County & Town To Discuss New Water & Sewage Services

By Linda Cicoira

Negotiations regarding water and sewage services are expected to get underway between Accomack County and the Town of Onancock in January, officials disclosed Wednesday night.

Accomack supervisors voted to form a committee to handle the issue, which will include services for the new hospital in Onley and possibly surrounding areas. The board appointed County Administrator Steve Miner, Board Chairman Donald Hart and Supervisor Robert Crockett to meet with the town. Crockett, who lives near the town treatment plant and represents the surrounding district, said the town appointed its representatives Monday and requested a meeting.

Onancock Mayor Russell Jones, Councilman T. Lee Byrd and Town Manager G. Cabell Lawton IV will represent Onancock at the talks. Crockett said with that many officials in attendance, the session will have to be public. A date has not yet been set for the meeting.

Earlier this month, the supervisors discussed building a wastewater treatment system at the Industrial Park in (Continued on Page 8)

Woman Says Man Tried To Kill Her

By Linda Cicoira

A 22-year-old member of the National Guard has never been in war but she did fight for her life in Oyster last Oct. 24.

Paige K. Eminhizer was jogging on Sunnyside Road near the village when a car struck her from behind. She testified Thursday in Northampton General District Court that the driver got out and started beating her in the head with what she guessed was a tire iron, then forced her into the vehicle, drove her to other locations, threatened her with a knife, fought with her over his long gun and tried to break her neck and choke her be-

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Man Dies in Crash

A 21-year-old Exmore man was killed Tuesday afternoon in a traffic accident near Cape Charles, according to State Police Sgt. Michelle Anaya.

Anthony Scott McHan was driving north on Lankford Highway, north of Route 644, at about 1 p.m. Tuesday when he lost control of the 2001 Toyota Tundra and ran off the road, causing the vehicle to overturn several times, Anaya said. McHan, who was not wearing a seat belt, was ejected and died at the scene. Alcohol was not a factor in the crash, Anaya added.

Trooper S.N. Kulick investigated.

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Northampton’s Appointed School Board Conducts Its Last Session

By Ron West

Northampton County Public Schools closed the final chapter on its history of appointed school boards at its session Wednesday.

On Jan. 1, members of the county’s first elected School Board will take the reins of the three county schools.

Superintendent Dr. Walter Clemons thanked the outgoing board members. Each received a plaque.

A fifth board seat became vacant earlier in the year with the death of member Calvin Brickhouse.

Clemons reported that the current student population stands at 1,558, with an additional 140 special-education and pre-K students. Fourteen new students entered the county’s schools over the past month while 38 left. Primary factors cited for the continued decline in student enrollment include limited opportunities for employment in Northampton County, public perception of the quality of education there, and increasing availability of faith-based and other private educational institutions in the area.

It is projected that this trend will continue for the next five years. By 2019, the enrollment for K-12 students is expected to be fewer than 1,400, almost 1,000 less than 15 years ago.

Representatives of Edison Learning, the company hired to help turn around declining standardized test scores, reported that it is continuing to provide staff with help prior to the spring testing period. Edison Learning is completing the final year of a three-year $2.4 million contract to assist the schools. The “Report Card” for the three schools still shows that they are struggling to meet the minimum state guidelines for passing the Standards of Learning (SOL) tests in math and English.

In addition, the high school continues to have a problem reaching the graduation index needed for full accreditation.

It will be left to the incoming elected board to decide if an outside firm such as Edison Learning will be retained to help with the test scores.

Board Vice Chairman Mickey Merritt questioned the Edison representatives about students who are struggling to grasp skills at one grade level before they are challenged by the materials at the next grade level.

In response, Merritt was advised that students who had not mastered the skills at one level would be given additional tutoring.

Board member Ann Terry suggested that they might consider shifting such students to another classroom where a teacher was having more success with teaching a given skill. “Some of our teachers need to learn new ways to teach some skills rather than presenting them the way they always have done.”

Board Chairman Dr. Richard Drury noted that while the offer did not work out, it was commendable for a company to offer to help the schools. “It shows that there are members of the community that are interested in supporting the students and schools in the county,” Drury said.

A new program to improve student nutrition has been initiated in the County. “Smart Bites” encourages high-school students who visit fast-food establishments to make healthy selections when ordering their food. Subway and Machipongo Trading Company offer students healthy options. As a bonus, they receive a stamped card, which can be used in a school drawing for prizes.

Prior to concluding the session, the board reviewed changes that are coming to the Virginia Retirement System (VRS) for new employees. The plan calls for those hired after Jan. 1, 2014, to be offered “Hybrid VRS.” Under the short-term disability (STD) requirements for Hybrid employees, it will no longer be necessary to accrue sick-leave balances to be used in the event of an illness or disability that exceeds five work days. This may require a cap on the total number of sick leave days that a Hybrid employee can accrue. It also may require a stipulation that Hybrid employees will only be eligible to participate in the Sick Leave Bank for the first year of employment (when they are not covered for non-work related disabilities).

The next School Board session is slated for Jan. 15 at 6 p.m. at the School Administration Building. At that session, the newly elected Board will select a new chairman and vice chairman to lead the schools for 2014.

Laid-Off First Med Employees File Class-Action Lawsuit

By Linda Cicoira

A class-action lawsuit filed by three former workers of First Med, Inc., a private ambulance service that employed about 35 workers on the Eastern Shore, is asking U.S. Bankruptcy Court to award wages and benefits to thousands similar-situated employees along with similar-situated employees. “In shutting down, defendants awarded wages and benefits to thousands who lost their jobs earlier this month after the company closed down.”

Papers filed in the court claim the corporation violated the federal Warn Act and other state laws. The plaintiffs want their “unpaid wages, salary, commissions, bonuses, accrued holiday pay, accrued vacation pay, pension and 401(k) contributions and other COBRA benefits.” They say they were terminated without cause and without notice.

Local workers said they were promised final paychecks late last week but did not receive them. Their last day of work was Dec. 6.

The corporation filed for Chapter 7 bankruptcy in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in the Eastern District North Carolina on Dec. 11 under the name American Ambulette & Ambulance Service, Inc. Documents state there are about 5,000 creditors and $10 million of debt. Assets are valued between $1 million and $10 million.

Branden Engle and Justin Bage both worked for the company at its Toledo, Ohio branch and filed the lawsuit. Engle’s last day was Dec. 6. Bage was terminated on Nov. 20. John Rosenbaum worked from a Portsmouth, Va., office until Dec. 10 and also is listed as a plaintiff.

“First Med was an ambulance service provider that operated in six states, was the largest provider of EMS services in Ohio,” they wrote in the court documents. “In shutting down, defendants terminated approximately 2,000 similarly-situated employees along with Plaintiffs, all without advance notice.”

Blooms Volunteer Fire Company and Melfa Volunteer Fire & Rescue each gave Shore First Med workers food baskets last weekend to help them cope with unemployment. The two companies collaborated so they didn’t duplicate items. The baskets included ham, potatoes, canned vegetables, eggs, cheese and other staples.
Zager’s Position at Riverside Shore Memorial Eliminated

By Linda Cicoira

In a money-saving move toward better “efficiency,” the job of Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital Vice President of Development and Community Outreach Joe Zager was eliminated Tuesday, effective in mid-February.

Riverside Health System Public Relations Director Peter Giagola blamed the action on the “negative bottom line” for 2013 and “rising costs,” including $7.3 million in charity care and $2.2 million for obstetrics and emergency care for 2012.

Zager’s position was the only one to be cut. Giagola said, “His role will be absorbed by Hospital Administrator Susan McAndrews, with organizational support from Riverside Corporate resources.”

“Joe was pivotal to bringing Shore Memorial Hospital, Shore LifeCare and various private medical practices on the Eastern Shore into the Riverside family,” Giagola continued. “We express our gratitude to his commitment to improving healthcare on Virginia’s Eastern Shore.”

Remarking on the situation, Zager wrote in an email Wednesday, “I would just like to express my appreciation to the Eastern Shore community for the opportunity I have had these past 10 years to serve as the hospital’s administrator and most recently as development director. My wife and I have commented repeatedly over the years that this has been, by far, the best place we have lived to raise our family.”

From 2003 to 2009, Zager served as president and CEO of Shore Health Services, Inc. He was vice president and administrator from 2009 to 2012 and has held his current post since January 2012. It entailed acquisition of land, design and construction of the new Onley hospital and serving as liaison between Riverside Health System and the Shore’s medical community.

Before coming to the area, Zager worked in the healthcare field in South Carolina, Alabama and West Virginia.

Police Seek Man Who Beat Dog With Baseball Bat

By Linda Cicoira

An investigating officer described the crime as the most “vicious attack” he has seen in 28 years of police work.

Authorities are looking for information that would lead to the arrest of a man who arrived on foot at the Walmart parking lot in Onley at around 9:15 p.m. Dec. 6 and beat a Labrador retriever with a baseball bat.

Onley Police Officer George Bennett said that after being alerted to the incident, he and State Police Trooper J.D. Kirk arrived at the scene to find two dogs in the back of a red pick-up truck. One dog was missing a patch of skin on his head and was cut on the snout; the other was not injured.

A witness told Bennett that she “saw what happened and confronted the man,” who then fled. The woman, who was not identified for her safety, then “ran into the store to get help.”

Bennett said video recordings made by cameras positioned outside the store show the crime being committed by a white man about six feet tall and weighing approximately 200 pounds.

He has a grayish or white beard or goatee and short hair and is believed to be in his 40s. The video also shows the man fleeing in the area of Onley Road across Lankford Highway.

“He raised the bat to her,” but apparently thought twice about using it, the officer added. When the man approached the dogs, both of them wagged their tails as if they knew him, Bennett said.

Bennett found the owner of the dogs, Daniel Parks of Parksley, in the store and told him what happened. Bennett said since then, Parks reported that both dogs are fine.

Anyone with information about the incident is asked to call the Onley Town Office at 787-3985.

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New Lieutenant Governor Comes Home to Shore

By Ron West

Last week’s annual Eggs and Issues gathering featured Lt. Gov.-Elect Ralph Northam, the first person from the Eastern Shore to win statewide office in nearly two centuries.

Northam, a Democrat, spoke of the need for both political parties to put aside personal agendas and work together to move Virginia forward. He praised outgoing Gov. Bob McDonnell for putting together a transportation package that funds improvements to the road system in Hampton Roads.

Northam noted that the governor, a Republican, was able to bring the members of both political parties in the General Assembly to the table to compromise.

Northam predicted that the upcoming session of the General Assembly will focus on energy, Medicaid, and workforce development. “The leaders need to promote medical care for business employees,” said Northam, a pediatric neurologist. “There are 400,000 workers that don’t currently get medical coverage, which can be corrected with Medicare. People without insurance coverage go to the ER for care and that hurts the economy if they aren’t covered.”

In closing, Northam spoke of the need to support education programs in the state, partly through improved workforce training. “Not everyone who graduates from high school will attend college,” he noted, suggesting that the school systems in the state need to reinvent vocational and technical education programs.

A second part of the education puzzle, according to Northam, is to aim for universal pre-K education. If children entered school at an earlier age, they would have a better opportunity to get on the right path toward success in school, he said.

Del. Lynwood Lewis, a candidate for the Senate seat being vacated by Northam, echoed the comments of the lieutenant governor-elect. Lewis said that reforming the state Standards of Learning (SOLs) needs to be a focus of the General Assembly. Admitting that the SOLs probably are not going to go away, Lewis suggested that they be addressed in a different format that wouldn’t hamstring teachers.

Lewis mentioned the need to fund and provide mental-health coverage in the state. He cited the recent incident during which state Sen. Creigh Deeds was injured by a family member in need of mental-health care who was sent home from a hospital without receiving treatment.

Acomack Board of Supervisor Chairman Donald Hart also addressed the gathering, citing the positive things occurring locally, especially the new sense of cooperation between the two Eastern Shore counties. Subsequently focusing on his own county, Hart said, “Accomack County had a prosperous year. It’s more pro-business than it has ever been.” He added that the expansion of the Wallops Space Port, the new hospital coming to Onley, and the natural gas supply line that will be coming south from Maryland all will bring new business opportunities.

Hart also spoke of the success of the new Emergency Medical Services (EMS) response system, known as SPRINT, that is allowing EMS personnel to reach the side of a patient sooner.

The last speaker for the morning was Northampton Board of Supervisors Chairman Willie Randall. While Randall was not re-elected for the term beginning in January, he spoke of the success of the board in pushing forward improvements to the Zoning Ordinance that will make it easier for businesses to operate in the county.

Noting Northam’s push for statewide pre-K education, Randall noted that Northampton County is the only county in the state that offers the opportunity for all 4-year-olds to receive free pre-K education.

Other improvements, such as the broadband effort and new business growth in the Cape Charles area, are bringing new businesses and job opportunities. “The county is on the right track to move forward,” Randall said.
Germaine Lane in Parksley was charged with stealing a Suzuki King Quad 600 by a felon. Judge Frederick B. Lowe declared an habitual offender. The incident allegedly occurred on Lankford Highway, with driving a vehicle after being declared an habitual offender. The incident allegedly occurred on Lankford Highway in Keller. He is free on $5,000 bond. The offense allegedly occurred on Nov. 18. Smith is being held in Accomack Jail without bond. A preliminary hearing was set for February. Investigator Pat Coulter of Accomack County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) investigated.

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Sheryl Hayman Smolinski, 64, of Jenkins Bridge Road in TEMPERANCEVILLE was originally charged with assault and battery of Acomack Deputy Sam Castillia, a felony, occurring Nov. 10. She was convicted of the lesser charge of misdemeanor assault and battery and sentenced to six months in jail, with five months suspended.

Kyle Allen Wheeler, 51, of CHINCOTEAGUE will not be prosecuted for grand larceny, conspiracy to commit the crime and possession of stolen property with intent to sell. He had been indicted on those counts in June.

Accomack Circuit Court
A local crack dealer was sentenced to 30 years in prison last week in Accomack Circuit Court.

Tyheem Equon Sample, 24, of WOODLAND PARK DRIVE pleaded guilty to a third or subsequent offense of possession with intent to distribute on Aug. 28. Ten years of the term were suspended. Another charge of distribution of cocaine was not prosecuted.

Lena Marie Habel, 53, of HOLLAND ROAD in New Church was given a three-year suspended sentence each for assault and battery of Deputy E.J. Long of Accomack County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) on April 9, 2012, and abuse and neglect of a 9-year-old child in August 2011. The terms were to run concurrently.

Nathaniel Johnson, 27, of LYNHAVEN CIRCLE in Painter was sentenced for eluding police on Oct. 24, 2012, to five years in prison, with three years and six months suspended.

Becky Long, 43, of Lindsey Drive in New Church was sentenced for credit-card fraud and credit-card larceny on Aug. 31, 2012, to three years in prison, with all but two years and five months suspended. She was ordered to pay restitution of $802.50.

Austin Sebastian Parks, 19, of SEABREEZE DRIVE on CHINCOTEAGUE pleaded guilty to three counts of grand larceny and a count of burglary. The incidents occurred on March 1, April 9 and July 7 and 8. Restitution was $210 for a TV and electric heater, $352 for 320 CHINCOTEAGUE Police Department pins, $145 for repair of an ATM at CHINCOTEAGUE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT and $2,100 for a 2011 Yamaha outboard motor belonging to Donald Ross. A presentence report was ordered. He was remanded to jail to await sentencing.

Bond was denied for James Martinez Snead, 31, of BELLE HAVEN, who was indicted earlier this month on second-degree murder in connection with the death of 2-year-old Jasheena Bull.

Snead was the boyfriend of the girl's mother when the child died on April 30. At first he was first charged with felony abuse and endangerment by a parent or guardian and was released on $6,500. But when the indictment for murder handed down, he was arrested again and held without bond.

The girl's mother, Victoria Mae Joynes, 37, of BELLE HAVEN also was indicted on the abuse charge. She is free on $5,000 bond.

Northampton Circuit Court
A former correctional officer was sentenced Monday in Northampton Circuit Court to five years in prison for soliciting sodomy from an adult family member.

Judge W. Revell Lewis suspended all but two years of the sentence for Asa Thomas Taylor, 64, of Franktown. He also gave Taylor 12 months in jail for sexual battery, with all but six months suspended, to run consecutively, giving him a total of 2.5 years to serve. The incidents occurred in July 2012.

“My conduct … was reprehensible,” Taylor told the court. “I accept full responsibility. I am sorry for the pain that it has caused. … At the time I did not realize I had a drinking problem. … I ask for court leniency. … I am sorry from the bottom of my heart.”

Lewis took a recess to read a 64-page presentence report. He came back into the courtroom and said Taylor relentlessly pursued the victim, offering to pay her and to make her the beneficiary of his life-insurance policy. In addition, Lewis said Taylor regularly viewed pornography on his computer and the movies he owned.

“This is a very serious matter,” Lewis said. “I don’t think you have a clue how much the victim was hurt. “You solicited her on more than one occasion.” This was not an “isolated incident.”

In another case, Uneka (Tinka) Une James, 23, of EXMORE pleaded guilty to providing a cell phone to a prisoner at Eastern Shore Regional Jail, a felony, and counts of delivering matches and cigarettes to the facility without permission, which are misdemeanors. Judgment was withheld on the felony charge. A presentence report was ordered for the misdemeanors. James was released on existing bond.

Northampton District Court
According to records filed in Northampton General District Court, Bobby Lee Bundick, 57, of Painter was arrested Tuesday and charged with possession of a firearm by a felon and a third offense of driving under the influence, occurring Monday. A January preliminary hearing was scheduled. Bundick also was charged with misdemeanor eluding.

Exmore Police Officer Jason Campbell investigated.

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The Post Has Its Own Christmas List of Readers’ Preferences

By Linda Cicoira

Santa Claus, church, time with family and friends, technology presents and numerous decorated trees are among the things Accomack and Northampton residents plan to enjoy for Christmas this year.

According to a recent email survey conducted by the Eastern Shore Post, 94 percent of participants picked Mr. Claus over St. Nick. They also favored Ebenezer Scrooge over The Grinch in a narrower race, with 54.5 percent to 45.5 percent, respectively.

Participants said they would spend between $200 and $4,000 on presents this year, with the average just over $1,000. The gifts will be put under 2.58 trees per household. Seventy-seven percent said they would display a nativity scene.

Thirty-five percent said they would display a nativity scene. Thirty-five percent will use a star, 6 percent will put a bow or ribbon and 1 percent will use a candle.

“Every year on Christmas Eve my Dad reads Twas the Night Before Christmas to all of his children, and now his grandchildren and great-grandson,” wrote Ashley Mapp of Onancock. “To this day for those few minutes I feel like a child again with nothing but peace and happiness in the world.”

Mapp favors Scrooge. She will have two Christmas trees this year and is starting a new tradition of using ornaments “hand-painted by my nieces and nephews. I buy new Christmas decorations every year and add to the old ones. You can never have too many decorations ... I have a gold star” on one tree top “and my Nana’s hand-stitched angel on another.”

Natalie Rinker-Good of Cape Charles also has a favorite tradition, “attending the Nutcracker Ballet. I’ve lost true count over the years but think it’s over 40 different nationality/company productions I’ve enjoyed. ... I’m an army brat who lived overseas a long time where St. Nick was the norm. Nowadays it’s Santa who brings the surprise gifts. Either name, the magic and spirit of the season live on for me.

“I have a 127-year-old tree ornament that belonged to my great-great Aunt Maria from Belgium,” said Rinker-Good “It’s St. Nick lifting up a candle of hope. Our family story says it was hers from when she was a young child. I don’t dare hang or display it these days. I unwrap it, reflect on its meaning, feeling sorrow, then re-wrap it (and) hope a new world and generation will bring much needed peace to our lives.” Her aunt was “a nun in Belgium who was killed by Hitler’s regime because of her religious beliefs.”

Bonnie Wallace of Keller will be thinking of her great-grandmother. “When she was living she would make Christmas cookies. It was hard to pick which one you wanted first.” She favors Santa Claus, The Grinch and an angel for her treetop.

“Opening one special present on Christmas Eve,” is Belle Haven resident Brenda Ennis’ favorite Christmas tradition. She puts four trees up at her house with a variety of decorations. Her oldest ornaments are 40 years old. “My daughters and I made them.” Ennis usually buys one new ornament a year. “Money and iTune cards” are the requested items this year, she said.

Nancy Gonzalez of Machipongo likes going to church on Christmas Eve. She puts up five trees; the oldest ornaments are 48, the ones she first purchased just after getting married. She said gift cards are requested this year. Gonzalez plans on spending $2,000.

Debra Bergner of Hacksneck looks forward to “opening new pajamas on Christmas Eve to wear to bed.” She picked Ebenezer Scrooge. “Not because I hate Christmas, I love the movies!!” she noted.

When answering the survey, Bergner already had put up three trees. Her oldest ornament is more than 30 years old and came from her mother-in-law.

Diana M. Davis of Craddockville looks forward to reading from Luke with the family on Christmas Eve. She puts up two trees, but this year is planning on fewer decorations so her puppy “can’t hurt herself or the ornament!!” Her oldest ornament is 50. “It was mine. Mama and Daddy gave us each one with our name on them. Someone made it with glitter and glue on a sil-
Michelle Taylor of Quinby is looking forward to “Christmas breakfast after watching the kids open Santa gifts.” Her oldest ornament is “from when I was a baby in 1973.” She plans on spending “too much” money for presents.

“Going around to see the Christmas light displays,” is Onancock resident Evan Clements’ favorite tradition. His oldest ornament dates back to the 1920s and came from his wife’s family.

“We have collected ornaments over our 40 years of marriage,” wrote Clements, “some handmade, some bought, some given to us. We call them our special ornaments. We have 2 large boxes.” Sometimes they put a star on the top of their tree and other years a “teddy bear Santa” sits up there.

Nicole Landon of Painter said she enjoys going to a “church service on Christmas Eve, followed by Chinese take-out.” Her oldest ornament was purchased when she and her husband first married 16 years ago. She buys more every year.

Cheriton resident Kim Caison’s kitchen tree is “beachy.” Her game room tree is adorned with John Deere tractors; the main tree has a variety of ornaments and the “bathroom tree is small with miniature ornaments.” The oldest ornament is 40. “My grandmother made it for me.”

Ive Chubb of Eastville likes family gettogethers. “But it’s not always possible,” she said. Chubb also likes all Christmas movies and enjoys memories through her ornaments, the oldest of which is 25 from the first Christmas she spent with her husband. How much will she spend on gifts this year? “We have five boys, four daughters-in-law, one girlfriend and four grandchildren. I don’t want to think about it!!!!!!!” she wrote.

“Christmas is about Christ, He is the reason for the season,” said Chubb. “My heart is saddened to know that so many do not celebrate the coming of our Lord. It isn’t about gifts, lights, music or the movies, though I enjoy all that Christmas brings with it. It’s about Christ coming to be apart of us. He shared time with us. He loved us and still does enough to die on a cross for the removal our sins. All he asks is that you believe in Him and love Him and others in return. Wow, that’s a bargain, and He paid the price. You can’t get better than that. In short, yes I will make it a point to join a number of music cantatas and services and I will be at church on Christmas.”

Vic Peppler of Wachapreague said, “Everyone seems to want the Xbox One … but the best gifts are handmade and homemade.”

Linda Regula of Machipongo wrote, “I told my family if they didn’t tell me what they wanted (for Christmas) they were going to get an ‘Ugly Sweater.’ So, I got a lot of ideas.”

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License must be worn by Dog according to law. **ALL DOGS & CATS 4 months old or older must have license.** Minimum penalty, fine and costs, is mandatory for violations. Any animal that has been spayed or neutered will be sold an Unsexed Tag.

Tags can be purchased at the Treasurer’s Office, Northampton County, Virginia

Or

Payment can be mailed with copy of Rabies Vaccination to P.O. Box 598, Eastville, VA 23347.

For Further Information, contact the NORTHAMPTON COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE AT 757-678-0458.
COMMUNITY NOTES

Winners of the recent Chincoteague Old-Fashioned Parade are:

**Commercial**
- 1st place - A&N Electric Co-op
- 2nd place - Orbital Sciences

**Non-Commercial**
- 1st place - Union Baptist Church
- 2nd place - Assateague Nat’l. Seashore

**Junior Marching Units**
- 1st place - Chincoteague Pony 4-H
- 2nd place - Cub Scout Pack 323

**Decorated Boats**
- 1st place - CHS Class of 2014
- 2nd place - Colonial Square 13C

**Equestrian**
- 1st place - Chincoteague Pony Drill Team
- 2nd place - Tall Pines Harbor Campground

**Miscellaneous**
- 1st place - Hope and Her Pony Midnight
- 2nd place - Chino. Amer. Legion Riders

*Judges’ Award - Best in Show*
Chincoteague Pony Drill Team

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FIRE COMPANIES
(Chincoteague ineligible)

**Most Men in Line**
- 1st place - Ocean City VFC
- 2nd place - New Church VF&R

**Most Equipment**
- Atlantic VFC
- Oldest Equipment (Motorized)
  - Greenbackville VFC
- Oldest Equipment (Non-motorized)
  - Bloxom VFC

**Longest Distance Traveled**
Memorial Volunteer Fire Co.

**Best Company Overall**
- 1st place - Ocean City VFC
- 2nd place - New Church VF&R

This is a call to all war-time veterans to join in forming a new American Legion Post in Chincoteague. 

American Legion Posts support their local communities through mentoring youth and sponsorship of programs such as Boys State, Boy Scouts, Legion Baseball, an oratorical contest, a middle-school essay contest, and flags for first graders. 

The American Legion also advocates patriotism, promotes a strong national security agenda and provides a continuing devotion to fellow service members and veterans.

The initial meeting for this new post will be held Jan. 23, 2014, at 7 p.m. at the Town Scout Hut in the park.

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Budget Provides for Space Flight Authority

*By Linda Cicoira*

Virginia Secretary of Transportation Sean Connaughton is recommending that a total of $15.8 million be included in both the 2015 and 2016 state budget for establishing and operating a Virginia Commercial Space Flight Authority, of which Wallops Flight Facility would be a part.

A non-general fund of $11.8 million for each year includes making the authority “a stand alone agency within the Appropriation Act in order to provide additional transparency on the use of existing state funds,” according to the 2014-16 Biennium Executive Budget.

Another $4 million is for “operation support for the Virginia Commercial Space Flight Authority (and) provides additional resources to address project costs and reduced launch fees. This funding will maintain the current operation of the Authority,” the budget states.

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~Wastewater~

(Continued From Front Page)

Melfa that would handle 100,000 gallons per day and serve areas between there and the county seat.

The cost was estimated at $3.25 million. The plan included disposing of treated water below the till level on about 85 acres beside the fire-training center on Beacon Road. 

The supervisors voted to apply for permits from the Virginia Department of Health.

Onancock charges $15.47 per 1,000 gallons of sewage. 

The board also set a February public hearing for the county’s Comprehensive Plan review and update. Supervisor Rich Morrison to include the importance of public participation in planning and zoning issues in the revision.

The supervisors also unanimously voted to ask the state if it could maintain a private lane in the Pungoteague South subdivision as an unpaved road.

Kim Miles of the Onancock area urged the supervisors to consider making a proposed new library a top priority. He said the existing facility’s “resources are used by many people you don’t hear from. Visit the library and sit for awhile and watch the music,” he added. Residents have been pushing for a new $6 million building for months.
ESCC Students Earn Academic Honor

Eastern Shore Community College students recently inducted into Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) honor society were (from left): front row - Doris Kellam, Quintara Smith, Scarlet Turner, Gwen Poore, Alexandria Myers, and Brooke LeCato; second row - Andrew Hrusth, Gloria Diaz, Savannah Manske-East, Holly Rasmussen, Dana Smith, and Tayshia Daugherty; back row - Alexus Cardoza, Braden Finney, Joshua Taylor, Carlton Byrd, and Leah Abraham. Students must have at least a 3.25 GPA (grade point average) to be considered for membership. Chapter adviser Robin Rich-Coates commented, “I am proud of the students and their accomplishments. They have worked so hard to achieve excellence in academics, leadership and service to their communities.”

Widgen, Richardson Earn Tech Honor

Turner Widgen of Cheriton and Elizabeth Richardson of Capeville have been accepted into the Virginia Tech College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences (CLAHS) Ambassador Program for the 2013-14 academic year. Widgen is majoring in communication. Richardson is a history major.

Last year, the ambassadors contributed to the recruitment of over 400 students to the (CLAHS). New students are accepted via a competitive application process and join a team of over 40 students.
Bloxom Woman Passes Away at Home

Mrs. Pearl Hall-Groton, 99, of Bloxom, formerly of Delmar, Del., and Deal Island, Md., died Monday, Dec. 9, 2013, at her home.

Born in Cashville, she was the daughter of the late Jacob and Annie Young Campbell. Mrs. Hall-Groton was a hardworking woman who held various jobs while raising her family. One of her more memorable jobs was traveling with her husband and the crew of Oral Roberts Ministries, where she worked as the treasurer while her husband drove a truck and helped the tent crew. She was a long-time member of the Church of God, stood firm in her Christian beliefs and was always willing to help those in need. She will be remembered for her sassy sense of humor, her unwavering love for family and her homemade ice cream, peanut brittle, fudge and pies. She had fond memories of living on Deal Island, where she could enjoy the fresh air of the Chesapeake Bay, the solitude and special times with her brother, Vickers, and trips to White House Beach clamming with her sister, Odell.

Mrs. Hall-Groton is survived by her son, Charles T. Hall of Middletown, Del.; grandchildren, Joey Hall, Karen Hall Cote, Mickey Hall, Carol Ann Hall Fisher and Lorraine Hall; and many great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband of 66 years, C. Clifford Hall; her second husband of 11 years, Dorsey Groton; two sons, Douglas Hall and Arthur Lee Hall; a daughter, Carol Ann Hall; two grandsons, Scott Vickers Hall and Alan Hall; and five brothers and five sisters.

A funeral service was held Saturday, Dec. 14, at Short Funeral Home in Delmar. Interment was in St. Stephen’s Cemetery in Delmar.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of her son, Arthur Lee, to the Stockley Center, 26551 Patriots Way, Georgetown, DE 19947. Please note “In memory of Arthur Lee Hall” in the memo section of your check. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.shortfh.com.

Verizon Retiree Dies at PRMC

Mr. Leonard Joseph Smalling, 70, of Onley and Bridgehampton, N.Y., passed away Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2013, at Peninsula Regional Medical Center in Salisbury, Md.

Born in Patchogue, N.Y., he was a son of the late George Smalling and Clara Ferrara. Mr. Smalling retired from Verizon after 30 years of service; was a Catholic; served in the U.S. Navy; and was an artist, concentrating in abstract acrylic painting.

Survivors include his daughters, Leilani Sokiaitis (and husband, Gary) of Onley and Nicki Hemby (and husband, Darryl) of Bridgehampton; grandchildren, Justin, Darian, Nina, Dylan, “Bump,” and India; sister, Faustina Christiansen (and husband, Thomas) of Ocala, Fla.; former wife of 30 years, Loretta Walker; and six nieces and four nephews and their families. He was predeceased by a sister and brother-in-law, Margaret Pontieri and husband, Eugene; and a brother, Dominick Smalling.

A memorial service will be held at Queen of the Most Holy Rosary in Bridgehampton Saturday, Dec. 21, at 10:30 a.m. A reception will immediately follow in the parish hall.

Memorial donations may be made to Heifer International, 1 World Ave., Little Rock, AR 72202 or www.heifer.org. Memorial contributions may be shared with family at www.williamsfuneralhomes.com.

Arrangements were made by Williams-Onancock Funeral Home.

Retired Mechanic Dies at His Home

Mr. Clarence Newton Broyles Jr., 80, better known as Pee Wee, a resident of Seaview, died Thursday, Dec. 12, 2013, at his residence.

A native of Norfolk, Va., he was the son of the late Clarence N. Broyles Sr. and Annie Elizabeth Shipp Broyles. He was a retired mechanic for Campbell Bros. Garage and a Methodist.

Mr. Broyles is survived by his wife, Rynthia Capps Broyles; daughters, Deborah Ann Eder of Machipongo and Robin Laverne Brownley of Cape Charles; grandchildren, Christopher Lee Brittingham, Melissa Ann Jones, and Jason Andrew Brittingham; and numerous great-grandchildren.

A celebration of life service was conducted Sunday, Dec. 15, at Oyster Harbor Boat Ramp by Rev. Elizabeth A. Lutz. People were encouraged to wear flannel to the service to honor Mr. Broyles.

Memorial donations may be made to Hospice & Palliative Care of the Eastern Shore, 165 Market St., Suite 3, Onancock, VA 23417. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.doughtyfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements were made by Wilkins-Doughty Funeral Home, Cape Charles.

Onancock Woman Dies at Rehab Center

Mrs. Doris Helen Mance, 96, a resident of Onancock since 1986, formerly of Sag Harbor, N.Y., died Thursday, Dec. 12, 2013, at Riverside Shore Rehabilitation Center in Parksley.

Born in College Point, N.Y., she was a daughter of the late Adolph J. and Emma Pauline Schaub Kruck. Mrs. Mance was Protestant and had worked with her husband in his business endeavors throughout the years.

Mrs. Mance was predeceased by her husband, Robert Newton Mance. Survivors include her children, Robert N.
Nassawadox Native Passes Away


Born in Nassawadox, she was the daughter of the late John Lester Parks and Ethelyne Broughton Parks. She was retired in Business Continuity from Wells Fargo Banking. Mrs. Beyer was truly an inspiration and her courage and strength will always prevail.

Mrs. Beyer was predeceased by her husband, Robert Ellsworth Beyer. She is survived by her daughter, Virginia “Gini” A. Rice (Brad Gettelfinger) of Charleston, S.C.; son, John Robert “Rob” Beyer (Melanie Terrell) of Charlotte; sister, Kay Parks Trower (Pres) of Eastville; brothers, John Lester “Jack” Parks Jr. (Roxanne) of Melfa and Randall Dunton “Randy” Parks of Smith Beach; and granddaughter, Piper Laregan Marie Beyer of Charlotte.

Her memorial service will be held in Charlotte and Virginia at a time and date to be announced.

Memorial donations may be made to Duke Cancer Institute at www.gifts.duke.edu/dci. A memorial message may be shared at www.jhenrystuhr.com.

Arrangements were made by J. Henry Stuhr Inc., West Ashley Chapel.

Suburban Propane Retiree Dies

Mrs. Louise Evelyn Powell LeCato, 88, of Quinby passed away Tuesday, Dec. 17, 2013, at her residence.

A native of Quinby, she was the daughter of the late Ernest and Belva Powell. She was a graduate of Central High School and because of her qualifications in high school, was offered and accepted a teaching position at Parksley High School at the age of 16. She earned a bachelor’s degree in business at Goldey Beacom College and worked for Suburban Propane for 47 years. Mrs. LeCato was a lifetime member of VFW Post 4856 until its closing and president of its ladies’ auxiliary, and a member of the Eastern Star and Smith Chapel United Methodist Church in Quinby.

Mrs. LeCato was predeceased by her husband, John Arthur LeCato Sr. She is survived by her son, John Arthur LeCato Jr. (and wife, Lynette); and daughter, Belva L. Stevens (and husband, Jerry), all of Quinby; grandchildren, Danialle LeCato Kenney (and husband, Rob) of Salisbury, Md., J. Michael Stevens (and wife, Kimberly), and Jonathan M. Stevens, all of Quinby; and several great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held today, Dec. 20, at 2 p.m. at Smith Chapel United Methodist Church with Rev. Becky McGee, Rev. Steve Doan, and Rev. Donna Doan officiating. Interment will follow in Quinby Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to Smith Chapel United Methodist Church Memorial Fund, c/o Gwen Blake, 5046 Seaside Rd., Exmore, VA 23350. Online condolences may be sent to www.doughtyfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements were made by Doughty Funeral Home in Exmore.

Young Exmore Carpenter Passes Away

Mr. Anthony Scott McHan, better known as Poot, 21, of Exmore passed away Tuesday, Dec. 17, 2013, at Capeville. (See story on Front Page.)

A native of Exmore, he was the son of Theresa A. Hart McHan and Walter Ross McHan Sr., and the step-son of Amy Manelski and Gregory Mooney, all of Exmore. He was a carpenter for Luke Kellam Construction.

In addition to his parents and step parents, survivors include his brothers, Walter Ross McHan Jr. of Smith Beach, Colin McHan of Exmore, and Caleb McHan of Exmore; maternal grandparents, Richard and Ruth Hart of Tasley; aunt, Bonnie Hart-Cropper of Parksley; cousins, Terry L. Cropper Jr. of Michigan and Trent L. Cropper of Parksley. He was predeceased by his paternal grandmother, Patricia McHan.

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Dawn Byrd Named To Replace Retiring Flo Bowers as Head of United Way

The United Way of Virginia’s Eastern Shore announces Dawn Byrd of Onancock has been named executive director of the local chapter, succeeding Flo Bowers, who is retiring after 21 years in the position.

Byrd has long been involved in both the retail and non-profit sectors of the Eastern Shore, previously serving as office manager for Great Space, a design firm in Onancock, and collections manager for the Eastern Shore of Virginia Historical Society. She also served as manager at The Book Bin for 23 years.

In addition, Byrd has volunteered as an organizer of volunteers for Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital, as a board member and fund-raiser for the Eastern Shore of Virginia Historical Society, as one of three women who created the Friends of the Library, as a member of the Hospital Ball and Fall Antiques Show, and as a member of the Garden Club of the Eastern Shore, and the Altar Guild at Market Street United Methodist Church.

She is married to T. Lee Byrd and has two adult children, Tyler and Morgan.

“We are excited to have someone with Dawn’s talents to fill this important position,” said John Fiege, president of the United Way of Virginia’s Eastern Shore. “Her business and civic background will help United Way to continue to make a difference on the Eastern Shore of Virginia.”

Fiege added, “We also want to thank Flo Bowers for her 21 years of outstanding service and the exemplary manner in which she has represented United Way for over two decades now.”
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Nandua Middle School has announced the appointment of Sheridan Taylor Wells as a Senate page/messenger for the 2014 session of the Virginia General Assembly. Representing the 6th District, Wells will be working with Lt. Gov. Ralph Northam during the 60-day session. An eighth grader, Wells was selected based on academics, community service and extracurricular activities.

Each year, nearly 200 students aged 13 and 14 apply for 34 available positions. During her 40-hour work week, Wells will assist with daily preparation of the Senate Chamber, staffing information desks, recycling, speaking with school groups and running errands for legislators. She is the daughter of Norman and Carla Wells of Onley.

Photo by Linda Cicoira

Learn About Gardening

Have an interest in plants and gardening? Want to meet and learn from others who have the same interest? Want to join a fun organization and give back to the community?

Then join the new 2014 Master Gardeners class. No experience necessary.

The new class is starting Jan. 9 and will continue every Thursday until April 3 at the Eastern Shore Agricultural Research and Extension Center in Painter. The cost of the course is $100, which covers materials and lectures by local experts. You may pick up an application at the Virginia Cooperative Extension Office or call 678-7946, x29 (Northampton County) or 787-1361 (Accomack County) for information. You also can get an application and more information at website www.easternshoremastergardeners.com.

Participants will learn about soil, fertilizers, plants and landscaping. They will visit places such as the Norfolk Botanical Garden and develop resources to answer gardening questions. They will be able to get ideas for their gardens and give back to the community by volunteering 50 hours during their internship.

After the course and the volunteer hours are completed, participants will be able to call themselves a master gardeners.

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  For $240,000
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  To John and Amanda Shelton
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  For $165,000
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  For $72,500
- From Phillip Ettinger
  To Bobcat Builders, LLC
  Lot 253, Oyster Bay
  For $52,500
- From Karen Melson
  To Wallace and Reba Hawkins
  Craddockville parcel
  For $184,000
- From Carol Myers
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  Lot 600, Unit 1, Trails End
  For $7,200
  • From Cornell and Doretha Wharton
    To Elizabeth Ontiveros
    Rue parcel
    For $90,000
  • From Ted and Sarah Daisey
    To Matthew and Stephanie Wingo
    Chincoteague parcel
    For $198,000
  • From Oceanway, LLC
    To Darlene and Donald Jewell
    Lot 18 at Waterspope Pt. at Tower Hill
    For $80,000
  • From Acquired Capital II, LP
    To Ann and Kerry Ward
    25487 Lankford Hwy., near Capeville
    For $62,000
  • From Dwight and Robert Haigh,
    Amy Haigh-Wolf, and Jane Mapp
    To M&R Farms
    140 acres near Cheriton
    For $594,856
  • From Donna and Robert Brown
    To Lorraine Buono
    Property in Northampton County
    For $615,000
  • From Leroy Williams
    To Omar Gordlany & David Mulligan
    Lot 14 at Peaceful Forrest, near Jamesville
    For $19,500
  • From Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp.
    To Marc Barlow
    Property in Bridgetown
    For $70,000
  • From Federal National Mortgage Assn.
    To Lampinios Family Revocable Trust
    10005 Rogers Dr. in Nassawadox
    For $103,000
  • From David and Mary Szimanski
    To Sharon Angle and Jennifer Hume
    Property in Occohannock Neck
    For $25,000
  • From Mary and Charles Lilley Jr.
    To Kathleen and William Smyth
    2 Pine St. in Cape Charles
    For $71,000
  • From Gary and Ruth Cole
    To Mark and Sandra Finn
    Property in Church Neck
    For $80,000
  • From Eastern Shore of Virginia
    Habitat for Humanity, Inc.
    To Shenia Edwards
    Lot 8, Timber Acres
    For $114,000
  • From Carl Fullmer
    To Pedro and Marisa Sanchez
    18339 Adams Crossing Rd., Keller
    For $110,000
  • From Robert and Hopewell Barroll
    To Robert Barnes
    Saxis lot
    For $189,000
  • From Louis and Shirley Blackwell
    and trust
    To Mark and Mary Duda
    Chincoteague parcel
    For $345,900
  • From Stephen Donoian
    To Waterside Land Trust, LLC
    Lots 6 and 29, Waterside
    For $58,341
  • From Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation
    To Gerald and Trudy Wright
    Savageville parcel
    For $35,289
  • From Woods Rogers, PLC and
    Freddie and Lorraine Laird
    To Four Brothers Crab house, LLV
    Tangier lot
    For $54,000
  • From Walter, George and Kenneth
    Carr and Jacqueline Colin
    To David and E. Phillip Hickman
    Horntown parcel
    For $10,000
  • From Shore Bank
    To Peninsula Real Estate, LLC
    Lots 11, 12, 14, 15 and 16, Acomack Office Center
    For $60,000
  • From Shore Bank
    To Peninsula Real Estate, LLC
    Acomack lot
    For $394,000
  • From Captain’s Cove Golf & Yacht Club, Inc.
    To Michael and Deborah Szesko
    Lots 2500 and 2506, Section 5, Captain’s Cove
    For $10,000
  • From Arlene Crossan
    To Captain’s Cove Golf & Yacht Club, Inc.
    Property in Northampton County
    For $79,750
  • From John H. and Susan M. Brown
    To Repairs 4 You, LLC
    Property near Nassawadox
    For $40,000
  • From Concerned Citizens of Cape Charles
    To半岛 Real Estate, LLC
    Property on Plum St. in Cape Charles
    For $360,000
  • From James and Polly Stern
    To Repairs 4 You, LLC
    Property near Nassawadox
    For $40,000
  • From Concerned Citizens of Cape Charles
    To Peninsula Real Estate, LLC
    Property on Plum St. in Cape Charles
    For $500
  • From Timothy and Nour Krawczel
    To Loretta Peters
    253 Nectarine St. in Cape Charles
    For $260,000

PUBLIC NOTICE:

By action of the Northampton County Board of Supervisors, the work session scheduled for Monday, December 23, 2013 is hereby cancelled.

Willie C. Randall
Chairman
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

Moderate ★★ Challenging
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**FRIDAY DEC. 20**

- **10 a.m. - Duplicate Bridge**  
  - Sage Restaurant, Onley - 442-2474
- **11 a.m.-1 p.m. - Fried Chicken Dinner**  
  - Living Waters Church of God, Pocomoke - $10/meal - dine-in or carry-out - 410-957-3389
- **12:30 p.m. - Science & Philosophy Seminar: Unlikely Gifts-The War, The Shore & Christmas 1863**  
  - ESCC, lecture hall, Melfa
- **6 p.m. - Christmas Caroling**  
  - In the neighborhood of the Onley Fire Station - meet at fire station and caravan by van - hot chocolate & cookies to follow
- **6 p.m. - Celebrate Recovery Group mtg.**  
  - Family Life Center, Onancock - Meal: $6/single or $10/family
- **7 p.m. - Life Teach Series**  
  - Rachel/Leah Covenant Ministries Center - 787-2486
- **7:30 p.m. - AA mtg.**  
  - Town Hall, Main St., Exmore
- **7:30 p.m. - Bingo**  
  - (doors open at 6:30 p.m.)  
  - Exmore Moose Lodge, Belle Haven

**SATURDAY DEC. 21**

- **9 a.m. - Zumba Class**  
  - Chincoteague YMCA - $5 - 336-3535
- **noon & 7:30 p.m. - AA mtg.**  
  - Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 66 Market St., Onancock
- **6 p.m. - Christmas Children’s Musical: “A King Is Coming To Town”**  
  - Living Waters Church of God, Pocomoke - 410-957-3389 - light refreshments
- **7:30 p.m. - Bingo**  
  - Eastville Vol. Fire Co.

**SUNDAY DEC. 22**

- **9:30 a.m. - AA mtg.**  
  - Old Onancock School, 6 College Ave., Onancock
- **11 a.m. - Christmas Cantata: “Mary, Did You Know?”**  
  - Epworth UMC, 4158 Seaside Rd., Exmore - nursery provided
- **11 a.m. - Christmas Children's Musical: “A King Is Coming To Town”**  
  - Living Waters Church of God, Pocomoke - 410-957-3389 - light refreshments
- **2:30 p.m. - Bingo**  
  - Vietnam Veterans’ Bldg., Main St., Onley
- **6 p.m. - Candlelight Service**  
  - Hall’s Chapel Church, Sanford - open to public
- **7 p.m. - “Bethlehem Speaks”**  
  - Calvary UMC, 21475 Hopkins Rd., Parksley - refreshments

**POST TIMES DEC. 20 – 26**

**WASHINGTON**

- **Tuesday Dec. 24**
  - **9 a.m. - Al-Anon mtg.**  
    - St. Andrew’s Catholic Church, 6288 Church St., Chincoteague
  - **10 a.m. - Bingo**  
    - Accomack Sr. Village, Onancock - 787-3900
  - **3:30 p.m. - Children’s Christmas Eve Worship Service**  
    - Drummondtown UMC, Accomac
  - **5:30 p.m. - TOPS mtg.**  
    - Belle Haven Presbyterian Church - 442-9776
  - **6 p.m. - Lion’s Club mtg.**  
    - Sage Diner, Onley - 787-2059
  - **6 p.m. - Rachel Leah Ministries**  
    - 787-2486
  - **6 p.m. - Bingo**  
    - Pocomoke Elks, next to YMCA
  - **6:30-8:30 p.m. - GED Class**  
    - ESCC, Melfa
  - **7 p.m. - Community Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship Service**  
    - Drummondtown UMC, Accomac
  - **7 p.m. - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**  
    - Living Waters Church of God, Pocomoke - 410-957-3389
  - **7 p.m. - Narcotics Anon. mtg.**  
    - Jerusalem Baptist Church, Temperanceville
  - **7:30 p.m. - Al-Anon mtg.**  
    - Atlantic UMC - 824-5386
  - **7:30 p.m. - Bingo**  
    - smoke free - Cheriton VFC
  - **7:30 p.m. - AA mtg.**  
    - Atlantic Methodist Church, 10044 Atlantic Rd.
  - **7:30 p.m. - Order of the Eastern Star (Accomack Chap. #62) mtg.**  
    - Masonic Lodge, Chincoteague
  - **7:30 p.m. - AA mtg.**  
    - Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 66 Market St., Onancock
  - **9 p.m. - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**  
    - Calvary UMC, 21475 Hopkins Rd., Parksley

**MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE EASTERN SHORE POST**

- **Wednesday Dec. 25**
  - **9 a.m.-1 p.m. - Veterans’ Employment Representative Available**  
    - Chincoteague Town Office
  - **10:30 a.m. - Children’s Story Hour**  
    - E.S. Public Library, Accomac
  - **2 p.m. - Children’s Story Hour**  
    - library, Nassawadox
  - **4 p.m. - Chess Club**  
    - Cape Charles Memorial Library - all ages & levels welcome
  - **6 p.m. - TOPS VA-550 mtg.**  
    - Zion Baptist Church, Social Hall, Parksley - 787-2903
  - **6:30 p.m. - Kiwanis’ Club of Chincoteague mtg.**  
    - St. Andrew’s Catholic Church - 6288 Church St., Chincoteague
  - **7 p.m. - AA mtg.**  
    - Trinity UMC, Cape Charles
  - **7 p.m. - NA mtg.**  
    - Painter Garrison UMC
  - **7:30 p.m. - AA mtg.**  
    - Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 66 Market St., Onancock
  - **8 p.m. - AA mtg.**  
    - Christ UMC, 6253 Church St., Chincoteague
For more than 90 years, the Auxiliary has touched our community. 
That’s something else we can celebrate this holiday season.

Resolution of the Board of Directors 
of 

Riverside Shore Health 
Expressing Gratitude and Appreciation for 
The Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital Auxiliary

Let it be known that the members of the Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital Auxiliary have provided outstanding service and exemplary dedication to the Eastern Shore community through their work to support the Hospital and its patients, physicians and staff;

Be it further known that through their representation on the Hospital’s Board of Directors, they have continually demonstrated devotion to quality healthcare and patient satisfaction;

Be it further known that the Auxiliary was formed years before the original Northampton Accomack Memorial Hospital was built and indeed is responsible for raising funds to build the original Hospital. This unwavering support has continued from the 1920s to the present day;

Be it further known that the Auxiliary has been and continues to be an integral part of the expansion of services and they have touched every patient and family member served by the hospital;

Therefore, be it resolved, by the Board of Directors of Riverside Shore Health, that this body joins the many patients, physicians and staff of Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital in expressing sincere gratitude and appreciation for the Auxiliary’s devoted service;

Be it further resolved, that the Secretary is directed to include this Resolution in the minutes of this meeting, and to provide a suitably prepared copy for the Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital Auxiliary.

Passed by unanimous vote in Nassawadox, Virginia, on the 22nd day of October 2013.

RIVERSIDE SHORE HEALTH SERVICES, Inc.

By: 

Robert W. Leatherbury

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Thank you for shopping local!
A
n old hunting buddy of mine and fellow Yankee fan, Curt-
tis Badger, recently loaned me some copies of Sport Magazine from
the late 1950s that were found by his wife, Lynn.

I spent some time reading those back issues this weekend. They were from a
time I was a young boy who was just beginning to follow sports, already idol-
zizing Mickey Mantle and also taking an interest in football and basketball.

Here are some observations gleaned from reading stories published over 50
years ago.

It’s kind of refreshing to read these old magazines — no stories about PEDs, no football players with felony
indictments, and top baseball players pulling down $40,000.

The story refers to journeymen baseball players barely making more than
$10,000 a year. The $27.5 million now
being paid to Alex Rodriquez annually
earns him $169,753 per game or over
300 pounds.

A 6’, 1” quarterback was described as “tall.” Today, pro teams would shy away from someone that height for not
being tall enough.

The articles were written by some of the best sportswriters in the nation at
the time, including Roger Kahn, Furman Fisher, Dick Schaap and Howard Cosell.

They must have been paid by the word because the articles are extremely
long with pages of gray matter and few photographs. It seems the writers
almost lived with their subjects for weeks to get the details for an article.

In a story, “What the Yankees Think of Mickey Mantle,” by Roger Kahn, au-
thor of the famous baseball book The Boys of Summer, no words are spared
describing Mantle’s sometimes immaturity behavior: “A strikeout sends him
into a sulking rage. He made a habit of kicking the water cooler in the dugout
after strikeouts until one day Casey Stengel remarked gently, ‘That water
cooler ain’t strikin’ you out, Son.’ ”

It was kind of sad that Mantle, the ballplayer almost every boy wanted to
be, really seemed to derive no joy from playing baseball, despite his obvious
physical gifts.

Golf was just becoming popular with the masses, spurred by the emergence
of the charismatic Arnold Palmer.

A story on Sam Snead talks about an
time before the term “politically
correct” came into vogue — many of
the articles tended to focus on their
looks. For example, one article was enti-
titled “Pretty Girls Can Win,” showing
female athletes in poses better suited
for models.

All in all, about 100 pages each, the
magazines revealed much about the
time — and all for a quarter.
Hunters for Hungry Seeking Donations

The Eastern Shore Chapter of Hunters for the Hungry greatly needs deer donations during this final month of deer-hunting season. With the recent restriction of doe harvest days by the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, deer donations are down from the same period in the past. Now that the restriction has been removed for the remainder of the season, the chapter is asking hunters to donate deer to the program.

Deer must be properly registered and field-dressed only, not skinned out. The deer may be taken to the refrigerated trailers at the Foodbank in Tasley and BB Convenience on Lankford Hwy in Machipongo. Brent Powell also receives deer at his processing location in Wachapreague off Bradford’s Neck Road. There is no cost to the hunter to donate deer to the program, which is a non-profit organization. Contributions are deductible as allowed by law. With 2013 closing, the chapter encourages any cash donations to pay for the processing costs for the deer. Donations, made out to “Hunters for the Hungry” may be sent to Worth Saunders, chapter director, at P.O. Box 1702, Parksley, VA 23421.

Boating Class Set

Boaters need to be aware of the Virginia Safety Education Compliance Requirements.

To operate a Personal Watercraft the deadlines are: July 1, 2013, age 45 or younger; July 1, 2014, age 50 or younger; and July 1, 2016, all ages.

If you are interested in sharpening your boating skills, mark your calendar for Jan. 30 for a Boating Skills and Seamanship Class to be taught at Captain’s Cove Marina Club in Greenbackville.

The class will be put on by U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 12-06 Chincoteague and will be held Monday and Thursday evenings for four weeks beginning at 7. Preregistration is required to ensure that sufficient materials will be available.

For additional information, email jeconquest@verizon.net.

Arcadia Middle School Cheerleaders Win Tourney

The Arcadia Middle School cheerleaders won the Middle School Cheerleading Tournament on Dec. 4. Chincoteague Middle School was second and Nandua Middle School was third. Pictured (from left) are: front row - Charlie Shaw (mascot), Inaya Mason, Khalea Warner, Jakeira Wise, Kayla Turner, Jy’ Asia Frazier, Emani Press, and Coach Shanna Ford; second row - Jyna Witherspoon, Nakiya Williams, Laversa White, McKaley Parks, Haylie Hubbard, Gwyneth Loniewski, Bailey Metler, and Naiesha Mears; third row - Nighdia Gerald, Mariah Tankard, Jenniyah Boggs, Tajaehnay Jackson, Tyjanea Mears, Carly Parks, Daisy Mohler, and Coach Kelly Walker.

Tech Oyster Roast Set for Jan. 11

The Eastern Shore Chapter of the Virginia Tech Alumni Association will be having its annual oyster roast on Jan. 11 at Onancock Elks Lodge. Social Hour will begin at 4 p.m. with food served at 5 p.m. The proceeds from the event will be used to fund scholarships for local high-school students entering Virginia Tech in the fall.

There will be oysters, clams, clam chowder, chicken, desserts, and drinks included in the advance ticket of $30. Tickets for students are $10 and only 200 will be sold. There will be a silent auction. A representative from the school’s admission department will be present to talk with prospective students and their family.

Tickets are available from Bundick Well & Pump in Painter, Farm Bureau Insurance offices in Accomac and Eastville; H.W. Drummond in Belle Haven, Greenbush, and Oak Hall; and Bayside Rehab in Belle Haven and Parksley.

Northampton P&R Hoop Tourney Set

Northampton County Parks and Recreation will be hosting a 2013 Christmas Men’s Basketball Tournament at Northampton Middle School Saturday, Dec. 28, beginning at 9 a.m. Team registration is going on now through Thursday, Dec. 26. Registration fees are $125 for teams up to 15 players ages 17 and up; ages under 18 must have proof of age and a signed waiver by a legal guardian. The late registration fee is $150.

For more information, call 678-0468.

Soccer Signups Now Underway

Paul Nolz, head soccer coach of Nandua High School, will be hosting an indoor soccer league from mid-January through late March.

The league has two divisions, 7-9, and 10-14, or through eighth grade as of Aug. 1. All matches will be played on Sunday afternoons at Nandua High School.

To sign up, call 787-7415 or 787-7625 or email rock.church.onley@verizon.net

Mitchell To Participate in Rose Bowl Parade

Jasmine Mitchell will be marching in the 125th Tour of Roses Parade in Pasadena, Cal., on New Year’s Day with the Westfield High School Marching Bulldogs from Chantilly, Va. A 275-member marching band, it is the only high school from Virginia to be selected to participate in the parade.

Mitchell is the daughter of Dee Bundick-Mitchell and Alvin Mitchell of Herndon, Va., granddaughter of the late Margaret and Robert Godwin, great-granddaughter of the late Margaret E. Strand, great-niece of Lula B. Wharton, all from Parksley; Calvin and Joanne Strand, Onley; and Barbara A. Strand of Onley.
Nandua outlasted Northampton 92-86 in overtime in the opening matchup of Shore District play last Thursday night.

The Warriors took a 21-16 lead after the first quarter, but Northampton rallied and took a 24-23 lead early in the second quarter on a Zeb Carter 3-pointer. Nandua regained the lead quickly and never relinquished it, holding a 10-point lead in the third quarter before Northampton stormed back in the fourth quarter to tie it up at 78-78 with 20 seconds remaining.

With momentum and a home crowd making a lot of noise, Northampton took a brief lead in overtime before Nandua pulled away to a 14-6 margin in the extra period.

Nandua was led by Trayvon Snead with 32 points on 11-of-15 shooting. Tyreim Blake added 25, Issac Taylor scored 19 and Troy Planter had 11 points.

For Northampton, Carter scored 23, Raquan Anderson had 21, and Gregory Smith scored 17.

Foul shooting played a key factor in the game as Nandua was 31 of 61 from the line compared to 19 of 31 for Northampton. Four Jackets fouled out of the contest.

The 6-foot, 7-inch Taylor had a game-high 14 rebounds for Nandua. Tysean Stratton led the Jackets with 11 rebounds. Carter had a game-high five assists for Northampton.

For the Jackets, it was their opening game of the season, and Northampton coach Wayne Bell saw things that pleased him. “I was happy with the way we played. Our young players stepped up in their first varsity action. We missed some free throws that hurt us. But, overall, we played well.”

Nandua coach Cedric Cooper was relieved to get away with the win on the Jacket home court. “They always play with a lot of emotion in front of their home crowd. I told the players we needed to take the fans out of the game, but they got on a roll in the final quarter and came back. We did well to steady ourselves and get the win.”

Nandua Tops Lancaster

Nandua easily downed Northern Neck foe Lancaster 68-49 Saturday afternoon at Onley.

Trayvon Snead led the Warriors with 16 points, Tyreim Blake scored 12 and Issac Taylor added 11 points. Anthony Smith scored 7, and Mahagee Wise tallied 6 on 3-of-3 shooting.

Nandua held a 23-13 lead in the second quarter when Blake swished a 3-pointer and Snead converted a 3-point play after being fouled to open a 16-point lead. Lancaster never threatened from that point.

Taylor led Nandua with 10 rebounds. Blake had a team-high four assists.

Ponies Get First Win

Chincoteague got its first win of the season with a 59-52 win over Holly Grove Friday.

Larry Harper led the Ponies with 21 points, eight rebounds and added two blocks and two steals.

Mason Marshall added 11 points, including two three-pointers, and Cory Reifler had a team-high 11 rebounds. Seth Owens gave the Ponies a spark by scoring all eight of his points in the second quarter.

“Defense and controlling the boards won the game for us tonight,” said Chincoteague coach Will Thompson. We took care of the ball tonight and made decent decisions by only turning the ball over 10 times.”

Arcadia Tops Chinco

Arcadia blew open a four-point game at halftime with Chincoteague for a 74-38 win at the Pony gym last Thursday.

After a slow start, the Firebirds used a 27-7 advantage in the third quarter to register the win. Five Firebirds were in double figures, led by Taylor Major with 20, John Wright with 14, Travon Copes and Teon Giddens with 13 each, and Tyler Major with 10.

For Chincoteague, Larry Harper had 16 points and eight rebounds. Cory Reifler added 12 points. Pony coach Will Thompson said turnovers hurt his team, with 14 in the first half and 15 in the second half.

Arcadia Edges Nandua 68-67

Wednesday night Arcadia stormed back from a 10-point deficit in the final quarter to defeat Nandua 68-67 as Taylor Major led the Firebirds with 25 points. John Wright had 13.

Nandua, who had a shot at the buzzer to win, was led by Trayvon Snead with 19 points.

The win gives the Firebirds the early lead in the Shore District standings with a 2-0 record.

Firebird coach Alvin Justice said his team battled back and played well down the stretch.
Vikings’ Fast Start Leads to 72-42 Win Over Jackets

Story and photos by Bill Sterling

Broadwater jumped to an 11-0 lead and stretched it to 22-3 after the first quarter en route to a surprisingly easy 72-42 win over Northampton Monday at the Viking gym.

Wesley Shrieves scored 7 points in the opening stanza and was joined by teammates Michael Riopel and Seanus Cooney with 5 each and Brendon Burrows adding 4. Meanwhile, Northampton misfired on all but one shot after opening the season with 86 against Nandua and 75 against Alliance Christian.

“With good defense comes offense,” said Viking coach Eddie Spencer. “We played our best ball of the season in the first half. We got away from what we were doing in the second half, but I was pleased with the overall effort we gave tonight.”

Northampton coach Wayne Bell said, “We shot ourselves out of the game in the first half. They got on a roll, we didn’t answer. It was one of those nights.”

Broadwater handled a Jacket pressing defense with precision passing that led to numerous easy baskets as Matt McCaskill scored 12 of his 16 points in the second quarter to push the Vikings to a 44-17 halftime lead. In addition to driving to the basket, McCaskill hit two of the five Viking treys in the first half.

Riopel also had 16 points for Broadwater. Shrieves and Cooney had 11 each, and Burrows, honored before the game for recently scoring his 1000th career point, tallied 10 as five Vikings reached double figures.

For Northampton, Zeb Carter and Gregory Smith had 13 points each.

BA Falls by One Point to Williamsburg

Broadwater got off to a slow start, trailing 18-7 in the first quarter before rallying, only to lose 68-67 last Thursday to Williamsburg Christian Academy, always one of the top hoop programs in the Virginia Independent Schools Athletic Association.

The score was knotted at 61 entering the final quarter.

Wesley Shrieves and Michael Riopel led the Vikings with 18 points each. Matt McCaskill had 14 points, and Brendon Burrows contributed 12 points. Both Riopel and Shrieves had 11 rebounds, and Burrows had a team-high six assists.

Vikings Clip PC

On Tuesday night, Broadwater easily defeated Portsmouth Christian 73-55 on the road.

Michael Riopel led the Vikings with 22 points, Matt McCaskill had 18, and Brendon Burrows and Wesley Shrieves scored 11 each.

Broadwater broke open the game with a 22-6 run in the second quarter.

BA Girls Trounce Portsmouth Christian

The Broadwater girls easily defeated Portsmouth Christian Tuesday night 62-37 as Katie Wendell scored 26 points and Kathleen Kraft tallied 20.

The Lady Vikings trailed 13-10 after the first quarter and held only a 3-point lead at halftime, 24-21, but went on a 21-10 tear in the third quarter and expanded the lead with a 17-6 margin in the fourth. Jenna Hare was also in double figures with 10 points and also had a team-high 12 rebounds.

The Broadwater girls were no match last Thursday for powerhouse Williamsburg Christian, defending state VISSA champion, losing 90-21. Hare led the Lady Vikings with 8 points while Katie Wendell scored 5.

The pressing Williamsburg Christian team had 29 steals in the game.

Katie Wendell scored 26 to lead Broadwater Tuesday night.
Nandua Falls in OT

The Nandua girls lost a tough 65-63 overtime decision to Lancaster Saturday afternoon at home.

After trailing 52-49 with 2:50 remaining, the Lady Warriors took the lead with a pair of free throws and a 3-pointer by freshman Kyteria Smaw, who had a game-high 25 points, only to see Lancaster force overtime with a basket in the final seconds.

Lancaster’s Zykeia Bullock scored 6 points in overtime to lead the Red Devils to the win.

Nandua’s Robinson added 16 points to Smaw’s stellar effort. Jakoriah Wise scored 6.

Firebirds Win Thriller

The Arcadia girls edged Chincoteague 33-32 in a nailbiter that went down to the last few seconds last Thursday.

The Lady Firebirds got their first win of the season, with Sarah Jones, Jasmin Holden and Damequa Lankford getting 6 points each and Tazmonique and Ja’Quagia Tull scoring 5 each. Nor-maya Harris grabbed 15 rebounds.

“We are a young team with two returning starters, and it was good to get our first win,” said Arcadia coach Claudia Collins.

Chincoteague was led by Chelsea Pitts with 14 points, followed by Taylor Filipic with 11.

The two teams traded baskets from the outset. With under 10 seconds remaining, Chincoteague’s Kristen Fox stole the ball and drove in for a layup, drawing a foul to pull the Lady Ponies within one point. The foul shot to tie the game rimmed out.

Despite the loss, Chincoteague coach Kelly Fox was pleased. “I am so super proud of those girls,” Fox said. “I really couldn’t ask for a better team of girls. They worked extremely hard. Every single one of them gave 100 percent of themselves both physically and heart.”

Wednesday night the Nandua girls stomped Arcadia 62-17 at Oak Hall as Kyteia Smaw scored 14 points and Khadijha Robinson and La’Kendra Riggins added 9 each. The Nandua JV won 38-4.
Six Viking Gridders Make First-Team VISAA

Six players from Broadwater were selected to the first team All Virginia Independent Schools Athletic Association for Division 4.

Robert Fritz was named to both the offensive and defensive squads as an offensive lineman and a linebacker. Fritz was named first team as a defensive back.

Wesley Shrieves also manned two positions as a defensive back and punt returner.

Also on the first team offense are Michael Riopel as a wide receiver, Adam Bowen as running back and Preston Richardson as a tight end.

Brendon Burrows was named first team as a defensive lineman.

The Vikings reached the state semi-final game after a first-quarter injury hurt the Vikings significantly.

Shrieves repeated as an All-State kick returner, this year averaging 32 yards on nine kickoff returns and 24 yards on six punt returns, scoring a touchdown on a kickoff and two on punt returns. A versatile player, Shrieves ran for 470 yards on 33 carries and eight touchdowns, but also had 14 receptions for 502 yards, averaging an astounding 36 yards per catch with six touchdowns receiving. "Wesley could score from anywhere on the field in a variety of ways," said Palmer. "He's a real game-breaker."

Robert Fritz
Fritz was "like a coach on the field," according to Palmer. "He is very intelligent and when a defensive call was made, he knew what every player on the defense should be doing." Fritz was the leading tackler on the team the past two years, this year making 64 tackles, causing four fumbles and making seven sacks. On offense, Fritz has started at left guard for three seasons and was called by Palmer "the team's best offensive lineman."

Wesley Shrieves
Shrieves was named to the second team as a quarterback.

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Ben Holland
Holland was a second-team selection as a quarterback, throwing for 1,239 yards and completing 67 of 112 passes for 15 touchdowns.

His completions averaged 18.5 yards. "Ben had a tremendous feel for the offense. I trusted him, and if I didn't have a play ready, he called one that was right for the situation. He put a lot of time in after practice," said Palmer.

Michael Riopel
Riopel was also a first-team VISAA wide receiver last season. This season he grabbed 28 passes for 537 yards and seven touchdowns, averaging 19 yards a catch. "Michael was a disciplined receiver who ran precise routes. Our quarterback knew Michael would be at a certain spot when he threw the ball." Palmer said Riopel was also a key defensive back whose absence in the state semi-final game after a first-quarter injury hurt the Vikings significantly.

Brendon Burrows
Burrows, at 6'2" and 235 pounds, provided the Vikings a physical player who also possessed great skills. Named to the first team as a defensive lineman, Burrows had 42 tackles, four fumble recoveries and nine sacks. He also blocked a punt and returned it for a touchdown and returned an interception for a touchdown. "Brendon is a versatile, complete player," said Palmer. "Offense, defense, special teams, he did it all." Burrows, named to the second team as a running back, had 61 carries for 537 yards and nine touchdowns. He also caught 11 passes for 141 yards and kicked extra points.

Adam Bowen
Bowen was a repeat selection as a first-team All-State running back. The speedy back had 64 rushes for 780 yards and seven touchdowns, averaging 11.9 yards a carry. "Adam has tremendous vision on the field and the ability to cut back. He also had the ability to square up when he hit the hole," said Palmer, who noted that Bowen missed one game with an injury, and like his teammates, played limited minutes in several games, or his stats would have been even better.

Preston Richardson
Richardson, named as a first-team tight end for the second straight year by VISAA coaches, was used by the Vikings in a variety of ways. Often, he was an H-back, both running the ball and blocking for other backs. Receiving, he had 15 catches for 135 yards and three touchdowns. As a runner, he gained 160 yards and scored six touchdowns. Richardson, one of the top shot putters and discus throwers in the state, also showed his strength on the defensive line. "Preston was very important to our team, and we used him in lots of different situations," said Palmer.

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The Mary N. Smith Alumni Association, Inc. (a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization) requests that qualified contractors submit a bid in accordance with planned renovations necessary to ensure compliance with local codes and ordinances. The Eastern Shore of Virginia Community Foundation is a co-sponsor of this project from the Phase I; which includes the renovation/creation of handicapped accessible restrooms and ramps, renovation of the cafeteria and kitchen, installation of fire-rated doors and partitions, and repair of the boiler. Prospective bidders are encouraged to attend the pre-bid conference and tour the facility on Wednesday, January 15, 2014, at 1:30 PM. For additional information telephone 757-709-3267.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE
3039 Atlantic Avenue, Exmore, Virginia 23350
In execution of that certain deed of trust in the original principal amount of $98,445.00 dated April 21, 2011 and recorded among the land records of Northampton County, Virginia, as Instrument Number 110000711 as amended by an instrument appointing the undersigned as Substituted Trustee, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness thereby secured and having been requested to do so by the holder of the note evidencing the said indebtedness, the undersigned Substituted Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in front of the Northampton County Circuit Court, 16404 Courthouse Road, Eastville, Virginia, on:

January 14, 2014 @ 1:00 PM

The property described in said deed of trust located at the above street address, and more particularly described as:

All those two lots, pieces or parcels of real estate, situate in the Town of Exmore, Northampton County, Virginia, numbered and designated as Lots No. 1 and 2 in Block C on a certain map or plat entitled “Physical Survey of Lot 1 & Lot 2, Block C Mrs. Helen Mapp Broun’s Lot Divisions,” (Plat Book 5, Page 40 Tax Parcels #010A4-((01))-0C-001 & #010A2-((01))-0C-002 Town of Exmore Northampton County, Virginia for Crystal Scanlan,” dated March 29, 2011, and made by Shoreline Surveyors, said plat being attached hereto, recorded herewith, incorporated herein by reference, and to which plat reference should be made for a more complete description of the property herein conveyed. These two lots pieces or parcels of real estate are bounded in the aggregate on the Southwest, by a certain street; on the Southeast, by the property now or formerly owned by Ethel F. Drewery and by property now or formerly of Martin L. Burgess and Mary S. Burgess; on the Northeast, by the property now or formerly owned by Thomas E. Potts and Evelyn B. Potts; and on the Northwest, by lands now or formerly owned by Dennis Jay Belote and Margaret W. Belote, by lands now or formerly owned by Louis W. Belote and Mary V. Belote, and by lands now or formerly owned by Richard S. Gardner.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
Accomack County Circuit Court
23316 Courthouse Avenue Accomac, VA 23301
in re
GINETTE CHEVALIER
v. HAROLD DANIEL COLLINS

The object of this suit is to:

OBTAIN A DIVORCE.

It is ORDERED that HAROLD DANIEL COLLINS appear at the above-named court and protect his interests on or before JANUARY 11, 2014.

TERMS OF SALE: Cash or certified funds. A non-refundable deposit of ten percent (10%) of the successful bid price, payable in cash or by certified or cashier’s check to the undersigned will be required of the successful bidder at time of sale. Terms of sale to be complied with within 14 days from date of sale or deposit will be forfeit and property will be resold at costs of defaulting purchaser. All real estate taxes will be adjusted as of date of sale. Seller shall not be responsible for any costs incurred by the purchaser in connection with their purchase or settlement, including, without limitation, state and local recording fees, title insurance or research, or any other costs of purchaser’s acquisition. The property and the improvements thereon will be sold as is, without representations or warranties of any kind. The sale is subject to all other liens, encumbrances, conditions, easements and restrictions, if any, superior to the aforesaid deed of trust and lawfully affecting the property. Trustee shall have no duty to obtain possession for purchaser. All risks of casualty pass to successful bidder at conclusion of bidding. Sale is subject to post-sale confirmation that the borrower did not file for protection under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code prior to the sale, as well as to post-sale confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower(s) entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, the sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser’s sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the Purchaser’s deposit without interest. Additional terms to be announced at the sale.

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Arthur P. Bender of Cheriton, Virginia has applied to the Marine Resources Commission to license and locate one pound net in the Chesapeake Bay as follows:

The proposed net is to be located approximately 900 feet north-northwest of the Concrete Ships. The length of the net will be approximately 780 feet. The offshore end of the net is to be located at Latitude 37°10.3352'N and Longitude 75°59.6522'W and the inshore end of the net is to be located at Latitude 37°10.3845'N and Longitude 75°59.5036'W.

Please send comments or inquiries within 30 days to: Virginia Marine Resources Commission, Fisheries Management Division, 2600 Washington Avenue, 3rd Floor, Newport News, Virginia 23607.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Lisa Bell of Cheriton, Virginia has applied to the Marine Resources Commission to license and relocate two pound nets in the Chesapeake Bay as follows:

The first proposed net is to be relocated to approximately 4,800 feet northwest of Kiptopeke State Park. The length of the net will be approximately 1,115 feet. The offshore end of the net is to be located at Latitude 37°10.6800'N and Longitude 75°59.9400'W and the inshore end of the net is to be located at Latitude 37°10.7700'N and Longitude 75°59.7400'W.

The current approved pound net (EP0074) location is 2,800 feet southeast of Cherrystone Channel Light 2C. The offshore end of the pound net is located at Latitude 37°11.5840'N and Longitude 76°01.3180'W.

The second proposed net is to be relocated to approximately 3,470 feet northwest of Kiptopeke State Park. The length of the net will be approximately 1,200 feet. The offshore end of the net is to be located at Latitude 37°10.4843'N and Longitude 75°59.8275'W and the inshore end of the net is to be located at Latitude 37°10.5812'N and Longitude 75°59.6121'W.

The current approved pound net (EP0073) location is 3,500 feet north of North Channel Buoy 18. The offshore end of the pound net is located at Latitude 37°11.2340'N and Longitude 76°01.3500'W.

Please send comments or inquiries within 30 days to: Virginia Marine Resources Commission, Fisheries Management Division, 2600 Washington Avenue, 3rd Floor, Newport News, Virginia 23607.
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First Med Appreciates Support from Local Stations 6 & 10

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the former employees of First Med EMS, who found themselves suddenly and unexpectedly unemployed after the company went bankrupt on Dec. 7, we wish to pass along our most sincere thanks and gratitude to the members of Bloxom (Station 6) and Melfa (Station 10) volunteer fire departments, and local communities for collecting and distributing food baskets and gift cards to us on Dec. 15.

Those items will come in very handy in our time of need. Many thanks to all who donated goods and time to help one of their own.

David Adams, Atlantic

Swine & Wine Raises Record Funds for Boys and Girls Club

Dear Editor:

The 2013 Swine and Wine fund-raiser for the Boys and Girls Club, Eastern Shore Unit, was the most successful ever, raising over $20,000 for the local chapter.

Held at Central Green in Painter, this year’s event was attended by a record number 180 people who enjoyed a great meal and the music of Mr. B. and the Boys. In addition, a short program featuring Lucero Diaz, the 2012 Youth of the Year for South Hampton Roads, told the story of the local chapter.

The Eastern Shore Unit of Boys and Girls Club serves more than 200 youth annually. Our members receive a hot meal, academic tutoring, and lessons in life skills each weekday at an after-school program at Oceohannock Elementary School. During the summer, our members attend a full-day program that opens its doors at 6:30 a.m. and closes at 5 p.m.

Our mission focus is to enable all club members to achieve academic success, good character and citizenship, and healthy lifestyles. The club boasts some amazing success stories of members being the first in their family to attend college, or even to graduate from high school. Members of the Eastern Shore Unit have won four of the past seven Youth of the Year awards for all Boys and Girls Clubs of Southeast Virginia (a total of 11 clubs in 7 different cities).

The Board of Directors of the Eastern Shore Unit wants to thank the many sponsors, auction donors, and local businesses who made Swine and Wine possible. There were far too many to name here, but be assured your contributions are making a difference in the lives of those children who need us most.

Shannon Gordon, Board Member and Secretary Eastern Shore Unit BGCSEVA

Witness of Cat Abandonment Has Seen to Its Welfare

Dear Editor:

The cat thrown from the pick-up truck is doing well. As the pick-up truck sped away that day, the beautiful kitty ran into the woods behind a private home nearby. It soon showed up near our parked car and we were happy to see it and, of course, fed it!

The cat hopped into our car trunk a few days later and a friend of ours, who lives in the area, picked the cat up and took it to where she works, which just happened to be a veterinarian’s office!! The cat is a neutered male with a wonderful, friendly “personality” and is in a warm, comfortable Animal Clinic awaiting its new home, as of this writing.

No one should assume the witnesses did nothing!

M. Hillman, The witness

Exmore Commends Post’s Coverage of Its Growth

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the Greater Exmore Business and Community Association (GEBCA), we would like to extend a hearty thanks to Ron West and the Eastern Shore Post for the expert and accurate coverage you provide on the issues that are important to all of us who live on the Shore. In particular, hats off to Ron for his recent coverage on the steady and exciting resurgence of Exmore’s business and administrative climate.

Mr. West has been diligent in his reporting on Exmore. Whether there is just a handful of people at town meetings or a packed house, Ron is there, offering unbiased and comprehensive reporting on the important issues that come before the town.

As reported by Ron in the Dec. 6, 2013, Eastern Shore Post (‘Exmore Coffers in Good Shape’), Exmore is enjoying a comeback that we could not even imagine several years ago. Under the navigation of a new mayor (Doug Greer), a new town manager (Shoreborn and bred Robert Duer), bright new faces on Town Council, as well as a dedicated and com-
mittcd town staff, Exmore’s economic and business future is looking better than it has for decades.

Making the hard and tough decisions has resulted in a municipal bank account nearing $800,000. Plus, we have an exemplary police department, a hard-working public utility crew, and a new helmsman over the sewer and water infrastructure (Taylor Dukes). Combining this with affordable rents and attractive available storefronts in the downtown business district, Exmore is enjoying a perfect storm, causing many entrepreneurs to take a second look at this town, which lies at the very center of Virginia’s Eastern Shore.

The town is absolutely abuzz with new energy and we are hearing from even the casual visitor that the town has a whole new feel, vibrant and inviting. So if you are considering throwing your hat into the entrepreneurial ring, we encourage you to visit this wonderful little town … it just might change your life like it did ours when we invested in this town years ago.

Ken Dufty and Elvin Hess, on behalf of GEBCA

Local Response to Jimmy Rowley’s Death Impresses His Family

Dear Editor:

My grandfather told me, “Firefighters and EMS look out for one another.” When I experienced that love firsthand upon the death of my relative, Jimmy Rowley, it made me not only more proud of Jimmy, but also deeply aware of the love and respect people have for each other on the Shore.

I have attempted to find the words of appreciation for everyone involved, but words simply are not ample. The family deeply gives thanks to everyone involved in laying him to rest.

Brian Crockett, Richmond, Va.
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