hosts its Member-Guest tournament in men's and women's doubles, followed in June by the popular Well's Fargo Compass in mixed doubles.

The magazine, Virginia Living, recently awarded Indian Creek 'Best Tennis 2012' in Eastern Virginia for its program. The club's USPTR professional, Pat Abenante, offers individual and group lessons in tennis.

In 2012, pickle ball, now available in the indoor tennis facility, attracted an enthusiastic group of active players as well, said Stephens.

# SPORTS SHORTS

## ■ Fantasy Sail

Three participants in the 14th Southern Chesapeake Leukemia Cup Regatta held in Deltaville last July 6-8 have qualified for the 2012 Fantasy Sail December 7 through 12 in New Orleans. Diane Simon of Richmond, Rob Whittet of Richmond, and Carolyn Norton Schmalenberger of Deltaville, qualified for the exclusive Fantasy Sail with Leukemia Cup Regatta Chairman Gary Jobson. Nationwide, participants in the 2012 Leukemia Cup Regattas raised \$4.4 million this year; and to date the program has raised \$42 million since its inception. Some 95 fundraisers nationwide qualified for Fantasy Sail by raising a minimum of \$8,500 by November 1, 2012.

## ■ Wrestlers win

Northumberland High School wrestlers opened the season with a 45-24 win over Northern Neck District opponent Essex last Thursday. NHS's Phillip Harrison, Trent Newsome, Cody Jackson and Billy Pipkin recorded falls.

## ■ Model railroad

The Northern Neck Railroad annual model railroad exhibit will be displayed at the Reedville Fishermen's Museum at 504 Main Street in Reedville through January 13, except Christmas and New Year's eve and day.

The fee is \$5 for adults and \$3 for seniors, children ages 12 and younger and members free. Hours are 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Fridays through Sundays

## ■ Youth wrestling

The Northern Neck Wrestling Club (NNWC) is enrolling for wrestling for all Northern Neck kids in grades one through eight. Training is held on Tuesdays and Thursdays and the season continues through March.

To register, visit a training session from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the NNWC facility on Dodlyt Road behind the old Northumberland High School in Heathsville, or call coach Steven Hanks at 370-2191. The fee is \$110; USA Wrestling members pay \$75.

# Joe Boarman wins CNR Memorial Tournament

The ninth consecutive Casey Neal Rogers Memorial Rockfish Tournament was held November 17.

Some 68 anglers registered to fish, according to tournament officials.

The tournament opened with a captain's meeting at Smith Point Marina November 16. Multiple door prizes were given away. Capt. Ryan Rogers explained the rules and regulations. Following competition on Saturday, an awards ceremony was held at the Reedville firehouse.

The tournament winner was Joe Boarman aboard Devil Dawg. The combined weight of his two fish was 57.45 pounds. Boarman was awarded a cash prize of \$5,000.

The youth winner was David Haynie, fishing aboard Rockin' Robin with Capt. Roy Amburn Jr. His single fish weight 26.75 pounds. He was awarded a rod and reel.

The female winner was Robin Payne, fishing aboard Rockin' Robin as well. Her single-fish weight was 11.9 pounds. She also was awarded a rod and reel.

The tournament also featured a "Calcutta" and the winner was Capt. Max King, fishing

aboard Affection. His winning fish weighed 30.1 pounds. The Calcutta winner took home \$3,420.

"High on the Hog" barbecue provided the food and DJ Steve Gordon provided the music for the dinner. Tournament officials thanked all the sponsors and volunteers for helping the tournament be a huge success. This tournament makes it possible for two graduating seniors from Northumberland High School to be awarded scholarships in the amount of \$5,000 each.



**Snagging stripers**  
Danny Humphreys and Doug Fults capture some fat striped bass on the East side of the Cut while fishing with Bob-A-Long on November 30.



**Buoy 42 bounty**  
From left, Father Costas Pavlakos, Tom Barany, Jim Stoucker, Stu Polhamus, George Chagalis and Capt. Dennis Garbis recently enjoyed a great day rockfishing at Buoy 42, capturing their limit of overs on a Bob-A-Long charter. Most fish were caught on boards using tandems.

# The Fishing Line

Fishing action has exploded in the lower and middle bay this week. With water temperatures holding at 49 degrees, the migration has heightened. Catches remain good on the 25- to 28-inch Rockfish with plenty of the larger 30- and

40-inch class of fish mixed in. Schools of menhaden are scattered throughout the bay. Chances are when you find the bait, the fish will be nearby. When the schools of bait are located, deploy a spread of baits at varied depths and wait

for the action. The feeding frenzies seem to be tide sensitive. At times the heavy bite lasts only an hour or two. If fish are spotted among the bait, be patient and wait. Sometimes it is merely a matter of waiting for the tide change.

The area between Smith Point and Windmill Point has offered specimens up to 40 pounds. The Cut Channel and Tangier Sound are also holding some of the larger fish, as is also the case along the western edges of the channel down to Buoy 40.

We are landing fish in the 36- to 42-inch class each day with an occasional wall hanger in the mix. Action outside of Cape Charles has been good. A large influx of fish arrived at the mouth of the bay inside and outside the Bay Bridge Tunnel.

Large schools have been moving down the coast and are headed our way. With the numbers of striped bass in the bay swelling each day, we're sure to have good action through the end of December.

It's been nice to see so much activity at the marina this week. The bay has been looking like I-95 at rush hour. Rockfish season gets anglers so excited that I believe more boats hit the water last weekend than July 4.

Enjoy your week on the water and until next time... Fair winds.

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<b>Sat. 12/8</b>	High 5:45 1.3' Low 12:27 0.2' High 6:04 1.1'	Sunrise 7:08 Sunset 4:47 Moonrise 1:35 Moonset 1:11	<b>Wed.12/12</b>	Low 3:28-0.4' High 9:40 1.6' Low 4:23-0.3' High 9:59 1.2'	Sunrise 7:11 Sunset 4:47 Moonset 6:13 Moonrise 4:22
<b>Sun. 12/9</b>	Low 12:37-0.1' High 6:46 0.3' Low 1:31 1.3' High 7:06 0.2'	Sunrise 7:09 Sunset 4:47 Moonrise 2:43 Moonset 1:49	<b>Thu.12/13</b>	Low 4:23-0.4' High 10:34 1.6' Low 5:16-0.3' High 10:54 1.3'	Sunrise 7:12 Sunset 4:47 Moonrise 7:18 Moonset 5:27
<b>Mon.12/10</b>	Low 1:35-0.2' High 7:46 1.4' Low 2:31-0.1' High 8:06 1.2'	Sunrise 7:10 Sunset 4:47 Moonset 3:53 Moonrise 2:33	<b>Fri. 12/14</b>	Low 5:18-0.5' High 11:27 1.6' Low 6:08-0.4' High 11:47 1.3'	Sunrise 7:13 Sunset 4:48 Moonrise 8:16 Moonset 6:36

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# Speedway posts 2013 racing log

The tentative 2013 schedule for Bill Sawyer's Virginia Motor Speedway has been released, according to media contact Dave Seay.

The schedule includes 12 weeks of Virginia Army National Guard Dirt Series action, he said. The focus for the 2013 season will be on weekly racing and continuing to grow a local fan and competitor base.

During the 12 weeks of Virginia Army National Guard Dirt Series action, the speedway will feature six nights of the twin race format that was utilized during the last part of the 2012 season, said Seay. Fans and competitors were thrilled with the format and have asked to see more of it in 2013.

Weekly divisions begin their race for the division Championships and the Virginia Army National Guard Dirt Series Championship April 13 and end with the final point's race of the season on September 14, he said.

The division lineup will include the Victory Lap late models, Truckin Thunder sports-

man, Budweiser modifieds and the Collision One limited stock cars. One special event tentatively on the 2013 schedule is the return of the Ultimate Super Late Model Series on May 18.

The speedway also will host two mud bogs. On June 15, The Pit at VMS will host the fourth annual Mud Mayhem. On October 5, The Pit will host the ninth annual Run-A-Muck Mud Bog and Mud Sling presented by James River/Rappahannock Tractor and the Virginia Army National Guard. Both events set attendance and competitor participation records in 2012.

To see the 2013 schedule in its entirety, go to [vamotorspeedway.com](http://vamotorspeedway.com). The 2013 schedule is tentative and subject to change.

The speedway is registering competitors for the 2013 season. Car numbers for those placing in the top 20 in each division for 2012 will be saved until February 15 when all numbers will be awarded first come first serve. Registration forms are available at [vamotorspeedway.com](http://vamotorspeedway.com), 758-1867 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

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## Flotilla 33 members prepare for winter calls

This area is a great part of the country for boating. Although there are a lot of cold temperatures during the winter season, there still are people on the water like commercial fishermen, recreational fishermen and even the occasional recreational boater.

Recently, 10 members of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 33 gathered to test their dry suits for winter operations, said USCG auxiliary director of international affairs Brian McArdle.

"We may get a warm day into the 70s during the winter," commented newly elected Flotilla commander Ed Hind. "However, the water is still cold and hypothermia can set in very quickly. If our members are to assist other boaters during the winter, we need to be prepared."

"Lots of people have winterized their boats already, but during our patrol on the last Thursday in November we saw over two dozen recreational fishing boats on the Rappahannock River between Urbanna and Belle Island," said Mark Paterni, an auxiliary crew member. "The auxiliary needs to be prepared to conduct rescue operations in all kinds of weather and conditions if we are to be effective."

The auxiliary urges the use of life jackets all the time, especially when out alone in cold water, said McArdle.

"It doesn't take long in 40-degree water for you to lose coordination and feeling so you can't get back on your boat," he said. "When the auxiliary gets called out, it is much better to be a rescue than a recovery."



### Holiday on rails

The Rappahannock River Railroaders will host a Christmas open house from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, December 8, at the clubhouse on Ballpark Road in Deltaville. Visitors will see eight trains running on layouts of three scales, HO, O, and G gauges. Light refreshments will be served. Donations will be accepted.

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### Fireballs celebrate the softball season

The Lancaster Little League minor girls team, the Fireballs, recently held an end-of-season party at the home of coaches Billy and Jamie Barrack. The girls enjoyed an afternoon of horseback riding followed by dinner. From left are Haley Banes, Whitney Barrack, Rachel Woolard, Leighton McCranie, Randi Reed, Lily Reihls, Riley Molineaux, Jamie Barrack and Hannah Wilmer. Other members of the team are Kylie DeGaetani, Breanne Selph and Amanda Steensma.



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## BRIDGE RESULTS

Five-and-a-half tables of duplicate bridge were in play November 17 at Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury.

Winners north/south were first, Shirley Churchill and Charlie Miller; and second, Virginia Adair and Babs Murphy.

Winners east/west were first, Dianne Monroe and Cynthia Birdsall; and second, Ilva Doggett and Steve Lowe.

The next bridge for this group is Tuesday, December 11, at 1 p.m.

Five tables of duplicate bridge were in play November 29 at Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club.

Winners north/south were first, Cynthia Birdsall and Jane Hughes; and second, Arden Durham and Dianne Monroe.

Winners east/west were first, Ginger Klapp and Babs Murphy; and second, Betsy Heller and Audrey Saunders.

## CLUB GOLF

### Golden Eagle

The Golden Eagle Golf Club play day winners for December 3 were first, Andy Sharpe; second, Warren Hayden; and third, Randy Meadows.

### Golden Eagle

The Golden Eagle Golf Club Holiday Bowl first flight winners FOR December 2 were first, (tie) Gary Hodges and Steve Hall, and Ryan Caudle and Jamie Webb. Second flight winners were first, Pal Jackson and Jake Jackson; and second, Berry Balderson and Don Holt. Third flight winners were first, Scott Teunis and Connie Teunis; and second, Charles Craig and Rudy Nessel.

### King Carter men

King Carter Golf Club men's play day winners for November 26 were first, (tie) Klaus Schaschek and Tom Melton; and third, Tony Sica. Winners for November 28 were first, Ron Hugate; second, Sica; and third, (tie) Steve Crig and Carroll Craig. Winners for November 30 were first, Jon Baer; second, Arthur Abbott; and third, Melton.

### Quinton Oaks men

The Quinton Oaks Senior Men's League winners for November 27 were first, Cabot Caskie; second, Harry Franklin; and third, John Miles.

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### Junior Beta Club in action

Lancaster Middle School 2012-13 Junior Beta Club officers, from left, are secretary Reghan Jones, treasurer Lucy Washington, seventh-grade representative Giovanni Davenport, vice president Erik DeMario, seventh-grade representative Lane Hayden, president Lindsey Brocklebank and eighth-grade representatives Wyatt McCranie and Destiny Carter.



Lancaster Middle School Junior Beta Club officers help to sort and pack more than 600 non-perishable items collected by Lancaster Middle School students and staff during the club's annual food drive November 12-16. These items were donated to the Northern Neck Food Bank.



Dawn Ickes' homeroom collected 114 items and claimed the prize for donating the most non-perishable goods for the food drive.

## Financial aid workshop for LHS seniors and parents slated Dec. 11

Lancaster High School will host a Financial Aid Workshop for seniors and their parents or guardians at 7 p.m. December 11 in the LHS library.

Participants will have an opportunity to learn valuable information about scholarships, grants and loans to help pay for

their education after high school, said school counselor Barbara B. Smith.

They also will learn how to fill out and file the 2013 FAFSA financial aid form, said Smith. This FAFSA form is used by schools and many scholarship programs to determine the amount of

financial aid a student is eligible to receive for their education.

All seniors and their parents are urged to attend this important meeting, added counselor Jamie C. Bradd.

For more information, contact the guidance department at 462-0703.



Prior to a practice, assistant vice president and branch officer Joseph D. Biddlecomb presents band director Robert Spiers a donation to help pay for buses to Miami.

## Bank helps band raise travel money for the National Championship Game

Lancaster High School band director Robert Spiers earlier this year received an invitation for the Red Devil Band to perform at the College Football National Championship Game.

To help make the trip possible, the Lancaster Band Boosters agreed to raise \$50,000 for charter buses to get the band from Lancaster County to Miami and back, said Jim Thomas of the Lancaster Band Boosters. A variety of fundraisers have been conducted.

Boosters have worked the dunking booth at the Kilmarnock Firemen's Carnival, parked cars at the Richmond County Fair, worked at the Rotary Bay Seafood Festival and baked pies, said Thomas. Band members recently collected money on the

street and in front of Kilmarnock businesses.

In late September, Lancaster Primary School, Lancaster Middle School, and Lancaster High School competed in "Penny Wars" to collect money for the band.

Bank of Lancaster employees were very helpful in counting and depositing all the proceeds and amazed at the efforts of the students, said Thomas.

Bank of Lancaster vice president and marketing officer Kylie Bransford offered each student in the winning grades at the primary and middle schools a draw string backpack.

The boosters also thank the Bank of Lancaster for donating a check matching the total amount raised by the high

school. With a few weeks to go nearly \$12,000 is still needed to make the trip a reality.

The Boosters are raffling a five-day cruise for two from Norfolk to the Bahamas aboard the Carnival ship Glory. Raffle tickets are \$10 each. A drawing will be held December 13 at the LHS Band Christmas Concert at the LMS Theater in Kilmarnock.

To help send the band to the National Championship Game, send a check to Lancaster Band Boosters at P.O. Box 3, Lancaster, VA 22503. Donations also may be made online by credit card or PayPal. Go to lancasterreddevilsband.com and click the donate now button, or call Spiers at 462-0697.

## LHS lists High Honors

Lancaster High School recently released its 2012-13 first quarter Honor Rolls. Students achieving the High Honors list with all A's and B's were:

Freshmen: Alesha Ball, Shelby Barnett, Kalin Benza, Samuel Bouis, Lacy Brocklebank, Alexandra Clayton, James Coates, Dominique Freeman, Emily Haydon, Delaney Headley, Elizabeth Hyde and Eboni Johnson.

Also, Patrick Kelley, Grant Long, Julia Mahoney, Mikayla Meadows, Abby Nelson, Essence Noel, Dylan Rose, Allison Savoy, William Smith, Tanner Steensma and Laura

Stickler.

Sophomores: Precious Boyd, Caleb Gordon, Amaya Henderson, Sean Jones, Le'Aria Kelley, Triston McCartney, Timothy McDaniels, Caroline Merryman, Kelley Montgomery, Larry O'Bier, Brook Reed, Brandon Self, Jamea Smith, Joel Spiers, Kelli Tignor, Justin Washington and Christian Woolard.

Juniors: Kerstin Allen, Olivia Beck, Shane Chambers, John DeGaetani, Connor Donahue, Tykasia Gaskins, Carli Hanback, Moira Hull, Tomasia Kelly, Kate Nelson, Lysa Nguyen, Benjamin Nickerson, Weston Schomer, Laura

Smith, William Smith and Katherine Thomas.

Seniors: William Abbott, Ahmed Aburizek, Casey Clarke, Kelvonna Clayton, Marissa Coates, Amber Cutting, Forrest Dannewitz, Samuel Friday, Cassie Haydon, Tikoya Henderson, Lauren Hudnall, Bradley Hudson and Jonathan Jackson.

Also Skylar Kellum, William Kellum, Thomas Lakert, Kedrick Lee, Andi Mayer, Thomas Morning, Samantha Parks, Paige Pittman, Cheyenne Seaver, Brigette Nicole Stump, Shamerah Taylor, Tyasia Thompson and Nicholas Whay.

## Northumberland Elementary School releases Honor Roll

Northumberland Elementary School recently announced its "AB" Honor Roll for the first nine-week marking period of the 2012-13 academic session.

Students on the "AB" Honor Roll were:

Grade 3: Joshua Aleman, Kaydn Anderson, Destani Blackwell, Aniyah Brown, Shane Bryant, Shyanne Bulson, Mia Bundy, Robert Clarke, Dylan Davis, Lane Eubank, Brookelynn Farrell, Chase Fisher, Madison Garrity, Jacob Graham, Gracianne Hall, T'Kyia Hall, Malik Hickman, Kemyah Johnson, Katrel Jones and Michael Jones.

Also, Jessica Lee, Bailey Lewis, Maia Maan, Brock Martin, Thomas Neale, Jacob Neff, Owen Newsome, Samantha Newton, Dylan Packett, Skyler Pearson, Elizabeth Perkins, William Reger, Axel Reyes-Limas, Connor Robertson, Julia Saville, Dameon Southard, Jersey Smith, Luke Swann and Aden Swisher.

Also, Caleb Tarmon, Dezmund Taylor, Edison Tennant, Amaya Thomas, Emma Thompson, Christopher Timberlake, Bradley Viers, Brandon Washington, Amaryon West, Sara Wilson, Konnor Wright and Rodrigo Zavala-Medina.

Grade 4: William Allison, Shelby Basye, Kylie Bowen, Jmiaya Boyd, Becky Branem, Billy Brown, Ethan Brown, Ashley Burgess, Emily Burgess, Nevaeh Carter, Jack Castro, Marion Covell, Ge'Von Crockett, Michael Duke, Shawn Ellis, Jayden Eubanks, Kyle Fisher, Elizabeth Gardner and April Gilliam.

Also, Laura Hall, Domaniq Harcum, Savannah Harris, Shelby Hundley, Andrew Jenkins, Lawrence Jett, Chase Kitchen, Madison

Knight, Kande Laws, Trenton Liner, Isabel Lopez, Lily Lucas, Noah Maan, Dylan Massie, Samarie McCrae, Gibson Moon, Zachary Moore, Nicholas Mothershead, Kareem Peterson and Kiara Plummer.

Also, Lauren Rahn, Damarice Rice, Emily Rice, Taylor Rice, Briana Siddall, Shelby Smithart, Bryan Stevens, Danielle Thompson, Jalynn Thompson, Jeremiah Toulson, John Myers Vanlandingham, Markeem Waller, Austin West, Brianna Williams, Elle Williams and Spencer Wojtach.

Grade 5: Rachel Arroyo-Silva, Nicholas Balderson, Nigeria Ball, Taylor Basye,

Bernadette Blackwell, Clayton Cash, Carlos Castellanos, Dennis Coleman, Joshua Crowell, Ashton Dameron, Chauncey Drake, Austin Evans, Hannah Hall, Ashley Jackson, Matthew Jett, Harry Lee, Patrick Lewis, Chloe Porter and Ann Ransone.

Also, Rebecca Newsome, Kendra O'Malley, KaShaun Palmer, Layah Pruitt, Daniel Roberts, Seth Sadler, Amme Saunders, Emma Saunders, Sarah Saunders, Sims Setser, Alice Sisson, McKenney Smithart, Adreana Taylor, Dean Tennent, James Thomas, Devin White, Johnathan Williams and Eduardo Zarraga.

### SERVICE NOTES

Marine Corps Pvt. John D. Robertson, the son of Pam and John Robertson of Warsaw, earned the title of U.S. Marine after graduating from recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

For 13 weeks, he stayed committed during some of the world's most demanding entry-level military training to be transformed from civilian to Marine instilled with pride, discipline and the core values of honor, courage and commitment.

Training subjects included close-order drill, marksmanship with an M-16A4 rifle, physical fitness, martial arts, swimming, military history, customs and courtesies.

One week prior to graduation, Robertson endured The Crucible, a 54-hour final test of recruits' minds and bodies. Upon completion, recruits are presented the Marine Corps emblem and called Marines for the first time.

Robertson is a 2012 graduate of Rappahannock High School in Warsaw.



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From left are Richard Thomas and Amaya Warner.

## Native plant chapter sends youth to camp

The Northern Neck Chapter of the Virginia Native Plant Society sponsored DeShay Smith of Lancaster at the Nature Camp in Vesuvius last summer.

Smith is an eighth-grader at Lancaster Middle School and was selected to receive this scholarship by the Boys and Girls Club of the Northern Neck, said chapter publicity chairman Judy Lang. Smith recently was named Youth of the Month by the club.

Nature Camp is a residential, co-ed summer camp specializing in natural history and environmental science education, said Lang. It emphasizes field-based, experiential learning.

Campers learn in a variety of settings, including indoor and outdoor classrooms, as they investigate nature up close: behind the eyepieces of binoculars, knee-deep in a cold stream, running behind a butterfly net, and on hands and knees with eyes peeled on the ground, she said.

Nature Camp is surrounded on three sides by several thousand acres of the Jefferson National Forest, which provides an extensive outdoor classroom of forested mountains and streams in Rockbridge County.

Smith spoke at the chapter's recent annual meeting. He noted his favorite subject is mycology,



DeShay Smith

the study of fungi. He explained in detail the various activities in which he engaged at Nature Camp, amazing the audience with his understanding of ecology and the importance of biodiversity. He also answered a number of questions and demonstrated that he clearly had gained a lot of knowledge while having a good time, said Lang. He noted that although the camp was quite rigorous, he enjoyed it thoroughly and would like to go back again.

The chapter was quite impressed with Smith's presentation and has decided to double its commitment and sponsor two youths for next summer's program, added Lang.

The Boys and Girls Club has again been requested to oversee the selection process, this time a boy and a girl.

## Club extends honors

Amaya Warner, 9, a third-grader at Lancaster Primary School, has been named Youth of the Month by the Boys and Girls Club of the Northern Neck.

Technology coordinator Richard Thomas of Weems has been named Staff of the Month.

Warner has been a member for one year, said unit director Wardell Carter. She participates in art classes, the Learning Center, the Game Room, gym and computers. In school, she is involved in drama, while in the community she participates in her church choir.

Warner was selected because she is "very respectful, has great manners, excellent behavior and gets along well with everyone," said Carter. Her personal ambition is to be a doctor or a rock star.

Warner said being named

Youth of the Month "makes me feel good because I know that it's doing a good job and being a good club member."

Thomas has worked at the club for a month, said Carter. His goal is "to continue reaching out to youth to become world changers."

Thomas is "very dependable and punctual. He works well independently and with the team, clearly understands the club's mission and goals, develops lesson plans and activities to meet club goals and has great disciplinary procedures," said Carter.

Thomas also "has good knowledge of computer hardware, software and maintenance," Carter said. "His teaching skills enable all youth to excel and reach their potential."

Thomas said it was an "honor to be chosen among so many great staff."

## Lions Club conducts Peace Poster contest

Northumberland Lions Club recently sponsored the Northumberland Middle School annual Peace Poster Contest for students ages 11 through 13. The contest was held November 14 at the Northumberland Middle School.

Winners were first, Mya Bundy, \$100 Savings Bond; second, Emily MacCleod, \$75 Savings Bond; and third, Marytrant Tiptert, \$50 Savings Bond, reported Bud Disney.

Honorable mention entries were Emma Saunders, Zachary Swift, Hannah Walker and Tiffany White. Each will each receive \$25, said Disney.

The finalists, along with their parents, will be the honored guests of the Northumberland Lions Club for dinner, he said.

The local winner also advances to the Multiple District-24D, which consists of 1,700 members, and represents southeastern Virginia.

The district winner advances to the state level, from there to the national level and then the global level. A winner will be selected



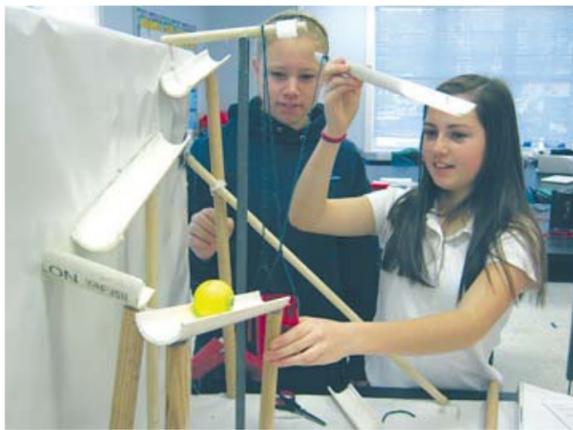
Mya Bundy

and 23 merit winners worldwide.

Before it ends there will have been 350,000 Peace Posters created across the globe, said Disney.

All of the local Peace Poster entries will be on exhibit during December at the Northumberland County Library in Heathsville.

Disney acknowledged good work from art instructor Mike Stevenson, and contest chairman Lion Bill Fleischman, and support from the Northumberland Lions Club.



Harley Haydon (left) and Libby Nashwinter release a trigger that activates a ball on an incline plane as the initial phase of their class's Rube Goldberg Machine.

## Students to build machine for Goldberg competition

Chesapeake Academy eighth-graders are honoring Pulitzer Prize-winning cartoonist, sculptor and author Rube Goldberg by designing and creating a complex machine as part of their physical science study.

Goldberg, a trained engineer, was famous for his "inventions" which satirized new technology and gadgets of the day. His name became synonymous with any complex program or system with an end result of the production of a simple task.

Science teacher Paul McAllister entered the eighth-grade class in the National Rube Goldberg Machine Contest and instructed his students to build their machine using all six of the simple machines with special attention to the transfer of energy.

The task for the 2013 Rube Goldberg Machine Contest is to hammer a nail. The guidelines for the contest suggest teams to work backwards from the final task to the beginning, where the machine is initially set into motion.

Chesapeake's work-in-progress includes a pulley, lever, wedge, and inclined plane. The finished machine must include 10 steps to

accomplish the task—hammering a nail—and its run time cannot exceed two minutes. "A huge challenge of the project is getting multiple components to work together to complete the task while attempting to meet the other judging criteria, such as how well a theme is carried into the machine, how funny it is, or how much variety in mechanisms, energy forms, and materials exist in the steps," explained McAllister.

Chesapeake's invention begins with the back and forth movement of a saw, that releases a wedge, that starts a ball rolling down an inclined plane to a weighted pulley system. From there, the intention is to activate a second trigger that starts a second ball rolling on a perpendicular inclined plane to, what will eventually be, a hammer poised on a rotating axis.

One of the biggest challenges the class faces is working as a team. "We don't always agree on every idea," said eighth-grader Tyler Dunaway.

Included in the contest requirements is the student creation of a diagram and written description of the steps.

## SCHOOL REPORTS

### ■ Literacy promotion

The Riverside Tappahannock Hospital Volunteers Services group will conduct a "Books Are Fun" sale and book drive from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, December 10, at the hospital.

The event will help support literacy. New books will be collected and donated to the Tappahannock Free Clinic and Tappahannock Elementary School's Summer Literacy Program.

### ■ Essay contest

The Virginia State Bar (VSB) recently announced its annual Law in Society essay contest. High school students are invited to submit essays by February 13 for a chance to win the competition and cash prizes. Contest rules are posted at vsb.org/site/public/law-in-society/.

The contest asks students to imagine they are a legislative aide and write a law that addresses the following:

"Recent news reports have detailed attempts by students to intimidate or torment teachers with disparaging Internet postings. Some of these postings include fake web sites and profiles, false accusations of inappropriate behavior, or attempts to encourage other students to join in disruptive actions aimed at a teacher. Your job as a legislative aide is to draft a law that would make such postings illegal and then write a report to a General Assembly committee advocating for the law. In your report you should anticipate the arguments of those who oppose the law and address those arguments."

### ■ Honor Roll

Head of School Margaret R. Broad recently announced the names of students who have earned a place on the St. Margaret's School Honor Rolls for the first trimester of the 2012-13 academic year.

Local students named to the Honor Roll include seniors Alexis Bruzzgul of Lancaster and Michelle Moss of Kinsale; and eighth-grader Sayetbyull Park of Warsaw.

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Patty Richards of Gallery 15 spins alpaca fiber on an old-fashioned spinning wheel.

## New Irvington art gallery to hold open house December 8

Several Irvington artists have combined their creative talents to open Gallery 15 LLC, an art gallery and studio in Irvington 'Where Local Arts Come Alive.'

The gallery will December 8 at 4353 Irvington Road. Patty Richards, Jonah Green and Carri Richard will create and display their works. Original paintings and prints, pottery, jewelry, sculpture, copperworks and furniture will be featured.

"We look forward to offering a changing pallet, keeping the gallery fresh and vibrant, offering something for everyone's taste and budget," said Richards.

Gallery 15 also will house a studio where visitors can watch artists at work. Patty Soap, a line of liquid soaps that are delightfully 'clean and green,' is making its debut as well, said Richards.

"We want to give local artists a venue to display their works, right here in our own town of Irvington," added Richard. "It's a place where residents and visitors can watch works being created!"

"We're a work in progress," said Green. "We love art and want a place where we and other locals can work, share our ideas with each other, and share what we create with our community. We are excited to launch this in Irvington. With all the talent we have in the area, we are happy to be able to offer something that's a bit different."

In conjunction with the Town of Irvington's Christmas celebrations, Irvington Carts and Carols Parade and Midnight Madness, on December 8 Gallery 15 will host its grand opening from 4 to 11 p.m. Artists will be present.

All purchases qualify for entry in a drawing at Nate's Trick Dog Café at 11 p.m. Grand prize is a \$1,000 gift basket. Must be present to win. Refreshments will be served.



From left are Bay Trust president and chief executive officer Frank Burke, RFA board members Julie Geier and Barbara Lovell and Bank of Lancaster president and chief executive officer Randy Greene.

## On Stage shows must go on with help from sponsors

Rappahannock Foundation for the Arts (RFA) board members recently thanked Bay Trust and Bank of Lancaster for their sponsorship of the recent On

Stage performance by The Capitol Steps.

On Stage is supported in part by the Virginia Commission for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts, said external communications vice president Julie Geier. Individual concerts are sponsored by local businesses.

The next On Stage performance will feature the Virginia Symphony Orchestra Jazz Ensemble March 2. Ticket information may be found at [rappahannockfoundation.org](http://rappahannockfoundation.org), or 435-0292.

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## Radio auction to begin at 7 p.m. Friday

"It's time for the annual on-air radio auction and we've got lots of great items again this year" said Lancaster by the Bay Chamber of Commerce executive director Edie Jett.

The auction will be conducted by the Chamber, merchant members and WKWI, Bay 101.7 FM from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, December 7.

The auction features items from many local merchants including W.F. Booth and Son, Bay and River Home Décor, Peebles,

Golden Eagle Golf Course, Rappahannock Hang Ups, Noblett's Appliances, La Source Spa, Entertainment Systems Corporation, Burke's Fine Jewelers, Dandelion, Big L Tire, Captain Red's Seafood, Crab King and Tri-Star.

"Bids are taken as each item is discussed on-air and the winning bidder goes to the merchant to pick up their item," said Jett. Place bids at 436-1313 or 436-1414.

Proceeds benefit the annual Kilmarnock

Christmas Parade, "Christmas-A Season of Giving," at 7 p.m. December 14.

On parade night, Santa will be at the Kilmarnock firehouse from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Pre-parade fun with carolers, music, food and fun will begin at 6 p.m.

Folks are asked to bring a non-perishable item to donate to the Northern Neck Food Bank, the grand marshal. Wagons will be alongside the grand marshal entry collecting items for the food bank, said Jett.

## Bank to host hospital auxiliary holiday sale

The Rappahannock General Hospital Volunteer Auxiliary will hold a "Holiday items and Gifts" fundraiser from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Friday, December 7, in the lobby of the Bank of Lancaster main office at 100 South Main Street in Kilmarnock.

The sale will include Christmas earrings and pins, cook-

books, ruffled scarves, and a variety of gift items and merchandise for your holiday decorating, said RGH Auxiliary fundraising chairman Linda Cales.

"We have lots of fun holiday decor items, as well as great gift ideas," said Cales. "Come on by and check out our selection of gifts and decorations."

Proceeds will go to the RGH Volunteer Auxiliary and will be used to benefit patient care at Rappahannock General Hospital.

"Thanks to the bank for so generously offering the use of their lobby space for this fundraiser," said Cales.

The auxiliary also will spon-

sor a "Handbag Blowout" sale from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, December 13, at RGH. "This sale is just in time to help with your Christmas shopping, or pick something up for yourself," said fundraising chairwoman Linda Cales. Prices vary from 30% to 60% off retail prices. Cash, MC and Visa accepted.

## Author to sign novel at Christmas Marketplace

Mary Montague Sikes recently released *Daddy's Christmas Angel*. She will have the novel for sale and signing at the Tides Inn Christmas Marketplace on Saturday, December 8. Her latest novel draws from her rich background teaching children of all ages.

"I was inspired by the romantic comedy, 'Sleepless in Seattle,'" Sikes explains. "In that movie, Jonah, whose mother died of cancer, wants his father to find a new wife. In *Daddy's Christmas Angel*, Kathleen also wants her father to find a new wife, but she wants her to be

Angie McAllister, the second-grade teacher she adores."

*Daddy's Christmas Angel*, a book for all seasons, is available from Amazon, Barnes & Noble and other fine bookstores.

Sikes also will have her new book available at book signings from 6 to 9 p.m. December

14 at the Petersburg Regional Arts Center Christmas Show in Petersburg; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. December 15 at the Regency Mall Authors Book Fair in Richmond; and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. December 21 at the William and Mary Barnes & Noble in Williamsburg.

## Workshops to help explain Sea Grant application process

Members of the commercial fishing industry with ideas to enhance and protect fisheries are invited to apply for funding to experiment with innovation.

The Virginia Sea Grant Marine Extension Program is now accepting applications for funding as part of the Vir-

ginia Fishery Resource Grant Program, said Virginia Sea Grant Communicator Janet A. Kren. Funding may be used to develop new fisheries equipment and gear, environmental pilot studies, aquaculture/mariculture advancements, or seafood technology and utilization.

Those interested in learning more about the grant and how to apply are invited to attend a workshop from 6 to 8 p.m.:

- December 18 in the director's conference room in Watermen's Hall at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science in Gloucester Point.
- December 19 in classroom

150 at Eastern Shore Community College in Melfa.

Grant applications must be postmarked no later than January 25 to be eligible for consideration.

The Request for Proposal and application materials are available at [vims.edu/adv/frg](http://vims.edu/adv/frg), or call Dianne Roberts at 684-7173.

## Agriculture and forestry grants available for economic development

Gov. Bob McDonnell recently announced a new tool for local governments to support their local agriculture- and forestry-based industries.

The Agriculture and Forestry Industries Development Fund (AFID) includes two categories with \$750,000 going to large grants to assist local efforts in expanding current or attracting new agriculture and forestry processing facilities using Virginia-grown products. A \$250,000 program is dedicated to small grants for improving local economic development efforts relating to agribusiness. Guidelines may be found at [governor.virginia.gov/news/viewRelease.cfm?id=1393](http://governor.virginia.gov/news/viewRelease.cfm?id=1393).

The competitive grant program allows individual locali-

ties to apply for up to \$20,000 in matching funds, or up to \$35,000 for multi-jurisdictional applications, to undertake efforts that support agriculture and forestry-based businesses. These efforts might include developing a strategic plan for agriculture and forestry economic development, creating new local policies and zoning ordinances that better support these industries, or funding feasibility studies and predevelopment work for new facilities that bring significant and lasting benefits to the local agriculture and forestry sectors.

"We wanted a program that was flexible, allowed for innovation, and most importantly, gave local farm and forestland owners a greater voice when it

came to planning for local economic development," said Todd Haymore, Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry. "To receive one of these planning grants, a community must demonstrate active participation of a board, committee or working group representing agriculture and/or forestry interests in the locality. This group must not only have the needed expertise to carry out the purposes of the grant, but must also have the broad support of the local agricultural and forestland community, as well as their local government."

Localities are urged to consult with area agribusiness leaders and producers to determine needs.

Localities may wish to participate in one of two virtual application workshops Tuesday, December 11, or Wednesday, January 16.

The application deadline for the initial round of the AFID planning grants is March 1. Award announcements are expected to be made in April.

For additional program details and the application workshop details, e-mail [stephen.versen@vdacs.virginia.gov](mailto:stephen.versen@vdacs.virginia.gov).

## Hubbard named partner

Hubbard, Terry and Britt recently announced William B. Hubbard has become a partner in the firm.

Hubbard joined the firm in 2003 as a law clerk after graduating from Virginia Tech. He enrolled at the Marshall Wythe School of Law at the College of William and Mary and graduated from law school in 2007. He was admitted to the Virginia State Bar and joined Hubbard, Terry and Britt as an associate.

His practice includes civil and criminal litigation, domestic relations, debt collection and the general practice of law. He serves the community as a court appointed attorney and guardian ad litem in the Lancaster and Northumberland County Courts.

Hubbard also has served on the boards of the Lancaster by the Bay Chamber of Commerce, the Lancaster County Lions Club and Northern Neck CASA. He is a member of the board for the Partners for the Lancaster County Schools



William B. Hubbard

Foundation and recently was elected a member of the White Stone Town Council. He is a member of Lancaster Union Lodge A.F.&A.M. 88.

Hubbard is married to Christina Spring, who is the chief of emergency services for Lancaster County. They have one son, Liam. The family belongs to Grace Episcopal Church in Kilmarnock and White Stone Church of the Nazarene in White Stone.

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Aubergine owner Sandy D'Antonio (right) shows customer Sharon Timm some of her store's holiday fashions. Photo by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi

## Boutique relocates to Steptoe's District

by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi

When Sandy D'Antonio of Wake opened Aubergine boutique in Hartfield two years ago, she says she came full circle career-wise.

D'Antonio had spent most of her life in retail management, usually at clothing stores, before returning to school to get her teaching degree. After working in Middlesex County schools for a few years, D'Antonio quit working altogether to raise her children. Then she got the itch to get back into doing what she loved—selling.

She relocated her boutique from Hartfield to 41 South Main Street in Kilmarnock in September and is delighted with the move.

"I saw this as an opportunity to grow the business," said D'Antonio. "Kilmarnock's Main Street is thriving. This offered more exposure and foot traffic and I fell in love with the space."

Aubergine is in the former Charlotte's coffee shop. With its tin ceiling and brick walls, the store's character is what D'Antonio says sold her on the move.

D'Antonio chose a pale lavender for the exposed walls and decorated with purple accents, which is only fitting since the store is named after the deep, rich eggplant color known as aubergine. Coincidentally, purple is D'Antonio's favorite color. Aubergine boutique offers affordable and trendy fashions and accessories, she said.

"Our clothing can appeal to women of all ages," said D'Antonio, who offers casual separates and "fun" dresses. During the holiday season, the store will carry a "dressier line of clothing, too," she added.

Aubergine carries Silver brand jeans, along with leggings, but does not carry fitted pants or business clothing.

"Hopefully, I'm on trend," said D'Antonio. "I try to keep up with the current fashion trends when I'm doing my shopping, and I try to keep the prices affordable."

Most of her items come in small, medium and large sizes.

"I've done a little changing," she said. "I have brought in a few things that I know shoppers here are looking for."

And she says she will continue to tailor to her clients' needs. Along with clothing and jewelry, Aubergine offers scarves and a limited selection of purses and undergarments.

D'Antonio's daughter, Katie D'Antonio, manages the store one day a week.

Aubergine is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays and noon to 4 p.m. Sundays.

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Marketplace

The Tides Inn will host a Christmas Marketplace from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. December 8 in the Cove Room. Multiple vendors, artists and artisans will offer holiday gifts for everyone on the list.

### Christmas Market

The Dance Studio of Kilmarnock at 26 West Church Street in Kilmarnock will host a Christmas Market from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, December 8.

Many different vendors will offer lots of handmade goods, including quilts, wreaths, scarves, jewelry and home-baked goods.

### BLS courses

Rappahannock General Hospital in Kilmarnock recently announced the upcoming Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers schedule. Courses will be offered at 8 a.m. December 11, 17 and 20.

Classes are taught by American Heart Association instructors and last approximately 4 hours. Books are available from staff development by request. To register, call Cathy Myers at 435-8280.

### Legal assistance

Rappahannock Legal Services managing attorney John R. Rellick will offer free legal services to Northumberland and Lancaster residents from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. December 13, January 17, February 14, March 14 and April 11 at First Baptist Church at 3585 Courthouse Road in Heathsville.

Limited free legal services also are offered at the Tappahannock office. Call 443-9393, or 1-800-572-3094 to determine eligibility and reserve an appointment time.

### Handbag blowout

The Rappahannock General Hospital Volunteer Auxiliary will sponsor a sale from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, December 13, offering name brand handbags, luggage, and wallets.

"This sale is just in time to help with your Christmas shopping, or pick something up for yourself," said fundraising chairwoman Linda Cales. Prices vary from 30% to 60% off retail prices. Cash, MC and Visa accepted.

### Job workshops

Upcoming Virginia Employment Commission workshops include Workplace Readiness at 2 p.m. December 6; Interview Boot Camp at 2 p.m. December 11; 12 Things Employers Look for from a Local Employer's Perspective at 10 a.m. December 12; and Happy Holidays on a Shoestring budget at 3 p.m. December 13.

The workshops will be held at the VEC Workforce Center at 14243 Historyland Highway in Warsaw.

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## Gurley releases solo recording

"Break of Day" is the title of a brand new solo CD release by local musician Bill Gurley.

Gurley is well-known for his collaborations with his wife, Pam, and daughter, Macon. He also has recorded with guitarist Stephen Bennett and played on many other projects as a guest artist. This new release represents his first-ever solo effort.

Nearly all of the songs on the recording are originals that have never been recorded

before, said Gurley. While his folk roots are evident in the music, there are some other influences as well.

The CD is co-produced with bassist Jimmy Masters and they are joined by some of Virginia's finest jazz musicians, he said. Gurley also calls on some old friends to rock things up a bit with a tune called "Just Passing Through" which is starting to get some airplay. Pam Gurley makes an appearance as well on backing vocals.

The project was recorded at Mastersound by veteran studio wiz Rob Ulsh.

"This is the album I always wanted to make," said Gurley. "I am very excited for people to hear this other side of my songwriting."

Copies of the recording can be ordered directly from the Gurleys. CDs are \$15 each plus \$2 for postage. Sound samples and information can be found at [billandpamgurley.com/breakofday.html](http://billandpamgurley.com/breakofday.html).



Bill Gurley

## Future is bright for agriculture in global economy

Dr. David M. Kohl, president of AgriVisions LLC and a professor emeritus at Virginia Tech, on November 27 provided an overview of global economics for farmers at the 2012 Virginia Farm Bureau Federation 2012 annual convention in Chantilly.

During a workshop titled "The Wild World of Global Economics," Kohl said farmers need to be prepared for unusual events, or "black swans," worldwide.

"If input prices increase or profits for commodities decrease, you have to anticipate, plan and budget appropriately," he said. "You have to have a lot of stretch in your waistband."

There are more opportunities to succeed or fail in agriculture, so planning and proper management is important, Kohl said.

"You can't plan on being average. If you do, you'll be out of business in five years. You have to see a widening gap of farm profitability. The better get better, and the worse fall behind," he said.

Farmers need to be proactive and remember what he called the "HUT Principle": A lot of people hear; few understand; and even fewer take action, continued Kohl. "You have to take action. You may fail, but you may not. A key element is to not duplicate your mistakes."

What's driving agriculture now, he said, is emerging nations, including Brazil, Russia, India, South Africa,

South Korea, Indonesia, Mexico and Turkey. "They depend on our food, fiber and fuel, and that's what drives prices."

U.S. farmers are currently in the largest supercycle ever seen, Kohl said. "It has lasted two-and-a-half times longer than any other supercycle, and the wild world of economics is driving it."

Emerging nations; ethanol and biofuels; oil, gas and minerals; and Mother Nature are some of the factors, he said. "The Federal Reserve has helped by keeping the value of the dollar low, and interest rates are still low."

Kohl predicted the U.S. will dismount from the current supercycle within the next five years. The U.S. economy, he said, has to get back on track.

"Other countries are worried about the United States," he said. "If we go over the 'fiscal cliff' it will put us back in a recession. We need clarity. We don't want our foreign investors worried."

Kohl used debt after World War II as a comparison to the current situation. The difference in the nation's debt after World War II was that 88% of it was held in bonds by Americans, he said, whereas 41% of today's debt is foreign-financed.

"The U.S. economy is the

best house in a bad neighborhood on the global scene," said Kohl.

But the housing market is starting to turn around, he noted, and there are reasons to be optimistic about agriculture. By 2050 the world will need 100% more food, fiber and fuel, and 70% of that will come from technology and sustainable agriculture, he said.

"There also is a place for all agriculture, because one size

does not fit all," added Kohl.

There are more young people seeking careers in agriculture, as well as more women and minorities, he said.

"One in six jobs is connected to agriculture. Agriculture is a good career. ... It's profitable. The cooperative system support network is important. There are always mentors to help," he said. "We have to empower the youth and empower technology."

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