

# Coleman sparks Red Devils' final rally for a quarterfinal win over Dan River

by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi

Michael Coleman was not afraid to take the long shot...and it paid off.

Coleman, a 5'10" senior guard, hit back-to-back-to-back three-pointers in the fourth quarter, then sank the game-winning lay-up with eight seconds left as the Lancaster Red Devils squeezed by Dan River, 59-58, in a thriller of a Group A, Division 2 state quarterfinal at the Salem Civic Center last Saturday.

Lancaster has proved to be the Wildcats' cross-the-state nemesis. Dan River came into Saturday's state game with an unblemished 25-0 season record and hadn't lost a game since the Wildcats fell to the Red Devils in a state quarterfinal game a year ago.

Ranked number one in the Associated Press Group A state poll the entire season, the Region B champion Wildcats were the favorite going into the quarterfinal.

"Dan River was one heck of a team," said LHS coach Tim Rice. "I know how they feel when your only loss ends your season. They have a good program and some tremendous athletes to come through the last few years."

Lancaster, now 25-2, is bound for a return trip to the Group A, Division 2 semifinals and will play Bristol's Virginia High School at 10:30 a.m. Friday, March 9, at the Virginia Commonwealth University Siegel Center in Richmond.

Coleman proved to be the spark Lancaster needed in the waning minutes of last Saturday's quarterfinal. He had the hot hands in the fourth, scoring 15 of his 20 total in the final 5:16 of the game.

Coleman found his sweet spot beyond the arc with his first three-pointer at 3:48 to go in the fourth. His shot tied the game at 48-48. He drilled another three to put Lancaster in the lead, 51-48, before Dan River's LeVonte Bundy answered with his own trey. But Coleman came right back and hit again from the cheap seats to give the Devils a 54-51 lead.

Lancaster took a timeout before Brandon Morris scored and drew the foul for a three-point play that lifted the Devils, 57-53, with 1:31 to go.

A three-pointer by Shundreyon Brooks pulled the Wildcats within two and, with 55 seconds to go,



Lancaster's Ricky Gibson (23) tries to get around Bayshawn Jones (44) of Dan River. Photo by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi



Lancaster's Tyler Colding takes a shot. Photo by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi



At left, Lancaster's Michael Coleman (left) and Tyler Colding double-team the Wildcat ballhandler during last Saturday's state game. Photo by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi

Ferrell Edmunds came up with a steal at midcourt and dunk for a Dan River lead, 58-57.

Lancaster brought the ball in with 50 seconds to go and worked it around until the 20-second mark when Rice called time. With eight seconds to play, Coleman made the contested lay-up for the go-ahead, 59-58.

As the clock wound down, Dan River got the ball to Edmunds for a lay-up attempt, but the ball rolled off the rim. He went back up for the tip in at the buzzer but that didn't fall.

"Mike got hot at the right time," said Rice. "I was not happy with his shot selection in the first half... but I knew if he made his first one that he could have a chance of getting hot."

None of the Devils' three-point attempts were falling in the first half. In fact, neither team shot well



The pressure literally piles on Lancaster's Tyler Colding as he is fouled by a Wildcat during last Saturday's state quarterfinal. Lancaster center Melvin Gregory (22) also gets squeezed by defenders. Photo by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi



Fans waving red and white pom-poms cheer on the Red Devils in the final seconds of last Saturday's state quarterfinal. Photo by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi

in the opening half, which ended with Dan River up by one, 23-22. Lancaster was 9-of-32 for field goals and 1-of-12 from three-point range while Dan River hit 7-of-28 field goals and sank 5-of-8 three-pointers.

Lancaster's Melvin Gregory, who averages over 18 points per outing, was held to 12 points and 12 rebounds, while Brandon Morris finished with 12 points and seven rebounds.

"I feel one of our strengths is that other teams can't concentrate on one guy," said Rice. "Melvin is a player of the year, but we are more than one player. We had four guys who averaged double figures. I believe we have five all-district type players in the lineup."

Rice said Dan River's Davis was the quickest player the Devils have seen this year and was "fast and explosive."

"But our guards did an outstanding job on him and I know he had to work hard for things. We also knew about Edmunds, who was strong and the most athletic guy we've seen all year."

Davis finished with 21 points and

five assists and Edmunds had 18 points and 11 rebounds. TyQuonne Adams finished with 10 points and a game-high 13 rebounds.

"I am so proud of how our kids responded and did not blink in the closing moments," said Rice. "It helps when your best shooter gets hot and then makes a strong move to the basket to take the lead for good. We were forcing things in the first half, especially shooting 12 threes, which is uncharacteristic of us. We were very fortunate to be down only one with that kind of shooting. Our defense kept us in it and certainly won it for us."

Virginia High, the Region D

champion, beat Glenvar, 62-45, to advance to this week's semifinal.

"We have to get off our cloud and re-focus and be concerned with the next game," said Rice. "It will only get tougher from this point."

**Lancaster.....10 12 13 24 — 59**  
**Dan River.....12 11 14 21 — 58**  
**Lancaster — Coleman 20, Colding 6, Manning 8, Gregory 12, Morris 12, Lee 0, Gibson 1, Smith 0. Three-point goals: Coleman 4, Dan River — Davis 21, McMoore 0, Harper 0, Tr. Edmunds 18, Robertson 3, Te. Edmunds 0, Adams 10, Brooks 6, Jones 0, Ty. Edmunds 0. Three-point goals: Davis 5, Robertson, Brooks.**

## SCOREBOARD

### Varsity boys basketball

Group A, Division 2 Tournament  
Quarterfinals:  
Lancaster 59, Dan River 58  
George Mason 56, Essex 52  
Virginia High 62, Glenvar 45  
Fort Chiswell 48, Union 47  
Group A, Division 1 Tournament  
Quarterfinals:  
Amelia 61, West Point 57  
Charles City 57, Luray 49  
Galax 53, Castlewood 44  
Hurley 57, Parry McCluer 49

### Varsity girls basketball

Group A, Division 2 Tournament  
Quarterfinals:  
Stuarts Draft 61, Northumberland 42  
Glenvar 62, Virginia High 50  
George Mason 66, Sussex Central 36  
Gate City 61, Patrick Henry-Glade Spring 49  
Group A, Division 1 Tournament  
Quarterfinals:  
Altavista 81, Rappahannock 35  
East Rockingham 75, Appomattox

Regional 34  
Galax 46, J.I. Burton 45  
Covington 47, Haysi 40

### Upcoming games

**Varsity boys basketball**  
Group A Tournament at the VCU Siegel Center  
Division 2 Semifinals  
March 9:  
Lancaster vs. Virginia High, 10:30 a.m.  
Fort Chiswell vs. George Mason, 12:15 p.m.  
Division 2 final  
March 10 at 5 p.m.  
Division 1 Semifinals  
March 8:  
Hurley vs. Amelia County, 1 p.m.  
Galax vs. Charles City, 5 p.m.  
Division 1 final  
March 9 at 3:45 p.m.  
**Varsity girls basketball**  
Group A Tournament at the VCU Siegel Center  
Division 2 Semifinals  
March 8:  
Gate City vs. Stuarts Draft, 7 p.m.

Glenvar vs. George Mason, 8:45 p.m.  
Division 2 final  
March 10 at 3 p.m.  
Division 1 Semifinals  
March 8:  
Galax vs. East Rockingham, 11 a.m.  
Covington vs. Altavista, 3 p.m.  
Division 1 final  
March 9 at 2 p.m.

### Varsity boys baseball

March 13:  
Lancaster at West Point, 4:30 p.m.

### Varsity girls softball

March 13:  
Lancaster at West Point, 5 p.m.

### JV boys baseball/JV girls softball

(Lancaster's home games are played at Dreamfields near Kilmarnock)  
March 13:  
West Point at Lancaster 5 p.m.

### Varsity girls soccer

March 12:  
Lancaster at Northampton, 5:30 p.m.



Lancaster's Brandon Morris (24) and Dan River's Deqwontez McMoore collide in a race for the goal. Photo by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi



As the Northern Neck District's regular season champion and Region A tournament runner-up, Northumberland earned a berth in last weekend's Group A, Division 2 state tournament. The Lady Indians traveled to James Madison University in Harrisonburg where they lost, 61-42, to Region B champion Stuarts Draft in a quarterfinal game. Photo by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi

## Two Region A teams advance to semi-finals

by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi

Eight girls and boys basketball teams from Region A entered last weekend's Group A state tournaments and only two teams remain.

The Lancaster High School boys team edged Region B champion Dan River, 59-58, at the Salem Civic Center last Saturday to advance to the Division 2 semifinals.

In another Division 2 boys bracket, Region B runner-up George Mason edged Region A champion Essex, 56-52.

In the Division 1 boys tournament, Region A champion Charles City will advance to the state semifinals with a 57-49 win over Luray. Amelia County eliminated West Point from the state playoffs, 61-57.

In Division 1 girls competition, East Rockingham beat Region A's Appomattox Regional, 75-34, and Altavista knocked out Region A runner-up and Northern Neck District team Rappahannock, 81-35.

In Division 2 girls play, George Mason defeated Sussex Central, 66-36, and Stuarts Draft beat Northumberland, 61-42.

### Stuarts Draft 61 Northumberland 42

Kailey Sitzberger sparked the Cougars with three three-pointers in the final 1:41 of the third quarter to break open a close game and

send Stuarts Draft to the Siegel Center and the Division 2 girls semifinals.

Stuarts Draft took the lead early and never gave it up, going up by as many as 12 points in the second quarter before ending the half with a 24-18 lead over Region A runner-up Northumberland.

Kaitlyn Rochelle, who finished with a double-double for the Indians with 25 rebounds and 13 points, helped pull Northumberland within four points, 24-20, in the first seconds of the third quarter.

The Cougars answered with a 10-0 run and led 34-20 midway through the third, but the resilient Indians kept fighting back and out-scored Stuarts Draft 10-2 to get back to just a six-point deficit, 36-30.

Sitzberger's shots from the cheap seats gave the Cougars a comfortable 46-31 advantage heading into the final eight minutes when the Indians never got closer than 13 points.

Nia Jones led the Indian scorers with 13 points.

Sitzberger scored 17 to lead the Cougars.

Northumberland.....	6	12	13	11	—42
Stuarts Draft.....	15	9	22	15	—61
Northumberland—	Rochelle 13, Crockett 10, Jones 15, Palmer 2, Washington 2.				
Stuarts Draft—	Lewis 8, Holbert 11, Berger 7, Wimer 2, McIntire 15, Bird 1, Sitzberger 17.				

## Park system seeks teens for Youth Conservation Corps

The Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation is now accepting applications for Virginia State Parks Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) sessions scheduled June 24 to July 14 and July 22 to August 11.

Women and men ages 14 to 17 are eligible, said director of community engagement and volunteerism Gaston Rouse.

A paperless application process can be pursued at virginia.stateparks.gov, said Rouse. Applications must be submitted electronically by noon on April 13.

YCC participants will work in a state park for three weeks, learn about the natural world and the history and culture local to the park, and participate in outdoor recreation activities

as they learn about teamwork and important life skills, said Rouse.

Crews normally have 10 to 14 members supervised by three adults, he said. The crews are gender specific.

Parents are responsible for transportation to and from the program, but food and lodging, and uniform shirts and hats are provided. Participants also receive a \$500 stipend at the completion of the program.

The YCC is modeled after the federal service program AmeriCorps and the depression-era Civilian Conservation Corps, which built the original six Virginia State Parks.

Those selected for the program will be notified by May 1.

## Hunter education course set March 24

The Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries will offer a hunter education class from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. March 24 at Northumberland Middle School in Claraville.

The Basic Hunter Education Classroom Course

covers material on hunting safety, principles of conservation and sportsmanship, said instructor Timothy Tate.

The course is a minimum of 10 hours in length, said Tate. There is no charge for the class, which is required

for ages 12 to 15 prior to the purchase of a license and for anyone purchasing a first hunting license.

Student should bring a lunch, he added.

Students can sign up at dgif.virginia.gov/, or call 580-3130.

## Seahorses beat Titans, 77-74, in triple overtime for Prep League tourney championship

Christchurch School on February 25 defended its Prep League tournament championship with a 77-74 triple overtime win over the Trinity Episcopal School Titans in Richmond.

Trinity controlled the first half, and the Seahorses battled back in the second, but the difference was the visitors' 17-for-18 accuracy from the foul line in the second and third extra periods, reported Jennifer Homer.

Spreading the floor and awaiting an opening against the Seahorses' man-to-man defense, Trinity shot 16 for 26 in the first half for a 35-26 lead.

The Seahorses opened the third period with junior guard Jamie Wilson of West Point hitting a 3-pointer and used a 9-0 run during the final 4:30 to pull even at 42-42 entering the fourth, continued Homer.

The Seahorses went up 44-42, as junior Jordan Wallace of Hampton banked in a layup.

Two pressure free throws by Trinity's Torey Burston at 0:26 forged a tie at 56-56 and sent the game into overtime.

During the final 1:07 of the third overtime period, Julian Reed of Cary, N.C., shot 4 for 4 for the Seahorses and teammates Davis Horbal of Virginia Beach and Wilson went 2 for 2.

Trinity's final charge, which included Jaylen Hinton's short jumper and Josh Brown's layup at 0:24, ended with the Titans out of time outs. Burston's last second desperation shot hit off rim and the Seahorses secured the victory, 77-74.

Wilson scored 21 points to lead the Seahorses. Wallace had 15, Reed 14, Brendan Cole 11 and Horbal 8.

Wallace was named the Prep League Tournament Most Valuable Player. Reed and Wilson also were named to the All-Tournament team. Christchurch School coach Ben Thompson was named Prep League Coach-of-the-Year, said Homer.

## BOWLING RESULTS

### Ladies League

The Corner Restaurant won two games from first-place Tri-Star. Donna Thomas bowled the week's highest set, a 393, with games of 132 and 170, the year's highest game to date. Betty Evans rolled a 350 set with two games of 118 and a 114 game. Debi Berry had a 328 set with two games of 112 and 104 game. Joan Bowles had games of 100 and 105.

For Tri-Star, Theresa Davis bowled a 320 set with games of 124 and 110. Kara George had a 318 set with games of 115 and 119. Shona Pacheco had a 102 game.

Davis Auto took two games from Yeatman's Forklift. Vicki White bowled a 306 set with games of 109 and 101. Marie Piccard rolled a 302 set with games of 101 and 118. Sandra Evans had a 109 game. Vivian Callaway had a 104 game.

Mary York led Yeatman's with a 331 set, including games of 122 and 115. Alma George rolled a 326 set with games of 120 and 109. Val Crosbie had a 100 game.

R. P. Waller won two games from D & L Doc n' Divas. Ola Rae Nash bowled a 311 set with a 122 game. Marsha Nash rolled a 304 set with a 122 game. Dee Atkins had games of 105 and 100.

For D & L, Beverley Benson bowled a 322 set with games of 110 and 118. Darlene Benson had a 315 set with games of 100 and 122. Linda Lake had a 104 game.

## Annual spring mahjong event is slated March 22

The Woman's Club of White Stone will host its annual spring mahjong event from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 22 at the clubhouse at 560 Chesapeake Drive in White Stone.

Mahjong players are invited to spend all or part of the day at the clubhouse, said Sharon Colston. The event will open with a continental breakfast. Lunch will be a baked potato bar, fresh green salad and assorted desserts.

The fee is \$20 per person. Proceeds will go toward the Woman's Club scholarship fund. For reservations, call 435-2406 or 435-1409.

Using the money earned through this and other fundraisers, the Woman's Club of White Stone gives four \$1,000 scholarships annually to young men and women graduating from Lancaster High School, said Colston.

## BRIDGE RESULTS

Six tables of duplicate bridge were in play February 28 at Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury.

North/south winners were first, Babs Murphy and Virginia Adair; and second, Elaine Weekley and Judy Reynolds.

East/west winners were first, Judy Peifer and Ginger Klapp; and second, Ilva Doggett and Steve Lowe.



From left are Kelley Dameron, Roger McKinley Sr. and Cecil Dameron.

## McKinley qualifies for National 8-Ball Finals

Roger McKinley Sr. of Heathsville, a regular competitor at KC's Crabs and Cues, won his class at the Virginia Regional 8-Ball Classic competition March 3 in Chesapeake.

Some 94 individual players from across Virginia and North Carolina competed in a modified, single-elimination tournament, said McKinley. Of those 94, only seven advance to the finals.

At stake is a chance to compete for \$280,000 in cash and prizes, in the National Finals at the Riviera Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas.

Other players from the Northern Neck who competed in the Virginia regional contests were Cecil Dameron, Eugene Pittman and Allen (Jake) Jett. John Jones qualified, but was unable to attend. These pool players are all members of teams playing at KC's Crabs & Cues every Tuesday evening.

After winning four matches in a row, match #2 3-0, match #3 3-0, match #4 3-0, and match #5 4-0, McKinley was declared the winner in class 4, qualifying for the national finals April 26 through 28 in Las Vegas, he said.

McKinley thanked Kelley and Cecil Dameron. Without their help and vision for KC's Crabs & Cues, none of this would be possible, he said.

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**Weekly Tides**  
Windmill Point – Sunrise & Moon - March, 2012

<b>Fri. 3/9</b>	Low 5:42-0.3' High 11:31 1.4' Low 5:59-0.3' High 11:55 1.5'	Sunrise 6:24 Sunset 6:07 Moonset 6:45 Moonrise 8:01	<b>Tue. 3/13</b>	High 3:30 1.5' Low 10:13 0.0' High 3:52 1.2' Low 10:21-0.1'	Sunrise 7:18 Sunset 7:11 Moonrise 12:33 Moonset 10:37
<b>Sat. 3/10</b>	Low 6:32-0.3' High 12:18 1.4' Low 6:45-0.3'	Sunrise 6:23 Sunset 6:08 Moonset 7:21 Moonrise 9:13	<b>Wed. 3/14</b>	High 4:31 1.4' Low 11:14 0.1' High 4:53 1.1' Low 11:23 0.0'	Sunrise 7:17 Sunset 7:12 Moonrise 1:37 Moonset 11:33
<b>Sun. 3/11</b>	High 12:43 1.6' Low 8:23-0.2' High 2:06 1.3' Low 8:33-0.3'	Sunrise 7:21 Sunset 7:09 Moonset 9:01 Moonrise 11:24	<b>Thu. 3/15</b>	High 5:37 1.3' Low 12:20 0.2' High 6:01 1.1'	Sunrise 7:15 Sunset 7:13 Moonrise 2:35 Moonset 12:34
<b>Mon. 3/12</b>	High 2:35 1.5' Low 9:16-0.2' High 2:57 1.3' Low 9:24-0.2'	Sunrise 7:20 Sunset 7:10 Moonset 9:46	<b>Fri. 3/16</b>	Low 12:32 0.1' High 6:47 1.3' Low 1:26 0.2' High 7:11 1.1'	Sunrise 7:14 Sunset 7:14 Moonrise 3:24 Moonset 1:38

**Corrections** High Low Height  
Piankatank River, Cherry Pt. -1:42 -1:44 86%  
Great Wicomico River Light 0:30 0:30 75%  
Smith Point Light 1:01 0:44 86%

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## On-court skills training

On February 18, the Lancaster High School Lady Devils volleyball program conducted a skills camp. Campers (above) learned proper passing and setting techniques, played games and had relays. The next clinic will be held from 9 a.m. to noon March 24 at the LHS gym. The fee is \$25 for the one-day camp. To register, contact coach Dave Zeiler at [dzeiler@lcs.k12.va.us](mailto:dzeiler@lcs.k12.va.us), or 435-3196.

## Audubon to return to Hughlett Point

The Northern Neck Audubon Society will conduct a bird walk Monday, March 12, at Hughlett Point Natural Area Preserve in Northumberland County.

This diverse preserve lies on a peninsula jutting into the Chesapeake Bay and offers a wonderful opportunity for viewing birds and wildlife as it includes coastal forest, shrub, salt marsh, and sandy beach habitats and a viewing platform, said publicity chairman Maggie Gerdts.

This is prime time for viewing waterfowl, said Gerdts. Among possible sightings are scaups, old squaws, canvas backs, loons, horned grebes, golden eyes, surf scoters, gannets, wigeons, tundra swans, ruddy ducks, buffleheads, mergansers, terns and bald eagles. With the warm weather, there may also be some early migrants.

If time permits, the group will continue on to Dameron Marsh, she said.

Carpools will leave Grace Episcopal Church in Kilmarnock at 7:15 a.m. To reach Hughlett Point from Kilmarnock, take Route 200 north. Go approximately five miles and turn right on Route 606. At the end of Route 606, turn right on Route 605. Go approximately 1.5 miles. The entrance to Hughlett Point and the parking lot will be on your left.

For additional directions, call Frank Schaff at 462-0084.

## Wyne takes first place in bodybuilding competition

Troy R. Wyne of Kilmarnock, a certified massage therapist and owner of Results Oriented Massage, recently competed in the Body Sculpting Open Bodybuilding competition, sponsored by the Organization of Competitive Bodybuilders at the Hampton Convention Center.

He was among 29 male athletes from nine states. He has participated in bodybuilding competitions in Indiana, Kentucky and Missouri and took first place at the light-weight level several times. It has been 12 years since he last competed, according to Wyne.

Wyne placed first among the Men's Bodybuilding Masters, ages 40 to 50, and won the overall Masters title of all men over age 40. In the Men's Bodybuilding Open, he placed second at the Open Short level, behind William Yamin, who won the



Troy R. Wyne

overall Open title.

Troy's father, Melvin Wyne, traveled from Commiskey, Ind., to see him compete. His son, Bryce, and a number of friends and clients from the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula also attended the event.

After serving in the U.S. Marine Corps and participating in the Persian Gulf War, Wyne became a certified massage therapist and practiced in Florida, Indiana, and aboard the Carnival and Royal Caribbean cruise ships.

He moved to Virginia in 2002, and has since performed massage therapy in Kilmarnock and Gloucester. Besides deep tissue massage, he offers cranial-sacral therapy, and arthroscopy. He also teaches pain management classes, said Wyne.

He is certified by the Virginia State Board of Nursing to perform massage therapy.

## Engine seminar is March 17

Fleet Captain Warren Hottle recently announced the Yankee Point Racing and Cruising Club (YPRCC) in Lancaster will offer a seminar on "Inboard Marine Engine Maintenance and Repair" from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 17 at 734 Oak Hill Road.

The seminar will cover gasoline and diesel engines and is free and open to the public.

"We have had numerous requests for this type of seminar," said Hottle. "We're very fortunate that Frank Mann will be available to teach it."

He noted Mann spent nine years in the Navy in submarine service, is retired from the U.S. Coast Guard and currently living in Gloucester. He has taught basic and advanced courses on maintenance and engine repair to all levels of students at Rappahannock Community College in Warsaw. Mann also has taught courses in basic marine skills and wind and solar power.

Seminar attendees will break at noon and send out for lunch. To attend, contact Hottle at 475-9393.

## SPORTS SHORTS

### ■ Waterfowl show

The 33rd Rappahannock River Waterfowl Show will be held March 17 and 18 at the White Stone firehouse. The show features waterfowl art works for viewing and sale, door prizes, carving contests and complimentary show prints. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. March 17 and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 18. Admission is \$8 for the weekend. Children under 12 are admitted free, and must be accompanied by an adult.

Advance tickets are required for the Preview Night Gala March 16, and must be purchased by March 9. Those who have never attended the gala and would like to be added to the mailing list are urged to visit [rrws.org](http://rrws.org), email [info@rrws.org](mailto:info@rrws.org), or call 435-6355.

### ■ Scouting Day

Geocaching will be offered on Scouting Day from 1 to 4 p.m. March 17 at Belle Isle State Park. Boy Scouts and Junior Girl Scouts can meet many of the requirements for the Geocaching badge. GPS units will be provided.

An adult must accompany each group of scouts. The fee is \$3 per scout. Reservations are required, call 462-5030.

### ■ All Star games

The 14th annual Northern Neck Shrine Club All Star basketball games are slated for March 17 at Northumberland High School in Claraville. The games will feature the Northern Neck District All Stars versus the Tidewater District All Stars. There will be a girls game and a boys game. The first contest will begin at 6 p.m.

The popular \$100 cash shootout, as in the past, is slated to take place during half-time of both games. Proceeds benefit Shriners Charities, including their children's hospital.

### ■ 10k run

The Bethany Baptist Owl Town 10k will be run March 17. Registration and check-in will begin at 7:30 a.m. and the 10k will start 8 a.m. at Bethany Baptist Church at 16256 Richmond Road near Callao. An awards ceremony will follow the run.

The registration fee is \$20 for adults and \$10 for children younger than age 13. Checks should be payable to WMU. Pre-register by March 8 to receive an official race day t-shirt. To register, contact Katelyn Kuykendall at 761-8612, or [kkuykend@mail.umw.edu](mailto:kkuykend@mail.umw.edu).

### ■ St. Patrick's Bridge

The annual St. Patrick's Day Dessert Bridge will be held at 12:30 p.m. March 16 at De Sales Hall in Kilmarnock. Mahjong, Canasta, Scrabble, Bunco and Pinochle players are welcome.

Tables of four are \$20. Make checks payable to Women of St. Francis. To reserve a table, call Lorri Amidon at 462-6140, or send reservation requests with checks to Lorri Amidon, P.O. Box 220, Mollusk, VA 22517.

### ■ Car club

The Memory Lane Car Club will meet at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 11, at the Boys and Girls Club of the Northern Neck at 517 North Main Street in Kilmarnock. Anyone with an interest in any type of collector vehicle is welcome.

### ■ Shoot pool

KC's Crabs and Cues at 10428 Jessie duPont Memorial Highway hosts 8-ball pool tournaments at 7:30 p.m. every Thursday night. There is a \$10 entry fee. Prizes are awarded. All skill levels are welcome. Must be over age 16.

# Bird walk slated for Hutchinson Tract

In conjunction with the National Wildlife Refuge which is celebrating its 109th anniversary, the Northern Neck Audubon Society will conduct a bird walk at 8:15 a.m. at the Hutchinson Tract of the Rappahannock River Valley National Wildlife Refuge on March 17.

This 700-acre tract, fronting Mount Landing Creek and Route 17, has restored grasslands, tidal marshes and deep mature hardwood forests, said publicity chairman Maggie Gerdts.

Possible sightings for this time of year (the beginning of spring migration): golden-crowned kinglets, Carolina chickadees and wrens, winter wrens, tufted titmice, American goldfinches, house finches, cedar waxwings, large flocks of American robins, common grackles, red-winged blackbirds,

Savannah, white throated and field sparrows, red shouldered and red tailed hawks, coopers hawks, American kestrels, bald eagles and waterfowl, said Gerdts.

Families and beginning "birders" are welcome. The walk will be led by Frank Schaff. Participants should meet just inside the entrance to the tract.

The Hutchinson tract is approximately 1.5 miles north of Tappahannock on Route 17 on the left hand side. Heading north, pass a large brick church on the left. Go to the next cross over and head back south on Route 17. Turn right into the first driveway by the refuge sign.

Several pairs of loaner binoculars will be available. For additional directions, call Schaff at 462-0084, or the refuge at 333-1470.

## Aeronautical chapter to meet March 15

The Virginia Aeronautical Historical Society will meet at the Pilot House Restaurant at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, March 15.

The agenda for the luncheon/ meeting will include a DVD on the B-2 Bomber, said Northern Neck Chapter president Cary L. Broadway. A discussion also will be held on the proposed agenda for the April 19 luncheon, when members will consider the future of the chapter.

A letter will be sent to all members prior to April 19 to summarize in some detail the options which will be discussed, said Broadway. One of the most important issues is to recruit a volunteer to replace

treasurer Bob Schneider, who has held the position for more than 11 years.

Options include disbanding the chapter, or to continue as a recognized chapter with a limited agenda, and with the historical activities reduced in scope to only those which are fully supported by the membership, and with a member assuming the position of chairing and planning the activity.

All members and those in the community who are interested in the goals and continuation of the chapter, are urged to attend both the March and April luncheons, he said.

## YMCA EVENTS

### unCorked!

The Northern Neck Family YMCA and the Tides Inn will team up again April 14 to present a wine dinner fundraiser. The host vineyard will be the Elizabeth Spencer winery based in the Napa Valley, with selections available at Specials Wine Sellers in Kilmarnock. Tickets are \$150. For reservations, contact Donna McGrath at [donna.mcgrath@peninsulaymca.org](mailto:donna.mcgrath@peninsulaymca.org).

### Tone Teens

A four-week fitness class will be offered for ages 12 to 18. The program will promote cardiovascular conditioning, muscle strength, endurance and a healthy lifestyle. The class will meet from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, through March 29, at the YMCA at 39 William B Graham Court in Kilmarnock.

### Home school P.E.

This class is dedicated to physical fitness with an emphasis on health and well-being. Age-appropriate class divisions will be offered from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Tuesdays, March 13 to May 1, at the YMCA. The fee for the seven-week session is \$10 for members and \$20 for others. Call Dave Cunningham at 435-0223.

### T-ball

Registration is under way for t-ball, for ages 3 to 5. T-ball starts May 5. The fee is \$30 for members and \$50 for others. Games will be on Saturdays. Register at the YMCA, or call Dave Cunningham at 435-0223.

### Parent/child swim lessons

Parent/child swimming lessons will be taught at 6 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays April 9 through May 2 at the YMCA indoor pool. The class is for parents and their children, ages 6 to 36 months. Each class is 30 minutes long. The fee is \$30 for members and \$50 for others. Registration is under way, 435-0223.

### Swim lessons

Youth swimming lessons will be taught at the YMCA indoor pool at 5, 5:30 and 6 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays, March 5 through 30. Children will be grouped by ages 3 to 5 and 6 to 12 years old. The fee is \$30 for members and \$50 for others. Registration is under way, 435-0223.



## YMCA news

YMCA group exercise instructor Cindy Bauer of White Stone recently led more than 50 participants in a free Zumba class at the Northumberland Family YMCA at 6348 Northumberland Highway in Heathsville. The YMCA is seeking volunteers for the child watch room, teen center, welcome desk and wellness center. To volunteer, join, or inquire about upcoming classes, visit the YMCA, go to [peninsulaymca.org](http://peninsulaymca.org), or call 580-8901.

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From left are Ty Kirby, Timmy Kimmitt, Mallory O'Bier, Tommy Kimmitt, Virginia Cooperative Extension agent Tara Brent, Elana Wilson, Beverly-Ann Trice, Amaya Crabbe and Alexis Crabbe.

## 4-H Club conducts presentation contest

Bills, Beaks & Hooves 4-H club members recently conducted a presentation contest in Heathsville.

Giving a presentation is one of the educational requirements leading to eligibility for The Equismartz State 4-H Level Horse Knowledge Competitions, noted club leader Diana Garrettson. It also is a pre-requisite for advancing to the District Level Horse Show in May in Richmond.

Bills, Beaks & Hooves club officers Mallory O'Bier and Ty Kirby pursued last-minute preparations and a conducted a brief business meeting before the judging commenced, said Garrettson.

Junior and senior division youth were judged using the Danish system by Northumberland County Extension agent Tara

Brent. Juniors Beverly-Anne Trice, Elana Wilson, Tommy Kimmitt, Timmy Kimmitt, Alexis Crabbe and Amaya Crabbe and seniors Mallory O'Bier and Ty Kirby all earned Danish ribbons.

Hippology team members Logan O'Bier, Mallory O'Bier, Kirby, Trice and Wilson recently placed second in the junior team category and third in the senior team category in the Gloucester Contest and third in junior and senior team categories at the District Level Educational Qualifiers preparing for the upcoming 2012 Competitions.

The club will host a Spring 4-H Jump Start Miniature Horse Show & Hippology Contest March 24 at CK Ranch in Callao.



Gene Dawson and members of the Cull Hunt Club present a check to Northern Neck Land Conservancy treasurer Mason Brent.

## Hunt club supports land conservation

The Cull Hunt Club in Northumberland County believes strongly in the need to protect lands for future generations, according to Northern Neck Land Conservancy executive director Jamie Tucker.

Club members know forests and fields provide the habitat for deer and turkey to live and feed, said Tucker. And because of their commitment to the land, the hunt club recently presented the conservancy a \$300 check, collected from their members, to support conservation efforts.

"Our hunt club supports the NNLC in its

mission to preserve the land and waters of the Northern Neck," said president Gene Dawson. "Our parents and grandparents have enjoyed this area for decades before us and we want our children and generations to come to have the opportunity to enjoy its open spaces as well."

Club members also pledged to purchase Northern Neck license plates. A portion of the purchase of each plate is donated to the conservancy, said Tucker.

To contact the conservancy, call 462-0979. To purchase a Northern Neck plate, visit [dmv.virginia.gov](http://dmv.virginia.gov).

## Blue and flathead catfish added to management list

The Sustainable Fisheries Goal Implementation Team of the Chesapeake Bay Program (fisheries team) recently agreed on the need to manage blue and flathead catfish.

These invasive species have been shown in other regions to pose a significant threat to important native species. In the bay region, blue and flathead catfish may harm species such as American shad and blueback herring in rivers from Virginia to Pennsylvania. The fisheries team will work to develop bay-wide management actions for blue and flathead catfish based on existing and new science, according to a recent press release distributed by Chesapeake Bay Program director of communications Margaret M.G. Enlow.

Although valuable as a recreational fishery, blue and flathead catfish have the ability to grow to a large size — the world record blue catfish, caught in Virginia waters, is 143 pounds. They eat a varied diet including crustaceans, worms, other fish and each other.

The number of invasive catfish is also a concern. Results from electrofishing sampling indicate that blue catfish represent up to 75% of the total fish biomass in portions of the tidal James and Rappahannock rivers, where they may be competing with native fishes and other ecologically and economically important living resources for available food.

These characteristics make blue and flathead catfish "apex predators"—at the very top of the food chain—and may negatively affect native fish and their habitats. Their long life span amplifies their possible long-term impacts on a given river's ecosystem.

Both species have been present in Virginia rivers since



This 40-pound blue catfish was caught last summer while electrofishing in Virginia waters. Electrofishing temporarily stuns the fish and allows scientists an opportunity to conduct surveys.

the 1960s and 1970s. In recent years they have been found in the Potomac River, Susquehanna River, and other upper bay areas in Maryland. Their spread may in part be due to people moving fish from one tributary to another, even though this is illegal in Maryland and Virginia.

These factors led fisheries team experts from the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, Virginia Marine Resources Commission, Potomac River Fisheries Commission, D.C. Department of the Environment,

Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to agree these catfish need to be managed.

The recently signed Invasive Catfish Policy Adoption Statement outlines the need to control and lessen the effects of these invasive, non-native fish on bay tributaries and includes different perspectives such as those of recreational and commercial fishermen who have come to enjoy the sport of catching blue catfish.

## SPORT SHORTS

### ■ Spring training

The Northern Neck Kennel Club recently announced its spring canine training classes will begin March 19. Classes range from basic manners and obedience to agility and canine musical freestyle.

Registration is now open. Visit [NorthernNeckKennelClub.com](http://NorthernNeckKennelClub.com) for complete information.

### ■ Health fair

White Stone United Methodist Church will sponsor a health fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 21 at 118 Methodist Church Road near White Stone. Admission is a canned good.

The goal of this event is to offer the public information regarding health care from a patient care perspective, to education for career opportunities, or volunteerism. A variety of health care vendors will participate.

### ■ Paddle the Dragon

Friends of Dragon Run will offer guided kayak trips down the Dragon Run from Saluda, every day April 7 through May 6. Kayaks, paddles, and life vests are provided.

Donations are appreciated. Participants must be at least 18 years of age. Register at [mgr8040@verizon.net](mailto:mgr8040@verizon.net), or 757-898-8040.

### ■ Corvette club

The Northern Neck Corvette Club will meet at 7 p.m. March 19 at the Bank of Lancaster northside branch in Kilmarnock. All are invited.

Business will include proposed summer events including a potluck picnic in June. Refreshments and social time will follow. Email questions or comments to [ncorvetteclub@gmail.com](mailto:ncorvetteclub@gmail.com), or call Bonnie Shelton at 580-9800.

## Commonwealth 100 advance tickets on sale

With stellar car counts and exciting racing being the norm at Florida Speedweeks events, anticipation is running high for the \$25,000 to win third annual Commonwealth 100 scheduled for April 13 and 14 at Bill Sawyer's Virginia Motor Speedway in Jamaica.

"When you look at the car counts and the exciting racing being put on during Florida Speedweeks, it only gets you amped and excited to have the best dirt late model drivers in the country headed to Virginia for what we feel is going to be the best Commonwealth 100 yet," said track general manager Clarke Sawyer.

This year's edition will

have a new twist as the Lucas Oil Late Model series will now sanction the \$25,000 to win event. The weekend will also include a \$3,000 to win non-qualifiers race.

Until April 1, advance two-day adult tickets are \$30; senior/military, \$27; and student (7-17), \$15. All tickets are general admission. No reserved seats will be sold for the event.

Fans can purchase tickets at [vamotorspeedway.com](http://vamotorspeedway.com), or call the speedway office, 758-1867.

For drivers, the entry fee prior to April 1 is \$150; and after, \$200.

The speedway is on Route 17 in Jamaica, eight miles north of Saluda and 25 miles south of Tappahannock

## CLUB GOLF

### Quinton Oaks men

The Quinton Oaks Senior Men's League first flight winners for February 28 were first, (tie) Bobby Albrite and Stan Wybersky; and second, Will Snyder. Second flight winners were first, Paul Deleo; second, Larry Lumley; and third, Gene Davis.

## BRIDGE RESULTS

Nine pairs of bridge were in play March 1 at Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club.

Winners were first, Ginger Klapp and Babs Murphy; second, Arden Durham and Dianne Monroe; and third, Shirley Pleasant and Alison Holman.

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From left are (front row) Asa Smith, Lizzie Hall, Lauren Brent, Johnnie McAfee, Alex Pitman and Laura Mangano; (next row) coach Patty Dawson, Josh McKinley, Johnathan Hinton, Tevin Pollard, Kellen Wise, Alex Zelaya, Rachel Tomlin and Robin Wigfield.

## Northumberland places second in Region A forensics tournament

On February 25, the Northumberland High School forensics team competed in the Region A tournament at West Point High School. Eleven schools from Region A were represented.

King William High School was the Region A champion and Northumberland was the Region A runner-up, reported coach Patty Dawson.

"This was a long-shot for the Northumberland group and a great surprise," said Dawson. "The last time Northumberland was Region A runner-up was in 2009."

Joshua McKinley placed first in storytelling. Alexandra Pitman and Laura Mangano placed first in serious duo interpretation. Lizzie Hall placed second in serious dramatic interpretation. Asa Smith placed fourth in



Alex Pitman, Lizzie Hall, Josh McKinley and Laura Mangano qualified for the state tournament.

prose and is the alternate to state. These students will travel to Harrisonburg High School March 24 with Dawson to compete in

the state tournament. They will be competing against 11 other students in each category—the best in the state.

## Community students are invited to Discovery Day

Chesapeake Academy will host its final Discovery Day of the season on Saturday, March 24, which will feature teacher-guided art, science, math, movement and music activities for children ages 4 to 7. The book for March 24 is *Mister Seahorse* by Eric Carle.

The story includes repetitive phrases that appeal to young audiences and an emotionally satisfying ending. The story's lead character, Mr. Seahorse, sends his babies out into the watery world, said faculty member Julia Zimmerman. Activities will focus on helping children appreciate underwater habitats and family responsibilities and relationships. Discovery Days are



From left, kindergarten teacher Karen Minter tries out a lesson on sea creature's habitat, storm erosion, and gravity with students Joshua Abbott, Maddie Ritter, June Franklin and Martin Smith.

sponsored by the Early Childhood and Lower School teachers in conjunction with the Wiley Foundation, she said.

They are open and free to all families in the community. To reserve a space call Chesapeake Academy at 438-5575.

## SCHOOL REPORT

### Home-schoolers

Belle Isle State Park will offer a home-school program from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Thursday, March 8, at the Visitor Center. Students will explore long-anticipated changes like warmer weather, new plants and the arrival of animals that hibernated and birds that migrated. Weather permitting, most of the program will take place outdoors exploring nature.

The fee is \$2 per student, or \$6 maximum per family. Adults attending with their children pay no fee. Call 462-5030 to register.

### Ag program

Rappahannock Community College in Warsaw, the RCC/Richmond County Library, the Richmond County Farm Bureau and the Northern Neck Soil and Water Conservation District (NNSWCD) will sponsor a free Agriculture Literacy Week program for all ages from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, March 10.

The NNSWCD's mobile unit will be available behind RCC's main building for tours. At 10 a.m., there will be a presentation on local crops, uses, and conservation practices. A craft session including corn mosaics and making "critter munch" will follow at 11 a.m.

### Women in Islam

Christopher Newport University adjunct professor Diana Obeid will teach "Women in Islam," a Rappahannock Institute for Lifelong Learning course, from 2 to 4 p.m. March 16, 23 and 30 at Rappahannock Community College in Glens.

Advance registration is required with a tuition payment of \$35. To register, contact Sharon Drotleff at the Rappahannock Community College Educational Foundation office, 333-6707, 877-722-3679, or sdrotleff@rappahannock.edu.

### Foreign policy

Foreign policy expert Robert Weakley will teach "U.S. Foreign Policy: Where Have We Been and Where Are We Headed?" a Rappahannock Institute for Lifelong Learning course, from 1 to 3 p.m. March 15, 22 and 29 at the Lancaster Community Library in Kilmarnock.

Advance registration is required with a tuition payment of \$35. To register, contact Sharon Drotleff at the Rappahannock Community College Educational Foundation office, 333-6707, 877-722-3679, or sdrotleff@rappahannock.edu.

### Math GED

A Super Saturday Free Math GED event will be held March 10 at Rappahannock Community College in Glens. To register, call 333-6829.

## Christchurch school posts its Dean's List

Christchurch School academic dean Dr. Neal Keese recently announced the Dean's List for the second marking period of the 2011-12 academic session.

Freshmen on the Dean's List are Annabel Carrington, Jack Elkin, Zixing Li, James Ord, Brett Pausic, Austin Stansbury and Jiayuan Wang.

Sophomores on the Dean's List are Mollie Ballantyne, Matthew Colonna, Alexandra Craven, David Koenig, Kirk Lipsitz, Quinn Randall, Clay Robins, Graham Shivers, Hailey Sundeen, Won Jong Yang, Braden Young, Yi Zeng, Xunqi Zhu and Zhenghao Zhu.

Juniors on the Dean's List are Graham Andreae, Walter Banfield, Andrew Baynard, Kate Corson, Alex Girvan, Scott Hetzer, Davis Horbal, Harrison Huie, Pat Ingram, Dong Lim Lee, Morgan Leigh, Karl Mehler, Duncan Morris, Hieu Nguyen, Trung Nguyen and Watkins Raquet.

Seniors on the Dean's List are Emily Allen, Sky Andersen, Hung Bui, Carter Clark, Zach Crabill, Amanda Eldridge, Owen Holt, Cyrus Jett, Connor Keehn, Emily Moore, Taylor Nashwinter, Allie Palmore, Se Young Park, Ivy Perkins, David Phillips, Christopher Sullivan and Yifan Wang.

## Applications due for pre-k and kindergarten

Lancaster Primary School pre-k and kindergarten applications for the 2012-13 school year will be accepted during March.

Principal Dr. Holly Wargo urges families of all future LPS pre-k and kindergarten students to pick up an application, complete it and return it to guidance counselor Jamiyah Sawyer, or guidance registrar Ann McNeil by March 30.

Applications are available in the LPS main office at 36 Primary School Circle in Lancaster.

Prerequisites for enrollment:

- Pre-k students must be age 4 by September 30, 2012.

- Kindergarten students must be age 5 by September 30, 2012.

- The legal guardian must present an original birth certificate when submitting the complete application by March 30.

- The student will have a complete physical examination.

- The student will have updated immunizations.

- The student and legal guardians must live in Lancaster County.

- The student must be potty-trained.



Theatre IV actors present "I Have a Dream: The Life and Times of Martin Luther King Jr." at the Lancaster Middle School Theater in Kilmarnock.

## 'I Have a Dream' presentation moves local students and adults

On March 2, the Arts for Youth program of the Rappahannock Foundation for the Arts sponsored a Theatre IV performance of "I Have a Dream: The Life and Times of Martin Luther King Jr." by Bruce Craig Miller.

Students from the fourth, sixth and seventh grades at Lancaster Middle School and fourth through seventh grades at Chesapeake Academy were treated to a moving performance by the immensely talented Theatre IV actors, said RFA vice president Julie Geier. All ages in the audience were affected by the actors' portrayal of Dr. King's life.

The reenactment of his "I Have a Dream" speech, in particular, brought tears to the eyes of many adults and during the ques-

tion-and-answer period following the show, one student asked if Martin Luther King would feel his dream was fulfilled with Barack Obama's presidency, said Geier.

The 2011-12 Arts for Youth season will conclude April 23 with a performance at Lancaster High School by the Grammy nominated Imani Winds quintet, she said. Known for its chamber music, the New York-based group will introduce and demonstrate each instrument and the role it plays in the wind quintet.

In addition, Imani Winds will perform classical and world music pieces for wind quintet, and explain the origins of the composers and the importance of instrumental music. The presentation will be followed by a question-and-answer period.

## NHS announces semester honors

Northumberland High School recently announced its B Honor Roll for the first semester of the 2011-12 academic session.

Seniors on the Honor Roll are John Abbott, Mark Allinger, Taylor Baliles, Brent Basye, Ulysses Bates, Deont'e Ribbens, Shala Carey, Ry-Shan Conaway, Timothy Croxton, Robert Dublin, Lindsey Dungan, Chonna Dunn, Khadijah Elmore and Marshall Goddard.

Also, Alex Hall, Katerina Hall, Sarah Hall, Colin Hamblin, Amber Harri-

son, Samuel Haynie, Jacob Jewell, Elizabeth Jorgensen Best, Christian Kent, Halle Keyser, Taylor Lawson, Anthony Lee, Kierston Lewis, Tyler Mitchell, Eric Moore, Taylor O'Bier, Levi Payne and Karla Pinkard.

Also, Josh Ranson, Andrea Rogers, Charise Samuels, Katelyn Samuels, Bradley Sanford, Brenda Santamaria, Casey Schools, Sarah Seggelink, Asa Smith, Dyamin Taylor, Smitha Theriault, TreSean Thornton, Rachel Tomlin, Michelle Turner and Thomas Williams.

Juniors on the Honor Roll are Joseph Betts, Joshua Best, Jasmine Carter, Rashauna Carter, Caitlyn Cralle, Andrea Curry, Andrea Davis, Joshua Diggs, Justin Diggs, Monty Dobyns, Joshua Dodson, Kyle Elmore, Richard Frolia, Lizzie Hall, Nia Jones, Julie King and Tyler Kirby.

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## LHS releases first semester High Honors

Lancaster High School recently announced its High Honors (3.5 GPA) for the first semester of the 2011-12 academic session.

Freshmen with High Honors are Rachel Arthur, Ivory Ball, Branden Benza, Noah Hook, Frantasia Howard, Sean Jones, Emily Lux, Timothy McDaniels, Matthew Moss and Shelby Newton.

Also, Braxton Robbins, Jonathan Seal, Madeline Simpson, Alexis Smith, Jamea Smith, Joel Spiers, Kelli Tignor and July Traylor.

Sophomores with High Honors are Kerstin Allen, Cameron Brent, Carlee Broadus, Dazah Davenport, Connor Donahue, Elaina Gainer, Tykasia Gaskins, William Gill, Montgomery Hurst, Lauren James and James Joyner.

Also, Demetrick Lee, Lysa Nguyen, Kalia Noel, Ven Toyia Noel, Nicholas

Nonnemacker, Elizabeth Robertson, Scottie Scott, Micaela Syversen, Katherine Thomas, Kevin Thomas, Shawn Valdrighi and Anesha White.

Juniors with High Honors are Cansu Aksoy, Kai Antonio, Matthew Bullis, Marissa Coates, Shaquille Coles, Cheyenne Cooke, Forrest Dannewitz, Cassie Haydon and Skylar Kellum.

Also, Thomas Lackert, Kedrick Lee, Daniel McGrath, Bethany Milstead, Gerquel Owens, Brigette Nicole Stump, Shawn Talley, Alexander Webster and Nicholas Whay.

Seniors with High Honors are Samoya Ball, Melvin Gregory, Alexis Hayden, Jacquelyn Hinson, Destiny Howard, Joel Huddnall, La'Terron Jones, Collin Keyser, Marisa Logan, Sydney Moss, Ammoni Roane and Sarah Smith.

## NHS honors

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Newman, Tevin Pollard, Jessica Rew, Steven Reynolds, Hannah Rogers, Holly Sanford, Amber Scott, Stacy Seldon, Nicholas Slaughter, Destiny Thornton, Ashlyn Ward and Kellen Wise.

Sophomores on the Honor Roll are Paige Augst, Rivera Basey, Hunter Basye, Katie Crowther, Aaron Curry, Taylor Davis, Kelsey Dawson, Trevor Deihl, Casey Gaskins, Dierra Green, Connor Haislip, Daniel Harrison, Stanley Koonce and Abby Loving.

Also, Laura Mangano,

Bridgette McLaughlin, Imari Mitchell, Kaci Payne, Logan Renton, Brandy Robinson, Lauren Self, Emily Sprague, Blake Walker, Tyler Ward, Robin Wigfield and China Williams.

Freshmen on the Honor Roll are Yahaira Acosta, Miracle Basye, Megan Baughan, Miranda Blackburn, Jada Brown, Jonathon Brown, Kristina Brown, Kayla Bryant, Cassandra Collins, Martia Cox, Carter Deihl, Carrie Dodson, Kurt Donahue, Gabriel Figgatt and Joseph Gaskins.

Also, Philip Harrison, Sarah Haynie, Susan Haynie, Haley Headley, Jack Jett, Kelly Jett, Austin Kent, Noah Kramer, Rebecca Kues, John Lewis, Tyler R. Lewis, Alejandro Martinez, Beth McYoung, Trent Newsome, Jasmine Noel, Taylor Norris, Sydney O'Bier and Sarai Orozco.

Also, Adam Parker, Kayla Parks, Beverly Peregoy, Kyndia Riley, Sarah Schindler, Mac Smith, Warren Tallent, Cody Weicht, Antoine White and Audrey Williams.

## Utility offers support grants

School teachers and college faculty in the Dominion Virginia Power service area may apply for educational support grants to help their students under a \$1.3 million program sponsored by the company's charitable foundation.

The Dominion Foundation is accepting applications for programs to help students in kindergarten through college and post-secondary training schools, according to a recent Dominion Virginia Power news release.

"We are pleased to support educational institutions in the communities we serve and the educators who are preparing the next generation for the challenges they will face," said chairman, president and chief executive officer Thomas F. Farrell II. "A talented workforce is essential to the future of our nation."

Dominion K-12 Educational Partnership grants are available in awards up to \$10,000 each. The awards help students strengthen their mathematics and science skills by studying energy and the environment. The majority of the grants will range from \$1,000 to \$5,000, with a few grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$10,000 for exceptional projects.

The program also offers mini-grants up to \$1,000 for projects that enhance the teaching of mathematics or science. Information is available at dom.com/about/education/grants/index.jsp

Higher Educational Partnership grants are for programs in business, skilled craft, engineering, environmental and technical studies and for student-led conservation programs in colleges, community colleges and post-secondary training schools. Grants up to \$50,000 each will be awarded for exceptional programs, based in part on having immediate benefits for students, the campus and the community. Information is available at dom.com/about/education/grants/higher-educational-partnership.jsp

Applications must be submitted online by May 1 for new projects for the 2012-13 school year. The application form is available at dom.com, search: grants.

## College offers online scholarship application

Each year Rappahannock Community College distributes nearly 300 scholarship awards, totaling more than \$300,000, for entering and returning students.

Those planning to enroll or re-enroll for the fall 2012 semester are urged to apply for financial aid before the March 19 deadline, even if they think they might not be qualified, said dean of college advancement Victor Clough.

While some of the available scholarships depend upon a high grade-point average or extreme financial need, many others are awarded according to field of study, county of residence, high school attended, or other criteria, said Clough.

A new online application at rappahannock.edu/foundation/scholarships makes the process easier than ever, he said.

There is no charge for filing an RCC scholarship application, but applicants must first have applied and gained admission to the college—a process which is also free, said Clough.

## SCHOOL REPORT

### ■ Rembrandt course

The Rev. Dr. Kathleen V. Price will teach "The Genius of Rembrandt (1606-1669)," a Rappahannock Institute for Lifelong Learning course, from 1 to 3 p.m. March 14, 21 and 28 at Rappahannock Westminister-Canterbury near Irvington.

Advance registration is required with a tuition payment of \$35. To register, contact Sharon Drotleff at the Rappahannock Community College Education Foundation office, 333-6707, 877-722-3679, or sdrotleff@rappahannock.edu.

### ■ History series

The Winter Warmers series at Belle Isle State Park will offer "Belle Isle Becomes State Park" from 10 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 14, at the Visitor Center. The program is free. A \$2 per car parking fee applies.

Belle Isle State Park opened in 1993, the first park purchased with the 1992 Parks and Recreational Facilities Bond Referendum. Before that it served as Indian hunting grounds, a working plantation, a farm, and almost became a subdivision.

All programs are free and are held at the Visitor Center. A \$2 per car parking fee on weekdays and \$3 on weekends applies.

### ■ 4-H camp

Registration is open for 4-H Junior Camp for Lancaster and Northumberland children ages 9 to 13. Camp will be held August 6 through 10 at the Jamestown 4-H Center near Williamsburg.

The fee is \$200 if registration and \$75 deposit are received by April 1 and \$225 after April 1. For registration forms or scholarship information, call 462-5780 in Lancaster, or 580-5694 in Northumberland.

### ■ Contest winners

Northumberland Elementary School fourth-graders Adreana Taylor and Sims Setser Dixon will be honored at the Chesapeake Bay Revival Coloring Contest Award Cer-

emony at 3 p.m. Saturday, March 10, at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum in St. Michaels, Md.

The contest was sponsored by Donna McCartney of Lancaster, author of the Nautical Mile Series. The public is invited to this free event.

### ■ Music scholarship

The Rappahannock Music Study Club will offer a \$1,000 scholarship to high school seniors, including home-schoolers, who are planning to continue the study of music in college this fall. An audition session will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 28 at Rappahannock Westminister-Canterbury near Irvington.

Application forms will

be available from the guidance departments in all high schools, or from the club, 435-2189. The deadline for applications is March 30.

### ■ Go native

Jan Newton will present "Native Plants for Wildlife and Beauty" at 2 p.m. March 13 at the Northern Neck Master Naturalist advanced training class at the Belle Isle State Park Visitor Center.

Newton is a board member of the Native Plant Society and publicity chairman and webmaster for the John Clayton Chapter. Her program will include a photo show of native flora and fauna.

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## Pittmans expand inventory at 'unique' Kilmarnock store

by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi

When Kathy Pittman and her daughters, Tiffany Pittman, Paige Pittman and Kimberly Pittman Hogge, took over ownership and management of Twice as Nice in Kilmarnock late last year, they wanted to continue offering the items that had made the store popular.

Plus, the Pittmans decided to expand the inventory at the consignment, antique and collectible shop on North Main Street.

Inside the yellow two-story house there are six rooms of unusual finds, both new and used.

"We've stuck with the things that worked well for [the previous owners], like



At right, Tiffany Pittman assists customer Charlaine Andrulot of Wicomico Church at Twice as Nice in Kilmarnock.

their nautical items," said Kathy Pittman. "But where

they focused more on fashion jewelry, we're focusing

more on vintage jewelry. And we carry more antiques."

The Pittmans have also added consigned children's clothing, sizes 0-7, and maternity clothes. They continue to carry gently-used junior girls, misses and women's clothes, shoes, belts, handbags and accessories. They do not carry men's clothing.

The first floor blue room, as the Pittmans call it, contains nautical items including lamps, dishes, framed art and vintage seafood cans, seafood boxes and seafood labels, all from the 1950s and '60s, said Kathy Pittman.

"Once these items are gone, there are no more," she said. "They are items

that aren't made anymore."

The green room is stocked with housewares, prints and home decor and the front room contains antiques, scarves, jewelry, dishes and a line of Chesapeake Bay Candles. Knickknacks and lamps can be found throughout the first floor.

All of the clothing and a fitting room are on the second floor.

With more than 230 consignors, the store's inventory is continuously changing.

"We have a lot of great consignors that we have developed friendships with," said Kathy Pittman, "and our inventory changes week-to-week. It's not like a regular store, where there are several of

the same items. Our customers know that when they come in and see something they like, they need to buy it then because it may not be here next week."

The store accepts new consignors by appointment. But consignors are reminded that Twice as Nice does not accept men's clothing, appliances or bed linens.

"In this economy, consignment is a great way for people to get cash for things they don't use and for customers to get items for a great price," said Kathy Pittman. "When thinking about what we want for the store, remember unique is key."

Twice as Nice is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays.

## Oliver named branch manager in Irvington

Chesapeake Bank recently announced the promotion of Vicky Oliver to manager of the Irvington branch.

Oliver has worked in banking for over 20 years. She has held retail positions of teller, head teller and customer service representative. In 2000, Oliver joined Chesapeake Bank in Kilmarnock as a customer service representative.

"We are fortunate to have Vicky leading our Irvington office. She is very capable



Vicky Oliver

of providing the high-touch service that our customers deserve," said executive vice president John O'Shaughnessy. "We know Vicky will be a great manager and leader in our Irvington market."

Oliver graduated from Leilehua High School in Hawaii and attended the University of Hawaii. Since beginning her banking career, she has continued her education through various banking classes, such as Principles

of Banking and Consumer Lending.

Oliver participates in March of Dimes and Relay for Life events. She is involved in Campbell Memorial Presbyterian Church in Weems, where she serves as treasurer.

Oliver and her husband, Ed, moved from Middlesex to White Stone 12 years ago. She has three sons, Jack Eley Jr., Joe C. Eley and Jeremy Eley, a daughter-in-law, Meaghan, and a grandson, Otto.



Lella Lee Edwards displays her award-winning abstract painting, "Abstract I."

## Edwards wins abstract show

The Rappahannock Art League abstract show, on exhibit at the Studio Gallery in Kilmarnock through March 31, attracted some 49 entries.

"What a stunning show," said award-winning Virginia artist and show judge Eleanor Cox. "The range of expression shows many forms of exemplary creation."

She awarded ribbons to 13 works of art. The winners are first, Lella Lee Edwards' mixed media "Abstract I"; second, Marge Alderson's acrylic "Entangled," Linda Livigne-Long's watercolor "Secret Chambers," and Rose Nygaard's acrylic "Mi Favorite"; third, Mary Ellis' acrylic "Break Thru," Margaret Feil's mixed media "Downtown," Johnny Hayes' water media "Swan Lake," Maynard Nichols' mixed media "Fragments," and Ann Vliet's digital image "Opposites Attracting"; honorable mention, Diana Jamison's acrylic "Down the Rabbit Hole," Sarah Soderlund's acrylic "Falling Leaves," Margaret Van Etten's acrylic "Bermuda," and Gail Weyant's photograph "Time Warp."

## Lancaster Chamber to host parade of homes

The Lancaster by the Bay Chamber of Commerce seeks participants for its "By the Bay Parade of Homes" May 18 and 19. The "By the Bay Parade of Homes" will feature 12 properties over a 50-mile radius including Lancaster and Northumberland counties.

"The goal of the 'By the Bay Parade of Homes' event is to promote area craftsmen to the community and visitors," said

chamber executive director Edie Jett. "This is a great opportunity for local builders and associate trades to get exposure that can lead to increased business, and for interested home buyers and home owners actively wanting to improve their homes to learn more about what options are out there for them."

The event will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. May 18 and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 19. Advance tickets

are \$20 per person and are available through May 16 at lancasterva.com/events. All ticket sales are on a "will call" basis and must be picked up at Good Luck Cellars. After May 16, tickets will be \$25 per person and will only be sold at the parade headquarters, Good Luck Cellars, 1025 Good Luck Road near Kilmarnock. Tickets include entry to all homes, discounts to area restaurants and entry to the vendor hall.

Vendor space will be at Good Luck Cellars where more than 30 vendors involved with home building, home improvement, decorating and landscaping will showcase their businesses, said Jett. While picking up the welcome packet and map, the public can sample some of Good Luck Cellars wines. The Chamber also will work with area restaurants to offer special meal discounts.

Interested builders and vendors can contact Jett at 435-6092, or info@lancasterva.com.

## Perry explains training available through RCC

The Rappahannock Community College Kilmarnock Center hosted the February breakfast meeting of the Lancaster by the Bay Chamber of Commerce.

Vice president of workforce development Jason Perry presented "How RCC Can Benefit Your Business."

RCC offers two training modules, said Perry. Business Owner Training addresses information technology security; preventing employee fraud, embezzlement, and



Jason Perry

other employee theft issues; dealing with sexual harassment; and small-business accounting basics.

Business Employee Training addresses working smart, stress management, accepting change, customer service, climbing among peers to management, generational differences and diversity.

The Workforce Development Office offers a four-day summer "Money Camp" to teach financial literacy skills to students ages 12 to 14.

## Lancashire has new leadership

Virginia Health Services recently announced the appointment of Garrett Jones as administrator and Pat Henderson as director of nursing at the Lancashire Convalescent and Rehabilitation Center in Kilmarnock.

Jones started his career with Virginia Health Services as an assistant administrator at Lancashire in 2002 and has been at Walter Reed Convalescent and Rehabilitation Center

in Gloucester for the past eight years.

"I am very excited to return here and see familiar faces of the staff, residents and visitors," said Jones. "I like the quaint community here and enjoy the helping hand mentality everyone has in Kilmarnock."

Jones lives in Gloucester with his wife and two children with a third expected to be born in May.

Pat Henderson of Weems has been with Virginia

Health Services for 12 years and has spent her entire nursing career at the Lancashire.

"I thoroughly enjoy working with both the families and residents here at the Lancashire," said Henderson.

She is married and has two children.

Virginia Health Services is a locally owned and operated company with six facilities in the Peninsula, Middle Peninsula and Northern Neck.

## Hospital auxiliary gift shop to reopen

Rappahannock General Hospital Volunteer Auxiliary recently announced the reopening of the hospital gift shop following a face-lift and complete restocking of merchandise.

A grand reopening will be held from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. March 12. There will be door prizes.

The shop merchandise will expand far beyond the traditional hospital gift shop goods to include kitchen and seasonal items, jewelry, rugs, handbags, and unique gift ideas for all occasions such as birthdays and bridal showers, said auxiliary president Linda Cales. There are also items for men.

"This isn't just a place to grab a get-well card anymore," said Cales. "We wanted to make this an asset for the whole community, providing another shopping venue for all occasions."

Following the grand reopening, normal gift shop hours will resume, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Mondays through Fridays. Proceeds from the gift shop sales will be donated to the hospital to benefit patient care.

## RGH posts schedule for CPR classes

Rappahannock General Hospital in Kilmarnock recently announced its Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers courses for March and April.

The classes will be held March 15, 19 and 29, as well as April 2, 16, 26 and 30, according to staff development and emergency room nurse Vicki L. Hogge, R.N.

Classes are taught by American Heart Association instructors and last approximately 3½ to 4 hours for the renewal course, said Hogge. Books are available by request.

To register for a class, contact Cathy Myers at 435-8280.

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From left are Mary Dalhagen, Claudette Hames, Mickey Domanowski, manager Richie Burgess and Donna Roberson.

## Pharmacy to support Red Cross Month

Walgreens staff will support the American Red Cross with a bake sale at 10 a.m. March 12 and a month-long raffle for five \$20 gift certificates.

The first 25 people to purchase baked goods will receive a prize.

Walgreen staff volunteer for many organizational events in our communities as a way of giving back, said manager Richie Burgess.

The staff wanted to support the chapter, and Mickey Domanowski and Mary Dalhagen are excellent bakers who make delicious baked goods so this is

an ideal venture, he said.

Joe Schools, Walgreen community leader in Mechanicsville, has generously agreed to combine the venture by assisting with gift certificates for the raffle, said Burgess. The goal is to raise \$1,000.

Raffle tickets may be purchased from staff members.

"This is a great opportunity to contribute to your local chapter and to possibly receive a prize or take home some wonderful delicious baked goods," said River Counties executive director Julie Dudley. "Should you wish to par-

ticipate and become a hero for the month of March to raise necessary funding to support our residents in their times of need, please contact me at 435-7669."

As one can see from the Heroes at Walgreens, this team fund-raising effort and gives Heroes the opportunity to involve their children, families, churches and organizations, said Dudley.

"Together we can make a difference locally in our community, across the country and around the world," added Burgess. "A disaster does not wait or care where or who it strikes, the American Red Cross cares."

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### ■ Fish panels

The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council is seeking advisory panel members. Panels include summer flounder, scup and black sea bass; tilefish; mackerel, squid and butterfish; surf clam and ocean quahog; bluefish; dogfish, ecosystems, habitat and ocean planning.

Applications can be obtained at mafmc.org/877-446-2362. Applications must be received by March 30. Submit applications to the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 North State Street, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901, email to info1@mafmc.org, or fax to 302-674-5399. Please note as the subject on email or fax: ADVISORY PANEL.

### ■ Fisheries meeting

The Potomac River Fisheries Commission (PRFC) will meet at 9 a.m. Thursday, March 15, at the PRFC building at 222 Taylor Street in Colonial Beach.

Items on the agenda include crab, fish and oyster harvest reports, the Blue Ribbon Oyster Panel reports, crab and finfish committee reports, commercial quota and recreational limits for summer flounder and black sea bass, the closing of the commercial river herring fisheries, the commercial catch limit of pike or chain pickerel and the allowable commercial by-catch of shad for pound nets and gill nets.

### ■ Stay informed

Follow Virginia Farm Bureau on social networks. Become a farm follower—keep up with Virginia's largest farm advocacy group at twitter.com/VaFarmBureau, facebook.com/VaFarmBureau, and Youtube VirginiaFarmBureau.

### ■ Grow a business

The University of Mary Washington Small Business Development Center will offer the HP LIFE program "Innovative Ways to Grow Your Business" from 5 to 8 p.m. March 26 and 28 at the Kilmarnock Center.

The registration fee is \$50. The registration deadline is March 22. To register, call Bonnie Haywood at 333-0286, or email bhaywood@umw.edu.

### ■ SANG to meet

The Senior Advocate Network Group will meet at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 14, at the Chambrel at 3800 Treyburn Drive in Williamsburg. Department of Medical Assistance Services long-term care program manager Steve Ankiel will discuss Medicaid waivers, Money Follows the Person and the Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly.

The fee is \$10, cash or check only, and includes a full breakfast. RSVP to stephanie@senioradvocateonline.com by Friday, March 9.

### ■ Legal assistance

Rappahannock Legal Services managing attorney John R. Relick will offer free legal services to Northumberland residents from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 8 and 29 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.

### ■ Health screenings

The White Stone Church of the Nazarene will host Life Line Screening March 14 at the Family Life Center at 57 Whisk Drive in White Stone. Stroke, osteoporosis and bone density screenings will be offered.

Packages start at \$149. To schedule an appointment, call 1-877-237-1287, or visit lifelinescreening.com. Pre-registration is required.

### ■ Fish grants

The National Marine Fisheries Service is accepting grant proposals under the Mid-Atlantic Council's Research Set-Aside (RSA) Program for research activities to be conducted in 2013. Research species include summer flounder, scup, black sea bass, Loligo squid, Illex squid, Atlantic mackerel, butterfish, river herring, bluefish, and tilefish.

Applications must be received by NMFS by 5 p.m. April 2. For complete details or to apply, visit grants.gov. Click on the 'Grant Search' Quick Link on the upper right-hand corner of the page under FOR APPLICANTS and then search for Funding Opportunity Number NOAA-NMFS-NEFSC-2013-2003258.

### ■ Veteran's rep

The Virginia Employment Commission will host a veteran's representative from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 9 at the VEC Workforce Center at 14243 Historyland Highway in Warsaw.

### ■ Book signing

Nancy Clark, author of "Echoes in Ferryland: A Remembrance of Virginia's Northern Neck", and Thea Marshall, author of "Neck Tales: Stories from Virginia's Northern Neck", will be at Twice Told Tales at 6658 Main Street in Gloucester during the Gloucester Daffodil Festival. From noon to 3 p.m. March 24, they will be reading and signing their books.

### ■ Free cuts

Ray C. Meyers of Ray's Family Barber at 4762 Jessie duPont Memorial Highway in Wicomico Church recently announced a deal for first responders. From 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 2, he will give free hair cuts to members of fire and rescue squads. No appointment necessary.

### ■ Job workshop

Upcoming Virginia Employment Commission workshops include Volunteering Your Way into Employment at 3 p.m. March 8, Mature Workers Resume Workshop at 3 p.m. March 13, Managing Stress During Your Job Search at 2 p.m. March 14 and Interviewing Questions and Answers at 3 p.m. March 15.

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

### ■ Photo program

Artist and photographer Carlie Collier will present "The Photographer's Eye" from 2 to 4 p.m. March 10 in Room 172 at the Warsaw Campus of the Rappahannock Community College.

The fee is \$20. To register, call the Tappahannock Artists Guild at 246-1584.

### ■ Styling

Style Magazine in Baltimore recently published its Style Fifty, "a collection of 50 sublime places to eat, stay and play in the mid-Atlantic."

Irvington, "the charming hamlet known as 'Mayberry' meets Manhattan," was among the few places featured from Virginia. The entry also noted the Tides Inn, Hope and Glory Inn, The Dandelion, Nate's Trick Dog Cafe and the Steamboat Era Museum.

### ■ Personal finances

Virginia Cooperative Extension family and consumer sciences agent Kathleen Watson will offer free personal finance workshops at 3 p.m. March 22, at the Virginia Employment Commission office in Warsaw, and at 10 a.m. March 29 at the Kilmarnock Center.

The workshop will cover financial goal setting, plugging "spending leaks," checking credit and general consumer awareness. To reserve a seat, call Watson at 462-5780.

### ■ Vendors needed

The Mary Ball Washington Museum recently issued a call for crafters, artists, and retail vendors for the Lancaster Court Day Festival on April 21. Exhibitors who register by March 1 receive a discounted price of \$25 for a 10x10 space. After March 1, the fee increases to \$30.

Free registration is offered for nonprofit community information booths. Applications are available at mbwm.org, history@mbwm.org, or 462-7280.

### ■ Media planning

The Northern Neck Tourism Commission and the Virginia Tourism Corporation on March 9 will present "Social Media Planning: Where You Should Be on the Web."

Workshops will be held from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., or 2 to 4:30 p.m. in Room 154 at Rappahannock Community College in Warsaw. To register, call 333-1919, or email nntc@northerneck.org.

# Study shows EPA overestimated Delmarva poultry waste in the bay

Findings from a new University of Delaware study indicate the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has overestimated the amount of chicken manure in nutrient runoff that originated with the Delmarva poultry industry and enters the Chesapeake Bay.

Researchers at the university, led by Dr. James L. Glancey, concluded the amount of chicken manure is much less than the estimates and the nitrogen and phosphorous concentrations are also lower. The study factored in new management practices, feed technology and genetics that have improved poultry production efficiencies over the past 30 years.

Glancey serves on the Chesapeake Bay Program's scientific and technical advisory committee and agriculture workgroup.

Estimates produced by the EPA blame Delmarva poultry industry chicken manure for 6% of all nutrient runoff into the bay. The estimates

were used in determining the agency's mandated Watershed Implementation Plan to reduce nutrient runoff into the bay by 2020.

However, the study asserts the EPA is overestimating manure levels about five-fold and the agency is working under the assumption that nitrogen concentrations are one-and-a-half times greater and phosphorous concentrations two-and-a-half times greater than they actually are.

The difference is significant and has the potential to be disastrous for poultry growers in the bay watershed, said Tony Banks, a commodity marketing specialist for Virginia Farm Bureau Federation. "Bay cleanup is going to cost billions of dollars. The agriculture industry is committed to doing its fair share to help clean up the Chesapeake Bay, so it's important that EPA gets the numbers right."

"Errors at this level can translate into millions of mispent dollars, both private and public, with little improve-

ment in bay water quality," said Banks.

Representatives of the Eastern Shore poultry industry presented information about the study to lawmakers earlier this month. The EPA Chesapeake Bay workgroup plans to review the study.

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