Arson Ruled Homicide

By Linda Cicoira

Police are looking for help in solving an Exmore area arson homicide that occurred in late January.

State Police Sgt. Michelle Anaya said the remains of Shirley Onley, 70, were found at her Occohannock Neck Road home, the scene of a trailer fire.

Based on autopsy results, the death is being handled as a homicide, with the blaze having suspicious origin. Details about the cause of death or how the fire was started were not disclosed.

Anyone with information about the incidents is asked to call State Police at (757) 424-6800, #77 on a cell phone or email questionsvsp.virginia.gov

The State Police Bureau of Criminal Investigaiton’s Chesapeake Field Office.

Chief Greg DeYoung of Exmore Community Fire Company said six companies responded to the fire about a quarter mile east of Concord Wharf Road at 3:40 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 27,

“We had credible report from a neighbor that an elderly female was in the trailer and her vehicle was parked outside, the chief said.

Murder Suspects Sought

By Linda Cicoira

Arrest warrants charging first-degree murder were issued for two men Sunday in connection with the shooting death of a Hornstown man last week, according to Accomack Sheriff Todd Godwin.

Tavone Tyrell Cropper, 24, of Pocomoke City, Md., and Jahad Arell Triggs, 20, of New Church are being sought for allegedly using a firearm in the death of Robert Franklin Bayrops IV, 22, of Hornstown on Feb. 4.

Anyone with information on this incident or the whereabouts of either Cropper or Triggs is asked to call the Accomack Sheriff’s Office at 787-1131 or 824-5666. Tips also may be submitted through Godwin’s website, www.accomackcountysheriffsoffice.org

Godwin said when deputies arrived at the scene outside a residence on Raymond Townsend Lane in Hornstown last Thursday, they found Baytops suffering from a gunshot wound. He was taken to Peninsula Regional Medical Center in Salisbury, Md., where he later died.

The medical examiner’s office in Maryland would not release the cause of the deaths because other agencies are investigating.

The British Were Coming!

This week, six commissioners from Queen Anne’s County, Md., recreated the march that took place 240 years ago from Centreville, Md., to Eastville to warn militias of the imminent arrival of British troops. Participating in the re-enactment were (from left) Mary Margret Revell Godwin, Mike Bilek, Mike Kessler Jr., Chris Whitesell, and Jack Wilson, shown here at the Northampton Courthouse in Eastville with a Color Guard from Coast Guard Station Cape Charles.
Northampton Citizens Dispute Dueling Versions of Zoning Ordinance

By Ron West

In response to a recent decision by Northampton supervisors to rescind the 2015 Zoning Ordinance, a coalition of citizens, referring to themselves as the Silent Majority, helped fill the room at Tuesday’s supervisors’ session.

Nearly 100 citizens filled the seats, lined the walls and spilled out into the hallways. In contrast to past meetings where those opposed to the 2015 ordinance wore red or carried red protest signs, those who support retaining it dressed in yellow.

Individuals who oppose the efforts of some of the supervisors to overthrow the one-month-old ordinance addressed the board. Intermingled were others who wish to revert to the older zoning ordinance.

Rather than just urging the board to toss one version of the ordinance for the other, some recommended that the 2015 ordinance be kept but modified.

Those in favor of the 2015 ordinance spoke of how it is much easier to understand at fewer than 200 pages compared to the three versions of the older ordinances that reference each other and total more than 700 pages.

Speaking in favor of the new ordinance, Bill Payne spoke of how it is more streamlined, does not require individuals to refer to three different ordinances and is easier to understand.

Bob Colson said the previous ordinance had cost his company more money to comply with the additional rules. He added that being fearful of great masses moving into the county is groundless as the population has been on a decline for decades. Colson, who runs one of the largest green bean operations in the country, stated that he was asked about why he spreads the waste from the bean-packing process on farmland rather than feeding it to cattle with it. Colson noted that according to the zoning regulations, feeding cattle with it would be a large-scale animal feeding operation, not allowed by the ordinance.

Lee Kellam put it more bluntly, by asking why the 2015 ordinance, which has only been in place for a month, is being replaced. He stated that it would be a waste of the money the county had spent on its development over the past two years.

Johnny Crumb of Oyster noted that though some in the county claim that the supervisor elections in November meant that most people wanted to keep the older ordinances, the fact was that only 43 percent of registered voters cast ballots, and not all of those voted in the supervisor race. He said the majority of residents had not given the board a mandate urged the board to represent everyone, not just a few special-interest groups.

Dr. Federico Molera noted that the previous Board of Supervisors had taken two years to develop the 2015 ordinance and had received a large amount of citizen input. He too questioned why it was being tossed after only one month. Dr. Molera stated that people were not moving to the county as there are few jobs. He added that rising property taxes are an issue for those who live in the county.

A letter from former Board Chairman Willie Randell supported the 2015 ordinance. He noted that in 1930, the county had 18,000 citizens, while today it has barely 12,000. He urged the board to give the 2015 ordinance a try, concluding that repealing it after one month would be irresponsible.

Machipongo resident Pat Coady urged the board to sit down with the citizens and have a serious discussion on the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance. He noted that adding 23 pages of amendments to the 2009 ordinance as proposed by the board would only compound the problem of the three previous ordinances. Coady suggested that the board complete the rewrite of the Comprehensive Plan and then come up with one clean Zoning Ordinance.

Several of those speaking in opposition to the 2015 (Continued on Page 14)
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EMS Services To Be Added to Southern Accomack County

By Linda Cicoira

Accomack supervisors looked over the $58 million draft fiscal 2016-17 budget presented by staff and absent of any property tax or user fee increases.

But that could all change. A majority of the board voiced support for funding long overdue ambulance services for the southern end of the county that are estimated to cost nearly $562,000 or a 3-cent per $100 valuation tax hike on real estate.

The money would go for nine emergency medical technicians (EMTs) needed to staff a 24-hour ambulance service at the Painter firehouse. Officials said Painter volunteer firefighters are already preparing the facility with bunks and plumbing in anticipation of the use. Wachapreague Volunteer Fire Company will provide the ambulance.

Public Safety Director C. Ray Pruitt said it would take six workers to operate the unit, but another three would be needed to fill in for vacations and illnesses. Those employees could be moved to other areas of the county where needed. Areas farthest to the south would still be in Exmore’s jurisdiction.

Supervisors Donald Hart and Reneta Major “have talked about it for a long time,” said Pruitt. “It’s the right thing to do for the people. … It would dramatically cut response time.” And he said it would help with changes in coverage when the new hospital opens in Onley.

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language ... I'm looking to pay teachers for the first time. ... Good luck trying to find a volunteer to teach class on Saturday mornings."

Eastern Shore Public Library asked for $30,000 above the current budget to pay more workers at the Chincoteague facility and to transport books among the libraries for three days a week instead of two.

The staff recommendations for the budget include $806,000 for the county's Rainy Day Fund. The operating budget reflects a 0.6 percent increase over the current year. The plan funds $422,000 in new operational initiatives, including $176,000 in additional local money for schools in accordance with a revenue sharing formula used in the past.

About $131,000 is in the draft for salary increases for county and most state-supported local employees. The plan provides more than $4.5 million to address capital needs. Of that, $3.2 million would be used to continue construction of a new cell to accept waste and for replacement of heavy equipment for the county's northern landfill.

Other significant one-time expenditures in the draft are $222,000 for Eastern Shore Community College to be used to support site development for a replacement academic and administration building. President Linda Glover said she expects ground to be broken in the fall after the General Assembly approves $18 million for the project. She unveiled pictures of the new two-story structure that will be erected behind the existing facility that will be torn down later.

The budget also includes $425,000 to expand the county's existing sewer line to the Chesapeake Square area of Onley, $180,000 for IT infrastructure replacement and $121,000 for maintenance of existing county facilities. Elections and the new voting system will cost the county an additional $21,500.
Why I’m part of cancer care services in this community

“I was born on the Eastern Shore and have lived here at different times over the years. Now, I’m back to be part of the care team at the Riverside Shore Cancer Center. That means I can focus what I’ve learned through training, education and experience on helping the people of this community stay close to family and friends while they receive excellent treatment for cancer on both the clinical and personal level.

I’ve always loved the history of this area. But as I return home to practice medical oncology, I’m even more excited about the future.”

-Laura D. Kerbin, M.D.
Fellowship-Trained Medical Oncologist
Upcoming blood donation opportunities will be offered at:

- Onancock - Thursday, Feb. 18, from 2 to 7 p.m., at Naomi Makemie Presbyterian Church at Market and Lee streets;
- Nassawadox - Friday, Feb. 19, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital;
- Onley - Friday, Feb. 26, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Nandua High School.

Eastville Home-makers Club is celebrating its 60-year anniversary.

The Eastville club started in 1955 at the home of Ruth Sumners. Members were tutored by Extension agents in sewing, quilting, upholstery, furniture making and repair, decorating, canning, baking, gardening and a multitude of other homemaking skills.

While no longer under the Extension Agency, Eastville Club members continue to meet monthly and support the local community with handmade and financial gifts.

Onancock Business and Civic Association (OBCA) recently contributed 40 American flags, brackets and poles to grace Onancock’s Market and North streets. The flags, which will be flown for holidays and special occasions, were first flown on Sept 3, 2015, for the Labor Day weekend.

Onancock Mayor Russell Jones announced the gift and voiced his appreciation. “The Onancock Business and Civic Association gift of flags to the Town of Onancock is a colorful and patriotic addition to our picturesque town landscape. OBCA serves an important role in promoting our town. This donation is just one of their many contributions. Their very successful annual Christmas Homes Tour … proceeds … benefit a worthy cause here in our community.”

The purpose and objective of Onancock Business and Civic Association is to increase the success of the Onancock community to enhance the quality of life for the citizenry of Onancock.

Chincoteague Chamber of Commerce invites all chamber members to the Annual General Membership Meeting Feb. 25 at the Chincoteague Center beginning at 10 a.m.

Event sponsors are Virginia Tourism Corporation (VTC) and their marketing partner Highway Information Media, LLC. Election of new board members will take place prior to remarks from Staci Martin, development specialist with VTC.

Martin will be working in the Coastal Virginia/Eastern Shore region with businesses, tourism organizations and local governmentsto promote and develop tourism-related businesses and educational opportunities.

Those who plan to attend the meeting need to call the chamber at 336-6161 or email joanne@chincoteaguechamber.com to RSVP by Feb. 18.

On Saturday Feb. 20, the Eastern Shore of Virginia Habitat for Humanity will hold its 20th Annual February Freeze at noon at the Cape Charles waterfront in front of the gazebo.

This year’s Celebrity Dipper is Johnny Mo from Mallard’s Restaurant, who will take the freezing plunge into the Chesapeake Bay in support of eliminating substandard housing in our communities.

At least 10 teams from churches, schools and individuals will take the dip and will be looking for sponsors. Registration will be at 11 a.m. at Trinity U.M. Church in Cape Charles.

There will be lunch at the church following the noon dip. Lunch is available to all non-dippers for $5 each.

Teams will compete for the winning trophy and recognition on the Golden Hammer award, as well as youth prizes for highest sponsor dollars.
**Acomack Circuit Court**

Kevin Leigh Taylor, 45, of Gertrude Street in Parksley, who was initially charged with felony attempted malicious maiming of Donald Taylor, his uncle, on Oct. 11, 2014, pleaded guilty in Acomack Circuit Court last week in a plea agreement with Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney Matthew Brenner to misdemeanor assault and battery.

Taylor was sentenced to 12 months in jail, with all but 30 days suspended, which may be served on weekends. He was put on good behavior and unsupervised probation for three years.

In another case, Dezion Abbott, also known as Dezion Teon Chapell-Abbot, 24, of White's Neck Road in Parksley pleaded guilty to grand larceny from Walmart in Onley on Dec. 7, 2015.

**Northampton Circuit Court**

An April 2015 brawl at the Sage Restaurant in Exmore that ended in gunfire started because a man who was suspected by the crowd of committing murder came into the nightspot, according to evidence presented in Northampton Circuit Court Monday.

Three Exmore men pleaded guilty in Northampton Circuit Court to unlawful wounding and two charges of assault and battery while in a mob in connection with the brawl. Keyon Leroy Cherry, 27, Domenick Raphael Powell, 26, and the murder victim’s brother, Antwine Lavonias Mason, 28, were initially charged with abduction, malicious wounding, two counts of malicious wounding while in a mob, two counts of assault and battery and two counts of assault while in a mob. The lesser charges came in a plea bargain with Commonwealth’s Attorney Bruce Jones.

In a separate trial, James Henry Tankard, 32, also of Exmore, pleaded not guilty and was acquitted of abduction, but was found guilty of the same charges as the others.

Presentence reports were ordered for all four. The maximum punishment they could receive is seven years in prison and a $7,500 fine.

The victim of the wounding is Aaron Bowens, 20, of A.S. West Road in Painter. The assault charges involved two security workers at the restaurant who tried to break up the fight and had tables and chairs thrown at them.

Jones said Bowens, who was shot in the leg outside the restaurant, refused to testify against the others on the grounds he might incriminate himself. The prosecutor said Bowens is widely suspected to have killed Terrell(“Juice”) Devone Mason, who was gunned down a year ago through the window of a shed where he and others had gathered to play cards. Bowens has not been charged with that crime.

In another case, Kadeem A. Carpenter, 19, was sentenced to a total of 23 months in jail and ordered to make restitution of nearly $1,200 for throwing bricks at a vehicle as it was leaving Eastville after Carpenter’s brother was convicted of beating an Exmore resident with a baseball bat. The judge’s decision caused a fight to break out in the courtroom prior to Carpenter causing the car damage.

Carpenter apologized. “I’m not the same person I was that day. … I’d like to get a chance to show people that change.”

**Acomack District Court**

According to charges filed this week in Acomack General District Court, Monea Bunting, 21, of Hartman Avenue in Onancock is being held without bond on three charges of assault and battery of a police officer on Feb. 7. Deputy Meghann Patterson of Acomack County Sheriff’s Office (ACSO) investigated.

Roshun Kintae Austin and Stephania Rollins, both 35, of Eilhu Wallow Lane in Horntown were accused of conspiring to defraud Island Foods of property on Dec. 1, 2015. Chincoteague Police Sgt. T.B. Hickman investigated. Austin is being held without bond. Secured bail was set at $1,000 for Rollins.

Raphael Lamont Bailey, 23, of Linhaven Circle in Painter was charged with buying or receiving stolen property and possession of a firearm by a violent felon on Feb. 3. Investigator C.A. McPherson of ACSO investigated. Bailey is being held without bond.

Frederick Sharon Jr., 31, of Turkey Run Road in Mears was charged with assault and battery of Deputy J. Sharp and Deputy S. Burdge of ACSO and Parksley Police Officer W. Glenn, occurring Feb. 7. Secured bond was set at $3,000. He also was charged with disorderly conduct.

**Northampton District Court**

A high-speed chase ended last week with a felony charge, according to records filed in Northampton General District Court.

Terence Terrell Trader, 46, of Front Street in Accomac was charged with eluding police on Feb. 6. Secured bond was set at $1,000.

Exmore Police Officer Marc Anthony Marshall wrote in the court file that Trader was stopped and given a summons for reckless driving for going 75 miles per hour in a 45-mile-per-hour zone along Lankford Highway in Exmore. Marshall wrote, “He left the location of the stop squealing his tires and proceeded northbound ... at a high rate of speed. I pursued him in speeds that exceeded 100 miles per hours with lights and siren. He refused to stop.”

Eventually, Trader turned and pulled into a driveway and exited the vehicle. “He would not obey my commands to remain in the vehicle. He walked up to the front door of the house, exclaiming this was his daughter’s house and he was leaving his truck there. … He presented a strong smell of alcoholic beverages on his person, glassy and watery eyes, bloodshot eyes and slurred speech. Because of his uncooperativeness, he was immediately arrested for felony eluding and taken to jail.” He also was charged with DUI after a breathalyzer test showed he had .09 gram of alcohol per 210 liters of breath. The legal limit is .08 gram.

Secured bond was set at $1,000.

Alex J. Beckley, 30, of Gateway Drive in Portsmouth, Va., was charged with possession of a firearm by a felon on Feb. 6. He is being held without bond. Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel Police Officer Matthew Boggs investigated.

**Queen Anne County, Md.**

Nearly a year after a traffic crash in Maryland killed five members of a Greenbush/Onancock area family, 11 traffic charges were filed against a Philadelphia truck driver accused of causing the wreck.

Twenty-nine-year-old Yvenet Mayette was issued the summonses on Feb. 2. The collision occurred Jan. 10, 2015, in Wye Mills, Md.

Mayette could prepay a total of $5,790 in fines or have his day in court, according to Rob Penny, an investigator with the Queen Anne County Maryland State’s Attorney’s Office. Penny said the charges are misdemeanors since there was no gross negligence or malice found in the case.

“The individual tried to catch the red light (go through when it’s amber) and obviously timed it completely wrong,” Penny said. “The vehicle of that weight (60,000 to 80,000 pounds for the trailer) could not stop in time. He (Mayette) was in control, was awake, was not using the phone or alcohol or drugs. He ... gauged it wrong. ... You’re not stopping that (tractor-trailer) on a dime.”

Mayette is charged with failure to stop at a red light, failure to control speed to avoid a collision, negligent driving, and reckless driving, and driving a commercial vehicle in condition likely to cause a crash, with inoperative brakes, with inadequate brake linings, after being on duty for 70 hours in eight consecutive days, as well as preparing a falsified record of duty status, driving after 14 hours of having come on duty without 10 hours off duty and driving after having driven 11 hours without 10 hours off duty. All of the charges were said to have contributed to “a fatal crash.”

According to police, crash team workers conducted an extensive investigation to determine the causes and contributing factors of the collision. The tractor-trailer was southbound on Route 213 and the passenger vehicle was westbound on Route 50.

Mayette’s vehicle collided with a Suzuki Forenza driven by Zarissa C. Ayres, 30, of Greenbush, who was pregnant. Ayres and her child died a short time later at a University of Maryland medical center. Also killed were Regina M. Ayres, 24 (sister of Zarissa Ayres); Jordan Ayres, 7 (Regina’s daughter); Travis M. Stratton, 25, (Regina Ayres’ boyfriend); and Jonathan Ayres, 2 months (son of Regina Ayres and Stratton). The family was on its way to a baby shower in Baltimore.

Mayette also was injured and taken to the University of Maryland medical center.

The truck, registered to Nationwide Solutions, LLC, of Illinois, was loaded with 44,000 pounds of polyfiber. Mayette had picked up in Charlotte, N.C. Court records indicate he has since been issued summonses for driving with a suspended out-of-state license. It is unclear when that license was revoked.
Onley Officials Debate Why Man Not Allowed To Carry Gun Was Hired by Police

By Linda Cicoira

Onley residents voiced dismay Monday night about a police officer suspended recently from the town force after it was learned he was under a court order that prohibited him from carrying a gun.

“I would like it addressed this evening, how this slipped by,” said Laura Thomas of Coastal Boulevard. “He was allowed to ride for almost a year with a firearm.”

Thomas was referring to Joel Richards Addison, 34, of Beckett Lane in Painter, who was arrested Feb. 3 and charged with the misdemeanor of carrying a firearm while a Preliminary Protective Order (PPO) was in effect between Jan. 30, 2014, and Jan. 29, 2016.

“How come Exmore could pick it up on their check?” asked Wanda Marks of Lakewood Drive. She said a police officer told her Addison was not hired in that Northampton town. “I think we need to investigate whether the report was ever done,” Marks said.

Thomas noted that earlier in the week, she went to the town office to inquire about Addison and “less than 30 minutes later … (Onley Police) Chief (John) Spivey was knocking on my door.” She said he left his phone number with her son. “I took this as a bullying tactic.”

“This is not going to be muddled up,” said Spivey. “I ran the background check. I did not see it (a PPO) in the record that was provided to me.” He said the criminal check was made through Accomack Sheriff’s Office and he doesn’t keep background checks on file but has since asked a sheriff’s dispatcher to remind him when the inquiry was made. He was told that it was Dec. 14, 2014.

Spivey said he personally contacted the handful of residents who inquired about Addison to put them at ease, but none of them got back to him.

Spivey said, “We also submitted his fingerprints to the FBI.” He said in any situation “you will find cracks. We obviously don’t want this to happen in the future. We received numerous calls. I reached out. People did not want to speak to me. My job is to give you the information I am allowed to.”

Accomack Sheriff Todd Godwin later said his office runs criminal histories for town police departments because it has access to the Virginia Criminal Information Center. “It’s not our dispatchers’ job to interpret them,” Godwin said, adding that when hiring new employees, “We do a 20-step process, including if they paid their taxes and transcripts from high school and college.” He also does a state driver’s license search. “We do keep the transcripts in their personnel file.”

When it comes to town background checks, the sheriff said, “If our dispatchers run it, they’ll give them a hard copy and they’ll sign for it.”

Exmore Police Chief Angelo DiMartino has confirmed Addison that applied for a job with him in May 2014. He would not discuss the background check made by his department. DiMartino said another applicant was more qualified and was hired instead of Addison.

“We do background checks on everyone who is certified,” DiMartino said.

Spivey added that his office didn’t get far enough in the process with Addison to find a PPO. DiMartino said PPOs are in the DMV record to alert officers making traffic stops of potential issues.

And that’s just what happened.

Trooper D.P. Tudor wrote in documents filed in Accomack General District Court that she was dispatched to a traffic crash at about 7 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, when Addison had struck a deer in his patrol vehicle on Lankford Highway in Melfa.

He was “wearing his issued firearm,” Tudor wrote. “Upon running Officer Addison’s license, it was discovered that there was an active protective order issued by Chesterfield Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court … in which Addison was the respondent.”

Tudor wrote, “One of the requirements of this order is that the respondent not purchase or transport any firearm while this order is in effect.”

“Obviously we had someone who misrepresented himself,” said Councilman Don Strautz. “The milk is spilled. It’s time to clean it up … and make sure it doesn’t happen again. It’s time to start pointing fingers. … We just need to get to the bottom of it … It’s bad that we have to get to this to get people to come out to the Town Council meeting.”

Councilman Matt Hart said, “It’s upsetting to hear about this happening. I trust that Chief Spivey is telling the truth.”

Councilwoman Susan Rillo said she supports the chief, mayor and council. “I know that all of your questions will be answered,” she told the gathering. Councilwoman Dawn Dize said she wants to “see someone independently do background checks” and to possibly get the town attorney involved.

“We’re all very concerned that we have these issues,” Dize continued. She was confident that Chief “Spivey will do the right thing. It’s unfortunate that people are not honest when they apply for jobs. We’re all trying to do our very best to do the right thing.”

Councilman Ned Finney said he deals with Spivey on a daily basis. “He’s the most by-the-book person I’ve ever been in contact with. I can bet anything he did a background check and he did it right. I apologize for what happened … I don’t know what happened.”

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Thomas noted that earlier in the week, she went to the town office to inquire about Addison and “less than 30 minutes later … (Onley Police) Chief (John) Spivey was knocking on my door.” She said he left his phone number with her son. “I took this as a bullying tactic.”

“This is not going to be muddled up,” said Spivey. “I ran the background check. I did not see it (a PPO) in the record that was provided to me.” He said the criminal check was made through Accomack Sheriff’s Office and he doesn’t keep background checks on file but has since asked a sheriff’s dispatcher to remind him when the inquiry was made. He was told that it was Dec. 14, 2014.

Spivey said he personally contacted the handful of residents who inquired about Addison to put them at ease, but none of them got back to him.

Spivey said, “We also submitted his fingerprints to the FBI.” He said in any situation “you will find cracks. We obviously don’t want this to happen in the future. We received numerous calls. I reached out. People did not want to speak to me. My job is to give you the information I am allowed to.”

Accomack Sheriff Todd Godwin later said his office runs criminal histories for town police departments because it has access to the Virginia Criminal Information Center. “It’s not our dispatchers’ job to interpret them,” Godwin said, adding that when hiring new employees, “We do a 20-step process, including if they paid their taxes and transcripts from high school and college.” He also does a state driver’s license search. “We do keep the transcripts in their personnel file.”

When it comes to town background checks, the sheriff said, “If our dispatchers run it, they’ll give them a hard copy and they’ll sign for it.”

Exmore Police Chief Angelo DiMartino has confirmed Addison that applied for a job with him in May 2014. He would not discuss the background check made by his department. DiMartino said another applicant was more qualified and was hired instead of Addison. “We do background checks on everyone who is certified,” DiMartino said.

He added that his office didn’t get far enough in the process with Addison to find a PPO. DiMartino said PPOs are in the DMV record to alert officers making traffic stops of potential issues.

And that’s just what happened.

Trooper D.P. Tudor wrote in documents filed in Accomack General District Court that she was dispatched to a traffic crash at about 7 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, when Addison had struck a deer in his patrol vehicle on Lankford Highway in Melfa.

He was “wearing his issued firearm,” Tudor wrote. “Upon running Officer Addison’s license, it was discovered that there was an active protective order issued by Chesterfield Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court … in which Addison was the respondent.”

Tudor wrote, “One of the requirements of this order is that the respondent not purchase or transport any firearm while this order is in effect.”

“Obviously we had someone who misrepresented himself,” said Councilman Don Strautz. “The milk is spilled. It’s time to clean it up … and make sure it doesn’t happen again. It’s time to start pointing fingers. … We just need to get to the bottom of it … It’s bad that we have to get to this to get people to come out to the Town Council meeting.”

Councilman Matt Hart said, “It’s upsetting to hear about this happening. I trust that Chief Spivey is telling the truth.”

Councilwoman Susan Rillo said she supports the chief, mayor and council. “I know that all of your questions will be answered,” she told the gathering. Councilwoman Dawn Dize said she wants to “see someone independently do background checks” and to possibly get the town attorney involved.

“We’re all very concerned that we have these issues,” Dize continued. She was confident that Chief “Spivey will do the right thing. It’s unfortunate that people are not honest when they apply for jobs. We’re all trying to do our very best to do the right thing.”

Councilman Ned Finney said he deals with Spivey on a daily basis. “He’s the most by-the-book person I’ve ever been in contact with. I can bet anything he did a background check and he did it right. I apologize for what happened … I don’t know what happened.”
Machipongo Native Dies in Virginia Beach

Mr. William Allen Carpenter, 64, of Norfolk, Va., died Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2016, at Kindred Nursing and Rehab-River Pointe in Virginia Beach, Va.

A native of Machipongo, he was the son of the late Robert L. Carpenter and Barbara Webb DeBow. He was raised by his grandparents, Pete and Mary Carpenter. Mr. Carpenter was a U.S. Army veteran, having served in the 82nd Airborne, and an HVAC burner service technician for Miller Oil Company. He was a deacon at Virginia Heights Baptist Church in Norfolk and former member of Cheriton Volunteer Fire Company.

Mr. Carpenter is survived by his loving children, Chelsea Brooke Carpenter and Caleb Nottingham Carpenter, both of Chesapeake, Va.; children’s mother, Shelly L. Carpenter; special cousins, Robbie Kellam and Martha Paige Davis; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a daughter, Michelle Elizabeth Carpenter; a brother, Bobby Carpenter and a sister, Elizabeth Carol DeRoberts.

A celebration of life service was conducted Saturday, Feb. 6, at Lower Northampton Baptist Church by Rev. Jeff Conrow.

Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer’s Association, 6350 Center Dr., Suite 102, Norfolk, VA 23502; or SPCA Animal Shelter, P.O. Box 164, Onley, VA 23418. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.doughtyfuneralhome.com

Exmore Resident Passes Away

Mr. Robert Charles Van Nest III, 90, of Exmore, husband of the late Mary Ellen Smith Van Nest, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 3, 2016, at his residence.

A native of Newark, N.J., he was the son of the late Robert C. Van Nest II and Frances Giaiamo Van Nest. He was a retired tool and die maker for a U.S. Army World War II veteran, and past exalter ruler and state vice president of the New York Association of Elks.

Mr. Van Nest is survived by his sons, Robert C. Van Nest IV (and wife, Joyce) of Milford, Pa., Frank J. Van Nest of Davenport, Fla., and Richard F. Van Nest of Exmore; grandchildren, Tina Lynn Chance of Lotz, Fla., and Ashley Kleckley of Ridgeland, S.C.; great-grandchildren, Nathaniel, Sabrina, Hudson, and Emily Elizabeth; nieces, Carrie Simpson and great-nephew, Anthony Simpson, both of Monticello, N.Y.; and numerous other nieces and nephews.

A graveside service with military honors was held Sunday, Feb. 7, at Belle Haven Cemetery, with Rev. James W. Moore officiating. Memorial donations may be made to a charity of one’s choice. Online condolences may be offered at www.doughtyfuneralhome.com

Townsend Native Dies at Walter Reed

Lt. Cmdr. (retired) Boyce Elliott was called home Wednesday Feb. 3, 2016, at Walter Reed Hospital in Bethesda, Md., surrounded by family and close friends.

Born in Townsend, he was the son of the late Frances Percy Elliott and Susie Mae Belote Elliott, living around the world with the Navy and then settled in Temple Hills, Md., for more than 30 years.

Enlisting as a seaman recruit in the U.S. Navy, he served more than 20 years, reaching the rank of lieutenant commander; his highest military decorations were the Meritorious Service Medal and the Presidential Unit Citation. He continued service to his country for another 25 years in the private sector, supporting the U.S. Navy (Naval Air Systems Command). During that time, Mr. Elliott enjoyed many hobbies, including the complete rebuilding of his 1948 Willys Jeep, which was a lifelong goal. He was also an accomplished woodworker — personally designing and building many additions to his home of more than 30 years — self-taught horticulturist, World War II history enthusiast, tinkerer, and, lately a lover of feral cats found outside his home. He enjoyed attending air shows and Nationals baseball games and traveling with his wife.

Mr. Elliott is survived by his wife, Ann; daughter, Sabrina Hart; sisters and brothers, Janet Barrette of Commerce City, Colo., Shirley Rose (husband, Al) of Mineral, Va., Percy Elliott (and wife, Marcie) of Delmar, Md., and John Elliott (and wife, Arlene) of Palm Harbor, Fla.; and more than a dozen grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife, Carolyn Lollis; son, Boyce Elliott Jr.; sisters, Maxine Kellam, Henrietta Elliott Rodgers and Edna Edar; and brother, Thomas Elliott.

Funeral services with Military Honors were conducted Saturday, Feb. 6, at the family’s church, Lower Northampton Baptist in Cape Charles, with Rev. Jeff Conrow officiating.

Memorial donations can be made in his memory to either of his favorite charities: Feed The Children (www.feedthechildren.org) or Sister Michae-la World Villages for Children (www.worldvillages.org). Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.doughtyfuneralhome.com

Willis Wharf Woman Dies at Her Home

Mrs. Bernice Cutler Simpson, 93, of Willis Wharf, wife of the late James Victor Simpson, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 3, 2016, at her residence.

A native of Belle Haven, she was the daughter of the late Leonard Ce-

NASA Retiree Dies at His Chincoteague Home

Mr. Elton Richard Scott, 80, of Chincoteague Island died Friday, Feb. 5, 2016, at his residence.

The son of the late Edward and Estelle Marshall Scott of Messongo, he graduated from Atlantic High School and Goldey Beacon Business College. Mr. Scott worked as an administrator for NASA for 37 years, retiring in 1993. He was a member of the Sons of the American Legion.

Mr. Scott is survived by his loving spouse of 58 years, Betty Scott; daughters, Denise Conklin (and husband, Richard Jr.) of Assawoman, Dinna Scott (and significant other, Kevin Carter, and his son, Kevin) of Chincoteague Island; granddaughters, Jessica Tyler (and husband, Charles), and Rebecca Toth (and husband, Derek); great-granddaughters, Kaley and Ava Toth; sister-in-law, Reida Butler of Virgin-i Beach, Va.; nephews, Gregg Butler (Joanne) and Gary Donaway (Rhonda); nieces Linda Porro (Guy); and cousin Richard Marshall. He was preceded in death by his sister, Anna S. Donaway.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Feb. 9, at Union Baptist Church on Chincoteague Island, with the Rev. Maurice Enright officiating. Burial was in Daisey Cemetery, Chincoteague Island.

Memorial donations may be made to Chincoteague Ambulance Fund, P.O. Box 330, Chincoteague, VA 23336; or Intrepid Hospice Care, P.O. Box 770, Onley, VA 23418. Online condolences can be given at www.salyerfh.com

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A native of Quinby, he was the son of the late Archie Sidney Doughty Sr. and Blanche Wallace Doughty. Mr. Doughty served in the U.S. Navy, a World War II wounded veteran and Purple Heart recipient. He was a retired charter-boat captain, lifetime member and past commander of VFW Post 4856, past chairman of the Quinby Harbor Committee, 32nd Degree Mason, and member of Central Masonic Lodge 300 AF&AM, American Legion, DAV and Smith Chapel United Methodist Church. Mr. Doughty earned the friendship, admiration and respect of many Eastern Shore folks throughout his life by his selfless acts of kindness and assistance to others. He was appreciated and respected by hundreds of customers, up and down the East Coast, who enjoyed a day or two each year fishing with him on his charter boat, the J-MAR.

In addition to his loving wife of 68 years, survivors include his daughter, Claire Doughty Turner.

Funeral services with Military Honors will be conducted Saturday, Feb. 13, at 3 p.m. at Doughty Funeral Home in Exmore, with Pastors Steve and Donna Doan officiating. Interment will follow in Quinby Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to VFW, P.O. Box 99, Tasley, VA 23441. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.doughtyfuneralhome.com

Exmore Foods Retiree Dies at RSMH

Mr. Larry Burton Crockett, 74, of Onancock, formerly of Harborton, passed away Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2016, at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital in Nassawadox.

A native of Harborton, he was the son of the late Norwood and Nola Parks Crockett. He retired from Exmore Foods and was a member of Calvary Bible Church.

Mr. Crockett is survived by his sons, Larry B. Crockett Jr. (and wife, Nicolas) of Melfa and Jackie Lee Crockett Moore (and wife, Sally) of Colorado Springs, Colo.; granddaughters, Bonnie, Makayla, Breonna, Kristi, and Rebecca; great-granddaughters, Olivia, Claire, Lily, and Hannah; niece, Evelyn P. Pruitt of Exmore; nephew, Allen Packett of Painter; and special cat, Spot.

Funeral services will be conducted today, Feb. 12, at 2 p.m. at Dougty Funeral Home in Exmore by Rev. Jonathan Carpenter. Family will join friends one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Interment will follow in Belle Haven Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to Riverside Shore Hospice, P.O. Box 615, Onley, VA 23418. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.doughtyfuneralhome.com

Longtime Wachapreague Resident Passes Away

Mr. Oliver Ray “Ott” Carpenter, 86, husband of the late Margaret Davis Carpenter and a longtime resident of Wachapreague, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2016, at the home of his daughter in Melfa.

Born in Birdsnest, he was a son of the late Burley S. and Annie Katherine East Carpenter. Being raised on a farm, he truly loved the land. He prided himself on the vegetables he grew in his own backyard. His greatest joy came from sharing the “fruits” of his labor with others, often carrying around a bag or two of freshly harvested goods to give to friends and family. Mr. Carpenter was an incredible storyteller, and there wasn’t a time you didn’t see him with a smile.

Survivors include his daughter, Claudia Carpenter Harmon (and husband, Ronnie) of Melfa; granddaughter, Carrie Harmon DeLong (and husband, Matt); great-granddaughter, Lillia Carrington DeLong; and great-grandson, Levi Harmon DeLong, all of Suffolk, Va.; three sisters, including Hattie Louise Powell of Cape Charles; and several nieces and nephews, including Kathy Merritt, Robert Powell, and Teresa Faesi.

A celebration of Mr. Carpenter’s life will be held at Onley United Methodist Church Saturday, Feb. 13, at 11 a.m., with Rev. Charles W. Parks III officiating. There will be a visitation at Williams-Onancock Funeral Home on today, Feb. 12, from 5 until 7 p.m., and at the church just prior to the service.

Memorial contributions may be made to the United Way of Virginia’s Eastern Shore, P.O. Box 605, Onley, VA 23418. Memory tributes may be shared at www.williamsfuneralhomes.com

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Supervisors

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The fate of the 2015 ordinance will likely be decided shortly thereafter. In other business, the board conducted a public hearing on a proposed solar facility near Eastville. Hecate Energy requested a special-use permit (SUP) to establish a 20-megawatt project on approximately 185 acres of land at 15446 Seaside Rd., just east of Eastville.

The Planning Commission recommended approval.

The project could generate enough energy to power 3,280 homes. Scholtz stated that if the project is approved by the county, construction could begin in the spring and might be completed and operational by November.

Bridgetown resident Dave Kabler spoke in support of the project, noting the importance of using alternative sources of energy to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels.

Clifton Collins, who lives near the proposed project, expressed concerns about the possible loss of property values as well as health issues that might be generated from the facility.

Sue Mastel of Harborton supported the project, noting that her home uses solar power and she sees it as a way to reduce the need for other energy sources.

Ken Dufty stated support for solar power in general, but urged the board to obtain an agreement from Hecate Energy to provide some form of payment given that state policy does not allow small solar farms to be taxed as are other industrial facilities. He also questioned the use of farmland for the project.

Eastville resident Everett Watson, who owns the property in question, spoke in support of the project. He said he is the last of a generation of farmers and that the land is not currently being farmed. He agreed to additional setbacks if that were a concern for nearby property owners. Watson said that his home would be surrounded by the solar facility and he does not believe there are any health risks.

Noting that Northampton is one of the poorest counties in the commonwealth, Supervisor Larry LeMond agreed that there needs to be some form of payment from the company if the permit is to be granted.

Supervisor Oliver Bennett likewise urged some form of compensation from Hecate, possibly as a way to help with funding for the schools.

Supervisor Robert Duer also supported the project if the county could reach an agreement on compensation.

Chairman Spencer Murray concluded that the board needs to sit down with the applicant to work out some form of compensation for the county. It was agreed to table the project but to make an effort to work on an agreement acceptable to all parties.

The board also discussed the issue of old tires that had been dumped in the area of Bostree Road near Machipongo. It was agreed to waive the dumping fees to the property owner, who otherwise would need to pay $2 each to have them left at the county’s landfill. It was reported that the property owner was not responsible for dumping the tires on the property, and should not be held responsible for removing them.

Bennett urged the board to look at ways to help others in the county who need to get rid of tires.
Bowden Named School Tech Coordinator

By Linda Cicioira

Accomack County Public Schools has a new technology coordinator.

Robert J. (Jack) Bowden, a native of Chincoteague and graduate of Chincoteague High School, started the job earlier this month, according to school spokeswoman Roberta Baldwin.

Bowden supervises computer repair technicians and heads the Information Technology Department, and manages all information support programs and student information systems, including the resources, budget, operations and staff. Baldwin said his duties also include providing technical assistance to schools and departments in the division, maintaining and updating the technology plan, and coordinating technology applications through a close interface with the appropriate administrators.

Bowden worked for Newport News Public Schools since 2000 and served as a network systems administrator for the Air Force from 1995 to 2000.

His annual salary was set at $87,200.

Jim Carey, who previously held the position, retired.

4 p.m. Burning Law Takes Effect Feb. 15

Virginia’s 4 p.m. Burning Law goes into effect Feb. 15 — the start of spring fire season in the commonwealth.

This law prohibits burning before 4 p.m. each day through April 30 if the fire is within 300 feet of dry grass or other flammable materials.

A violation of this law is a Class 3 misdemeanor punishable by up to a $500 fine. Those who allow a fire to escape are liable for the cost of suppressing the fire as well as any damage caused to others’ property.

“Because people are the cause of more than 95 percent of wildland fires in the commonwealth, the 4 p.m. burning law may be one of the most effective tools we have in the prevention of wildfires,” said John Miller, director of resource protection at the Virginia Department of Forestry (VDOF). “Each late winter and early spring, downed trees, branches and leaves become ‘foreest fuels.’ … By adhering to the law and not burning before 4 p.m., people are less likely to start a fire.”

Fred Turck, VDOF forest protection coordinator, said, “The leading cause of wildfires in Virginia is carelessness. An unattended debris burning fire, a discarded cigarette or a single match can ignite the dry fuels that are so prevalent in the early spring. Add a few days of dry, windy conditions and an escaped wildfire can quickly turn into a raging blaze. People living in most rural areas of Virginia are especially at risk.”

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Accomack County has extended the tipping fee waiver at the Northern Landfill and Southern Transfer Station for storm debris resulting from Winter Storm Jonas.

Storm debris will be accepted free of charge through March 16. To receive the waiver, haulers must notify the scale operator that they are hauling storm debris.
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By Del. Rob Bloxom

Hi, this is Rob Bloxom with this week’s report from the Capitol. The committees are finishing their work, with most of the subcommittees sending the last bills to hearing in front of the full committee. The floor sessions are getting longer as more bills come up for debate. This can make for long sessions as nerves get frayed and some delegates take the dislike of their bills personally.

The best advice I received was “not to be married to your bill.” With this advice in mind, it is a good place to stop and consider all the reasons that legislation may fail to become law. The most important reason to kill a bill is because it is bad policy. The new law may not be workable or it may be good policy but not ready or possible to be implemented. Some proposed legislation comes before its time.

New technologies such as drones or the Internet are areas in which reality is moving faster than the laws. Some bills are just badly written and could have the opposite effect on the problem.

Of course, the reality is that some bills are not passed because of the person carrying the legislation. Bills get caught in fire fights, cross fire, and retaliation. I know this sounds childish, but there are a lot of big egos in the sandbox. I laugh all this off, keep a smile on my face and try to do the best job I can for the 100th District.

I only have one bill left to be heard by a committee. It is my non-resident driver’s privilege card. It would allow non-citizens to obtain a driver’s privilege card if they can prove residency in Virginia, prove Virginia withholding tax has been paid, and pass the driver’s test. The non-residents in Virginia number more than 400,000. They now drive illegally and I view this as a public safety issue. The insurance that they must have on their cars through the license plate and registration process is not in force when the driver is not an “authorized” user, i.e., doesn’t hold a valid license to drive. This has been a work in progress with many questions and more than one meeting with representatives from the DMV, State Police and insurance companies.

My other bills have all made it out of committee and continue their path to the Senate.

I encourage you to keep in touch with me and my office. I value the feedback you provide on a continual basis as it helps me do a better job of representing you.

You can email me at delrbloxom@house.virginia.gov or call me at my Capitol Office at 804-698-1000. Make sure you also follow me on Facebook for regular updates.

Summer Camp Offered at Virginia Tech

The Virginia Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts (SWCD) Youth Conservation Camp will be offered at Virginia Tech from July 10-16 for high-school students.

Campers will learn about forestry, agriculture, conservation and watersheds. Activities will include hiking up to the Cascades waterfall, canoeing on the New River, and taking informational tours at Virginia Tech Centers. Campers will be able to get hands-on learning experiences about conservation.

Interested students can obtain an application form from the SWCD office in Accomac by calling SWCD Education Director Bonnie Mahl at 787-0918, ext. 129, emailing bonnie.mahl@esswcd.org or going online at http://www.esswcd.org/Education.html.

Applications are due to the SWCD office by April 15. Up to two campers may be chosen from the applications.
March 1 is the application deadline for the 2016 Billie Fitzgerald Memorial Conservation Grants from the Eastern Shore Soil and Water Conservation District (ESSWCD). Schools, Scouts, community groups and other organizations in Accomack and Northampton counties are eligible for these grants.

Funding up to $250 is available for projects, such as outdoor classrooms and nature trails, storm drain stenciling, recycling programs, butterfly plantings, materials for water quality testing, birdfeeders for the schoolyard, and field trips for environmental study.

The ESSWCD Endowment Committee does not fund beautification projects or money for textbooks.

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Application forms are also available through the same means to Shore residents enrolled in or having applied to a college curriculum related to natural resources conservation may apply for scholarship funding from local sources.

The W. Foster Fletcher Conservation Scholarship and the William H. Beasley Sr. Memorial Scholarship, both administered by the ESSWCD's Endowment Committee, are available only to local residents who are full-time undergraduate or graduate students or who have applied to a college undergraduate level curriculum. Two $500 scholarships will be awarded.

April 15 is the deadline to apply for the scholarships.

Lambda Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, a professional society of women educators promoting excellence in education, is offering four grants-in-aid to female high-school seniors, college undergraduates, or graduate students from Accomack and Northampton counties who intend to pursue a career in the field of education.

These grants-in-aid are to be applied toward the costs of college tuition and fees, room and board, books, and miscellaneous supplies needed to attend an accredited institution of higher education.

The $500 Elizabeth Jones Newton Grant-in-Aid and the $4,000 Eva Wessels Payne Grant-in-Aid are each available to a resident of Accomack or Northampton County.

The $5,000 Elizabeth Payne Miles Grant-in-Aid is offered to a resident of Accomack County.

The $5,000 Buryliss Bruce Payne Grant-in-Aid is offered to a resident of Northampton County.

Each person who applies for one of these grants-in-aid is also eligible for consideration for the other two grants-in-aid available to a resident of her county.

The four grants-in-aid are given in memory of long-time members Elizabeth Jones Newton and Elizabeth Payne Miles, and the parents of Elizabeth Miles, Buryliss Bruce Payne and Eva Wessels Payne. Mrs. Newton, a teacher at Northampton High School, was one of the original founders of Lambda Chapter and served as its first president in 1947. Mrs. Miles was a dedicated Lambda Chapter member, who had been a teacher and principal in Accomack County. When her husband, Vernon Miles, passed away in 2007, three grants-in-aid were established to honor Mrs. Miles and her parents.

The deadline for requesting applications is March 15. Applications must be received by April 15. Past recipients who are currently enrolled in an accredited institution and still pursuing a degree in education are eligible to re-apply. Only applications completed in full will be considered. Applicants may see their respective high-school guidance counselors for application forms or contact Linda Floyd at 442-5893.

To commemorate the ninth year of its existence, the Academy for Lifetime Learning (ALL) is offering a $1,000 scholarship to help graduating students on the Eastern Shore of Virginia continue their educations at a community college or university.

Since our nation needs to build its skilled technical workforce, this scholarship requires that the student’s academic goal be in the discipline of science, technology, engineering, mathematics or medicine, STEMM. This scholarship is to be used to defray college expenses.

This scholarship has been named the ALL Betty Ross Scholarship in honor of the founder of the ALL who passed away in 2014.

The ALL is an all-volunteer, not-for-profit organization where members share a common interest in continuing learning experiences and intellectual stimulation.

Scholarship requirements and application forms can be found on website allesva.org/scholarship

Applicants must declare an intended field of study and submit grade transcripts, lists of academic and extra-curricular activities, reference letters and essays as well as an acceptance letter from a community college or university.

Applications should be postmarked by May 15 and sent to ALL Betty Ross Scholarship, P.O. Box 509, Exmore, VA 23350. Scholarship winners will be notified by June 15 and awarded at the ALL Awards ceremony in June.

For further information, contact Tony Picardi, scholarship chairman, at 442-4481.

Any high-school or home-schooled student graduating in 2016 whose parents or guardians are consumer/members of A&N Electric Cooperative and whose primary residence is served by the cooperative is eligible to apply now for a $1,000 scholarship.

More information is posted at www.vmdaec.com under “Community Resources” or www.co-opliving.com/community/scholarship.htm

Scholarships are awarded by the Virginia, Maryland & Delaware Association of Electric Cooperatives Educational Scholarship Foundation. An applicant must be entering his or her first semester at a college or a technical/trade school in the fall of 2016. Scholarships must be used toward tuition, student fees, room or board and textbooks.

The foundation’s board of directors will select recipients based on a combination of the following weighted criteria: financial need at 40 percent, academic achievement at 40 percent and personal statement at 20 percent. Preference will be given to applicants who indicate a planned career as a line worker. Successful applicants will be notified no later than May 31.

In 2015, VMDAEC received 353 applications from students in areas served by 15 electric cooperatives in Virginia, Maryland and Delaware. From these, the board selected 45 applicants to receive the Worth M. Hudson Scholarship in the amount of $1,000 each, one applicant to receive the C.D. Hypes Memorial Scholarship in the amount of $1,000 and one applicant to receive the K.M. Beasley Memorial Scholarship in the amount of $1,000, for a total of 47 scholarships.

For more information, contact Pam Johnson, manager of continuing education and training, at pjohnson@odec.com or (804) 968-7153.

The Women’s Club of Accomack County (WCAC), a member of the General Federation of Woman’s Club, is offering a total of $6,000 in scholarships on the local, district and national level for the 2016-17 school year.

The club is offering three $1,000 scholarships for female students residing in Accomack or Northampton County. These scholarships are designated for graduating high-school students, adult learners or returning adult learners studying science, engineering, technology, education, mathematics or medicine, including four-year nursing programs, at a college or university in Virginia, or the University of Maryland Eastern Shore.

Applications for these scholarships can be found in local high-school guidance departments and the financial aid office at Eastern Shore Community College.

The WCAC also will sponsor a student for the $500 Tidewater District Fannie Sterns Scholarship offered to a student living in the district who is continuing his or her education at a college or university in the state of Virginia. The winner of this scholarship may apply for four consecutive years, for a total award of $2,000.

Fannie Sterns Scholarship applications are available in the guidance departments of local high schools.
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Northampton has emerged from an evenly matched group of Eastern Shore District hoop teams with the crown firmly in hand.

The Jackets lost their district opener to Arcadia by a single point and later were dealt a loss by Nandua, but they were the only defeats against six wins in the district.

The title was up for grabs after the December games, heading into 2016. Chincoteague lost its opening two games, then ripped off three straight district wins. Nandua and Arcadia had wins over each of their district foes.

Northampton, however, won the rubber match with both Arcadia and Nandua after splitting earlier contests and defeated the Ponies twice in their only two meetings.

Almost all games played between the Shore District teams this season were evenly contested with the outcome not decided until the final minutes.

It certainly made covering the games more enjoyable for me.

The Jackets, coached by Wayne Bell, will be a heavy favorite to repeat next year. Bell doesn’t have a senior among his starting five and several underclassmen come off the bench to contribute greatly. Only three seniors dot the Jacket roster.

“Our players have achieved our goal of winning the district title this year. However, we want to win the conference 41A and represent our conference in the regional tournament,” said Bell recently.

All four district teams will advance to conference play, with Northampton and Chincoteague competing in 1A Conference 41 and Nandua and Arcadia playing in 2A Conference 33.

Matchups will be set in the coming week.

Check Out Local Grapplers

Starting today at 4 p.m., the 1A East Regional will be held at Eastville, with wrestlers from all 1A wrestling programs in eastern Virginia vying for a spot in the state tournament in Salem next weekend.

Wrestling will continue into Friday evening and pick up again on Saturday morning at 9:30, culminating with the championship matches at 4 p.m. tomorrow. Simultaneous action on two mats will be ongoing until the finals.

Northampton is hosting the event, with Jacket wrestlers able to sleep in their own beds for this tourney rather than travel a great distance.

If you like high-school wrestling or would like to support Northampton wrestlers, this is a worthwhile event to attend. There are several Jacket wrestlers with a good opportunity to make states, but they will be competing with some of the best 1A wrestlers in the state.

Admission is $7 for the event.

Super Bowl Fitting End for Manning

In my travels around the Shore last week, I was asked several times who I was rooting for in the Super Bowl. I always answered “Peyton Manning and Denver.”

Many of the people I talked to said, “Me too, but I don’t have much hope of that happening.” I agreed with them.

Well, Manning and the Broncos did win. Although a longtime Washington Redskin fan, I have always appreciated Manning and the way he conducts himself. I hope he retires and goes out on a top, not something many get to do.

I have nothing against the Carolina Panthers and their star quarterback, Cam Newton.

Although I think Newton could have handled himself better in the post-game press conference, he’s still young and may learn from the experience. Whatever you say about Newton, he’s making far fewer mistakes than another former Heisman winner named Johnny Manziel.

Local Connection to the Super Bowl

I read recently that five players from the University of Maryland Eastern Shore played in Super Bowl III, when the New York Jets shocked the Baltimore Colts.

Those UMES alumni were Colts defensive back Charlie Stukes, Colts kick returner and defensive back Jim Duncan, Jets running back Emerson Boozer, and Jets defensive backs Johnny Sample and Earl Christy.

Of course, many old-timers like me know that Sample grew up in Cape Charles and was a star at Northampton County High School before going to UMES, where he was a Little All American in football and also lettered in baseball, basketball and gymnastics.

In addition to that well-known Super Bowl, where he intercepted a Colt pass in the end zone, Sample was also on the winning team in the 1958 championship between the New York Giants and his Baltimore Colts, billed as the “Greatest Game Ever Played.”

The Northampton boys’ basketball team won the Eastern Shore District title with a 6-2 record after wins over Nandua and Chincoteague this past week. Pictured (from left) are: kneeling - Rickiece Poulson and Dyshawn Beckett; standing - Assistant Coach Keith Brady, Head Coach Wayne Bell Jr., Reggie Wiggins, Tony Robinson, James Braxton, Fredrick Williams, Sheldon Payne, Keondre Ames, Jawaun Bell, Wayne Bell III, Stephen Baker, Tamaze Brisco, and Assistant Coaches Rontae Coston, Charles Kellam and Rico Trower.
EMBODI Workshop at Smith Feb. 20

An EMBODI (Empowering Males to Build Opportunities for Developing Independence) workshop will be held Saturday, Feb. 20, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Mary N. Smith Cultural Enrichment Center in Accomac for males from Grades 6 to 12.

The workshop is presented by the Accomack-Northampton Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

The presenters will be Donta Finney, a health coach and sports nutrition specialist, Cross Fit trainer and 5th-degree black belt; and Debbie Finney, a brown belt and yoga instructor. Both are employed at Live FIT Gym in Salisbury, Md., and are graduates of the University of Maryland Eastern Shore.

For more information, contact Regina Finney at 665-4323.

Volleyball League

Northampton County Parks and Recreation’s Coed Volleyball League will begin Monday, March 14.

Games will be played Monday and Wednesday evenings at the Northampton Middle School gym. Team registration is open. The registration fee is $125 per team. Team rosters and player waivers must be signed before the first game.

To register or for more information about this league, contact Northampton Parks and Recreation at 678-0468, or email parks@co.northampton.va.us

Run for the Animals

Registration has opened for the 2016 Run for the Animals, which is set for Sunday, April 10, at the Historic Onancock School.

Choose either the half marathon (13.1 miles), 10K (6.2 miles) or the 5K (3.1 miles) noncompetitive walk. All distances can be completed with or without your leashed canine companion. Baby joggers/strollers are welcome.

Registration and check-in will be from 6:45 to 7:45 a.m. The pre-race meeting is at 8 a.m. with the race to start at 8:30 a.m. Awards will be presented at 11:30 a.m., with lunch at noon.

The early entry fee is $40 ($50 after March 31). The student fee is $20 ($25 after March 31). All net proceeds support the animal organizations that serve the Virginia’s Eastern Shore. This event is rain or shine.

For more information on registering, volunteering, fundraising or sponsoring, visit www.RunForTheAnimals.com or call 757-999-4999.

Nandua Alumni, HOF Fete Set

The Nandua alumni basketball games have been rescheduled for Feb. 26, with the girls playing at 6 p.m. and boys starting at 8 p.m.

Contact Gary Reese at 757-710-0924 if interested in playing in the rescheduled game.

The Nandua Hall of Fame induction ceremony will be held Thursday, Feb. 25, at 7 p.m.

Softball Camp Set

Bust the Rust softball camp will be held on Feb. 27 at Nandua High School from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost of the camp will be $40. All proceeds will benefit Nandua High School softball. Contact Lynn Williams at 710-4242 for more information.

NALL Registration Set

North Accomack Little League has begun its 2016 registration. Register online by going to the league site at https://eteamz.com/NorthAccomack/ and follow the link. Registrations also will be available every Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon at the Chincoteague High School gym during the recreation basketball games until March 6.
Northampton Claims Eastern Shore District Basketball Title

Story and photos by Bill Sterling

Northampton won the Eastern Shore District regular season title with home-court wins over Nandua and Chincoteague in the past week. Both games were close until the final two minutes, when the Jackets controlled the action.

On Monday night, Northampton topped Chincoteague 80-68 with five players scoring in double figures, led by Tony Robinson with 16 points and nine rebounds. Tamaze Brisco scored 12 points on 5-of-6 shooting and grabbed 10 rebounds, all in the second half, to help Northampton overcome a 1-point deficit at halftime. James Braxton and Reggie Wiggins scored 15 points each. Juwaun Bell scored 10 points and handed out eight assists. Wiggins scored 11 points and Tamaze Brisco tallied 10 points.

Northampton opened the game with fast-break baskets and rushed to a 17-10 first quarter lead, but a Chincoteague press forced several Jacket turnovers and led to easy baskets as the Ponies took a 31-30 halftime lead.

Northampton took control of the action early in the second half and out-paced the Ponies 24-13 with the help of a Reggie Wiggins 3-pointer at the buzzer, the only trey of the night for the Jackets.

Reggie Wiggins 3-pointer at the buzzer, paced the Ponies 24-13 with the help of a turnover early in the second half and out-ranging the Ponies took a 31-30 halftime lead.

The Jackets led 41-40 at half and trailed by 1 point after three quarters before outscoring the Warriors 23-15 in the final quarter.

Northampton coach Wayne Bell said, “We wanted to guard the perimeter and only allowed one made 3-point basket. The guys fought hard and limited turnovers. We had good guard play tonight which helped control the tempo. I’m proud of the guys for sticking to our game plan and pulling out the victory.”

On Wednesday, Northampton dropped a 68-58 road decision to Franklin despite leading 51-49 entering the fourth quarter. Tamaze Brisco had 13 points with Keondre Ames and Juwaun Bell scoring 10 each.

Firebirds Over Ponies

Arcadia avenged two earlier losses to Chincoteague with a convincing 70-46 win over the Ponies at home last Thursday night.

Jaquan Wharton led the Firebirds with 21 points. Austin Bunting scored all 10 of his points in the second half. Ronnie Knox added 10 points, while Paul Brown and Jamal Savage had 9 each. Trequan Veney scored 8 points in an evenly balanced attack.

Chincoteague was led by Gardner Fosque with 16 points, Trevor Bailey with 14 points and Jaquan Persinger with 10 points.

Arcadia held a 32-22 lead at intermission and pulled away in the second half. Vikings Drop Pair

Broadwater hosted first-place Williamsburg Christian evenly for much of the first half but eventually fell to the 21-5 Eagles, 79-54, Tuesday.

The Vikings pulled to a 21-21 tie with 5:45 left in the first half behind a trio of 3-pointers by Taylor Major (17 points total), Tyler Major (15 points) and Chris Locklear (10 points), but Williamsburg Christian had too much firepower to hold down for long. John Gordon added 9 points for BA.

The Eagles’ Xavier Green (12 points) has committed to Old Dominion University, and Mike Duncan (11) will play at Randolph-Macon next year. Rashawn Luck led the Eagles with 17 and Mike Brown added 15.

“We battled and held our own for a while,” said Broadwater coach Eddie Spencer, “but that team is going to go far in the state tournament.”

Last Friday, Broadwater fell to Atlantic Shores 81-67 on the road.

Taylor Major led the Vikings with 28 points and 15 rebounds. Major Morgan added 12.
The Arcadia girls’ basketball team defeated Chincoteague 56-22 on the island last Thursday night.

Kayla Wharton had 16 points for the Lady Firebirds, with Normaya Harris adding 13 points. Arcadia showed balanced scoring, with JaQuagia Tull scoring 9 points and Normeai Harris and Aleah Russell chipping in 8 points each.

Kristin Fox led Chincoteague with 9 points. Caroline Thornton scored 7 points, with Samantha Kelly getting 3 points and Sarah Turner and Ronny Malone 2 points each.

In addition to Fox and Kelly, Chincoteague honored Lauren Riefler on Senior Night.

Chincoteague Girls Top Northampton

With a 1-point lead entering the final quarter, the Chincoteague girls spurted to a 34-27 home win over Northampton Monday night at home.

The Lady Ponies held a 23-22 lead after three quarters, but stretched that margin, with Sarah Turner hitting a pair of 3-pointers and Ronny Malone making several steals and converting with baskets as Chincoteague defeated the Jackets for the second time this season.

“Both teams were evenly matched,” said Chincoteague coach Kelly Fox. “We just had a few more baskets. I am extremely proud of the girls.”

Malone led the victors with 13 points, Turner added 9, Caroline Thornton scored 8, and Kristin Fox and Nichole Howard had 2 each.

Anon Toy led Northampton with 10 points and Shaniah Robinson scored 6.

Jackets Beat Nandua

The Northampton girls surprised Nandua with a 37-30 win last Thursday night in Onley.

The Lady Jackets took an 11-3 first-quarter lead and used balanced scoring to hold on for a district win. Cassidy Nadeau led Northampton with 9 points and 11 rebounds, Erica Head had 7 points and six steals, and Evelyn Dunton scored 6. Shaniah Robinson scored 5. Angela Head had five rebounds and two steals. Elizabeth Liston and Keyvina Voyles had seven and six rebounds, respectively.

Shabrea Nock led Nandua with a game-high 15 points. Derrica Toppin had 8.

BA Girls Fall to Metro Powers

On Tuesday, the youthful Vikings fell to first-place Williamsburg Christian 67-27.

Anna Sexauer led the Lady Vikings with 17 points. Palmer Smith scored 5. Charnisa Chiller and Armani Franklin led WCA with 21 and 20, respectively.

The Broadwater girls were outmatched 70-35 by Atlantic Shores Friday night in Virginia Beach.

Sexauer had 14 points and 14 rebounds. Courtney Floyd and Smith added 8 and 7 points, respectively, for the Lady Vikings.

Jake Guy Commits to St. Mary’s Baseball

EvoShield Canes 2016 infielder and Nandua High School product Jake Guy has committed to St. Mary’s College in Annapolis, Md., and head baseball coach Lew Jenkins.

For the past two years, Guy has played under the guidance of Mid Atlantic 2016 Head Coach Sean O’Connor in addition to being a key player for the Nandua baseball team under Coach Luke Brankley.

EvoCanes GM Dan Gitzen said, “Jake Guy is the epitome of a performer on the baseball field as he flat out gets the job done. For the past three years, Jake has been one of the most consistent performers in our program as he is always in the top three on the team in every offensive statistical category and has proven himself as a leader in the dugout every single year. We are extremely proud of Jake and his accomplishments and look forward to seeing him perform at the next level.”

Guy is the son of Lynwood and Teri Guy of Melfa.
Nandua took third place out of six teams in the Conference 33 wrestling tournament held at Wilson Memorial High School last weekend.

Matt Teasley (160) and Dustin Palo (195) took first place for the Warriors, with Jack Schreiber (126), Hunter Cobb (138) and Joe Castgilia (220) taking second in the conference. Efrain Ruiz (132) and Carl Bacchi (145) captured third places, while Luis Lipez took fourth.

“Our wrestlers have shown so much improvement from day one until now you would barely recognize them. I am very proud of the wrestlers they have become and the potential they have for the future. They have set themselves up to do very well in our upcoming 2A East Regional tournament this Friday and Saturday,” said Nandua coach Nathan Metzger.

Arcadia’s Pettit 1st

Arcadia’s Tah’re Pettit won first place in the Conference 33 wrestling tournament last weekend. The Firebird senior wrestles at 120 pounds.

“He’s had a fantastic year. He’s been a great captain and has really led this team. Tah’re is wrestling his best right now, and I fully expect him to make the state tournament,” said Arcadia coach Peter Lampman. The 2A East Regional tournament starts today at 4 p.m. and continues tomorrow from 9:30 a.m. until late afternoon when the finals start about 4 p.m.

Northampton did not have a conference tournament because there were not enough teams to qualify, but in dual meets last week, the Jackets beat Franklin and Southampton, the only other two schools with wrestling programs in Conference 41.

The 1A East Regional Tournament hosted by Northampton starts today at 4 p.m. and continues tomorrow from 9:30 a.m. until late afternoon when the finals start about 4 p.m.

Northampton (NORT) 52
Franklin (FRAN) 30

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126: Steven Wilson (NORT) over Bryan Joyner (FRAN) (Fall 1:39)
132: Cody Goller (NORT) over Thomas Maxwell (FRAN) (Fall 1:24)
138: Sean Patrick Marsh (NORT) over TaQuan Wiggins (FRAN) (MD 23-14)
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195: Joshua Johnson (FRAN) over (NORT) (F. 0:30)

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182: Masen Ingram (NORT) over (SUCE) (For.)

106: Myles Lewis (NORT) over Hunter Thompson (FRAN) (Fall 1:37)
113: Quadre Woodson (FRAN) over (NORT) (For.)

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• 12:30 p.m. - Science & Philosophy Seminar: The Story of the Barrier Islands Center
  ESCC, lecture hall, Melfa
• 5-7 p.m. - Italian Dinner Night
  Onley UMC - $10/adults; $5/children 10 & younger
• 6 p.m. - Celebrate Recovery Group mtg.
  Family Life Center, Onancock - Meal: $6/single or $10/family
• 6-7 p.m. - Domestic Violence Prevention Prgm.
  ESTACI, 3100 Main St., Exmore - 709-5113
• 6-9 p.m. - Downstairs at Ker Place: Honoring Black History Month
  Ker Place, Onancock - 787-8012
• 7 p.m. - Life Teach Series
  Rachel/Leah Covenant Ministries Center - 787-2486
• 7:30 p.m. - Texas Hold'em Tournament
  Parksley VFC
• 7:30 p.m. - Bingo (doors open at 6:30 p.m.)
  Exmore Moose Lodge, Belle Haven
• 8 p.m. - “Barefoot in the Park” (Feb. 12, 13, 14)
  Arts Enter, Cape Charles - $15

MON, FEB. 15

• 11 a.m. - Children’s Story Hour
  library, Nassawadox
• 5-6 p.m. - Al-Anon mtg.
  Holy Trinity Episcopal, Onancock
• 5:30 p.m. - TOPS mtg.
  Belle Haven UMC - 442-7050
• 6 p.m. - Central Shore Lions Club mtg.
  Sage Diner, Onley
• 6 p.m. - Bingo
  Elks Lodge, Tasley
• 6-7:30 p.m. - Choice-Based Anger Control Class
  ESTACI, 3100 Main St., Exmore - 709-5113
• 6-9 p.m. - GED Class
  Arcadia High School, Oak Hall
• 6:30 p.m. - Cub Scout Pack 300 mtg.
  Grace UMC, Parksley
• 7:30 p.m. - Accomack Cty. Taxpayers’ Assn. mtg.
  Accomack County Administration Bldg.

WED, FEB. 17

• 7:45 a.m. - Kiwanis Club of Accomack mtg.
  Sage Diner, Onley
• 10 a.m. - TOPS mtg.
  Market St. UMC, Onancock - 787-4718
• 10-11:30 a.m. - Women’s Support Group
  ESTACI, 3100 Main St., Exmore - 709-5113
• 10 a.m.-noon - Accomack AARP mtg.
  Sage Diner, Onley
• 10:30 a.m. - Alzheimer’s Caregiving Group
  Grace UMC, 18484 Wilson Ave., Parksley - 787-2592
• 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. - Debedeavon Toastmasters’ mtg.
  NASA/Wallops Base - Call Owen Hooks at 824-1941 for base access.
• 11:45 a.m. - Children’s Story Hour
  E.S. Public Library, Accomac
• 4:30-5 p.m. - Girl’s Support Group
  ESTACI, 3100 Main St., Exmore - 709-5113
• 5 p.m. - E.S. Soil & Water Conservation District Board mtg.
  USDA Service Center, 22545 Center Pkwy., Accomac
• 5-7 p.m. - Soup Kitchen & Clothes Closet
  Grace and Truth Ministries, Onancock - Donations: 789-5369
• 5:30-6:30 p.m. - Free Meals for the Hungry
  Epworth UMC, Exmore - 442-6391
• 6-7 p.m. - Prayer Line Open (St. Matthew’s Church, Onley)
  - Call 665-7403, Feb. 12–18
• 6-7 p.m. - TOPS VA-550 mtg.
  Market St. UMC, Onancock - 709-9351
• 6:30-8:30 p.m. - English As a Second Language Class
  Arcadia High School, Oak Hall
• 7:30 p.m. - AA mtg.
  St. Andrew’s Catholic Church, Eastville

THU, FEB. 18

• 10:30 a.m. - Children’s Story Hour
  library, Accomac
• 10:30 a.m. - Story Time
  Cape Charles Library
• 4 p.m. - Chess Club
  Cape Charles Memorial Library - all ages, levels welcome
• 5:30 p.m. - Shore Losers mtg.
  Drummondtown Baptist, Accomac - $1/wk.
• 5:30 p.m. - TOPS VA-550 mtg.
  Zion Baptist, Parksley - 787-7099
• 6-7:30 p.m. - Substance Abuse Recovery Group
  ESTACI, 3100 Main St., Exmore - 709-5113
• 6:30 - Kiwanis Club of Chincoteague mtg.
  St. Andrew’s Catholic Church
• 6:30-8:30 p.m. - English As a Second Language Class
  Arcadia High School, Oak Hall
• 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. - GED Class
  ESCC, Melfa
• 7 p.m. - AA & Al-Anon mtgs.
  RSMH, Nassawadox
• 7:30 p.m. - Bingo
  Painter VFC
• 7:30 p.m. - AA mtg.
  Downing's Methodist Church, Oak Hall
LastWeek’sAnswers

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NOTICE TO ALL RESIDENTS OF THE TOWN OF ONLEY, VA
Effective immediately, the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Onley Town Council will be held on the FIRST Monday of each month beginning March 7, 2016. Meeting time is 6:30pm. The meeting location is the VVA building located at 25534 East Main Street, Onley VA.

Eastern Shore Pop Warner 2016
Football & Cheer Registration
Come out and join us Saturday, Feb. 27 at The Eastern Shore Family YMCA from noon to 5 p.m. to register your child, age 5 to 15, to play football or participate in cheerleading.

Happy 45th Anniversary Larry & Nina Thornton!
Lots of love and many more years

Happy 45th Anniversary
Deborah T. Wessells
The best day in the year is our anniversary of 34 years, February 12th. Not because on this day you got married to me, but because it was when I received in my life my most ultimate reward–which is you, my wife.

Your Loving Husband, Tyrone Wessells

Northampton County’s Commissioner of Revenue is accepting applications for a full-time Real Estate/Personal Property Deputy I.

This position provides assistance and information related to Personal Property Taxes, Real Estate taxes, Business Licenses, State Income Tax and various other job duties to the public and other government agencies. Please see full list of duties in the job description posted on the County website.

Requires high school diploma or GED and the equivalent of one year of college or work experience in related field with customer service and experience in real estate & GIS mapping, personal property and tax preparation is preferred. The salary for this position is $24,000.00 plus benefits, with 6-month probationary period with merit increase following performance evaluation.

Please refer to Northampton County’s website for further job descriptions, requirements and county’s application form www.co.northampton.va.us/jobs.html. Please submit completed County application form with cover letter to Human Resources, P. O. Box 66, Eastville, VA 23347 by February 12, 2016. Northampton County is an EOE.

Eastern Shore Rural Health System, Inc. is currently recruiting Medical Business Assistant Dental Program

Requires a high school diploma or the equivalent. Work experience in a medical or business office preferred.

Individual must be professional, self-motivated and have strong attention to detail, communication, teamwork, customer service and computer skills. Ability to provide bilingual patient care is a plus.

This is a full-time position with benefits.

If you are a mission-driven person looking to make a difference, email an application to dhr@esrh.org before noon on February 16, 2016. Applications can be obtained from www.esrh.org. Resumes may accompany the application but will not be considered if sent alone.

Eastern Shore Rural Health offers a competitive benefits package and our campuses are Tobacco-Free Workplaces. EOE/M/F/Disability/Vet


time Code Compliance Specialist in the Development Department.

The essential function of this position is to enforce municipal codes. This position is responsible for knowledge and enforcement of County Zoning Violations, abandoned cars, grass complaints, dangerous structures, illegal dumping and the organization of community service assignments.

Requires High School Diploma or GED and the equivalent of one year of college in related field or one year of related work experience with references.

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Riverside Health System is seeking candidates for the following openings:

Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital, Nassawadox, VA
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Protection Officer
Floor Tech

Shore Rehabilitation Center, Parksley, VA
Director of Food Services
Food Service Attendant
Cook

To apply: www.riversideonline.com/careers
Riverside Talent Recruitment Center
(866) 929-9905
EOE
MINISTRY ASSISTANT Hollies Baptist Church in Keller, Va. is searching for a ministry assistant. 16 hrs/wk. Résumés can be submitted physically to the church office or to holliesministryassistant@gmail.com. Arcadia Nursing and Rehab Center is seeking PT DIETARY COOK Must be able to work weekend and holidays. Experience preferred. If interested please come apply or visit asfhealth.org for an application. EEOC.

MILLRIGHTS - PIPE FITTERS/WELDERS MAINTENANCE MECHANIC MIG - TIG - STICK FT - PT and Weekends Exp’d only Valid Driver’s License and Transporta- tion. Douglas Repair, Inc., Snow Hill, MD. Call 410-632-1346 or 443-783-4125.

Boats, Etc.

'07 17-FOOT CAROLINA SKIFF DLX - with 70 h.p., 4-stroke, 2011 Yamaha outboard. Includes trailer. Bimini top. Engine has only 4 hours. New fuel pump, new gas tank. $11,000. 442-4553.

'01 15-FOOT CAROLINA SKIFF w/40 h.p. Yamaha Outboard 4-stroke + New Lowrie trailer + 4 bale extras (carmouflage flap). $13,000. 757-787-3360.

'91 SEARAY SUNDANCER - 28’ 106’ Beam, Twin Mercruiser 1/0 5.0LX Engines; A/C w/Reverse cycle heat, nice galley, head w/shower, sleeps 6, 2 custom canvas, much more. 787-3454.

BOAT WHEELS - 4-blade, 1 pair, 19” x 23-1/2” shaft. REDUCED $400. Call 757-899-3437 & leave msg.

'05 21’ 115 HP YAMAHA 4- STROKE NEW - $7,695. 757-676-2226.

'03 PRIVATEER W/T30 H.P. YAMAHA 2- STROKE Boat, motor, & trailer: $8,000 OBO. Pot puller included. Call 757-675-7483.

1929 CALIUM AIR-CONDITIONED 24’ TRUCK CAB W/20’ RESTAS - $165. 757-678-2229.


'03 AQUASPORT OUT- PREY - 19’-3’-4’ CC, 115 h.p. Johnson (low hrs.), EZ Loader trailer, new upholstery must see! $7,200. OBO. Call 757-678-6098.

'11 20-FOOT CAROLINA SKIFF - 115 4-stroke Yamaha (100 hrs+), T-top, fully loaded, $16,500. 757-580-3300.

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'05 19’-6’-8’ CAPE HORN CC - 8’-8’ inboard, 150 h.p. 4-stroke fuel injected, (65 hrs.), trailer & lots more. $15,000. 757-789-3656.

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23’ BAYLINER - 5.7 I/O, 150 h.p., W/HD, anchor puller, sink, fridge, stove, head, sleeps 4, trailer. $8,995. 757-302-1185.

'91 SEARAY SUNDANCER - 28’ 106’ Beam, Twin Mercruiser 1/0 5.0LX Engines; A/C w/Reverse cycle heat, nice galley, head w/shower, sleeps 6, 2 custom canvas, much more. 787-3454.

20’ 4-OPEN C-HAWK - 95 Mercury 200 outboard, trailer, $7,800. 710-2958.

FARM & LAWN Equipment

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WANTED DEAD OR ALIVE: Old hit and miss one cylinder engines from pre-1940's era. Search your farm, shop and backyard. Any condition ok. Call evens, 757-679-1701 or 757-678-0062.

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98 SUNBIRD CUTT- Y CAB - 130 h.p. Evinrude, 222 hours, w/trailer. $5,000. 757-709-1191, leave msg.

WHIRLPOOL 30” GAS RANGE - Self-cleaning. $165. Whirlpool 4-cycle heavy duty Gas Dryer. $220. 757-894-0136.

FOR SALE: ANTIQUE CHINA CLOSET. $200 OBO. Call 757-787-7307.

SCOOTER POWER WHEELCHAIR - Adjustable w/selected height, head, arm & back rests, joystick, charging port, 10” rear drive wheel, 6” front castor, seat-supporting post, REDUCED: $1,000 OBO. 757-942-7347 or 336-3506.

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FOR SALE: CRADDOCKVILLE - House w/3BR, 1.5BA, on 1/2-acre lot w/garage workshop & outbuilding. Enclosed den & screened porch. LG. living & dining rooms. WW: only $125,000. Call 422-9436.

Rentals - Apts.

JAMESVILLE - 2BR, 1BA, separate entrance, some appliances, satellite ready. $450/mo, 757-387-0670.

BELLE HAVEN - 1BR duplex apt, for rent, $757/mo, + 1 month's security deposit. No programs. 757-672-6183.

ONANCOCK-1BR APT available now; living/dining combo, kit. w/fridge, microwave, washer, dryer. $550/mo. Call 787-3659 after 6PM.

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Vehicles - Cars, Trucks, SUVs, RVs


12 HYUNDAI ACCENT -4-door sedan, 91K mi., still under factory warranty, 4-cyl, great on gas, $8,000. 757-302-3222.

98 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE - 190K mi., exceptionial engine, heater needs repair, $1,500 cash. Call for appt. 757-709-9483.

99 NISSAN ALTIMA - 2.5S, 4-DR, 4-cyl. automatic, A/C, CD player, cruise control, power window/locks, like new, warranty, 22K mi., $14,900. Call 443-235-0304.


89 F-150 ARKISTOCRAT TRAVEL TRAILER - $7,000. Call 442-3956.


84 MONTE CARLO Classic. 45,000 actual miles, AM/FM cassette, power brakes & steering, $8,800. 442-5000.

Storage

NANDUAA MINI STORAGE Rt. 650, Taylor Rd., Tasley. 757-787-3059. $10 Off 1st month's rent

Vehicles - Motorcycles & ATVs & Scooters

'04 YAMAHA 1100 VSTAR CRUISER - 21K mi., 2-tone (Raspberry Red & Desert Sand), wide white wall tires & many extras. $4,700. 757-990-2269.


'00 MUSTANG - 150K mi. New tires, brakes clutch & windshield-wiper motor. $4,300 Firm. Call 710-7571.

'04 HARLEY FAT BOY APEHANGERS, Triple Exhaust, 6,773 miles. Asking $9,500. Call 757-709-9112 or 757-709-4963.

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6230 Maddox Boulevard,
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Accomack County

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of $240,264.00, dated September 24, 2004, recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the Accomack County, Virginia, in Document No. 200406777, default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the entrance to the Circuit Court of Accomack County, 23316 Courthouse Avenue, Accomack, on February 29, 2016 at 10:30 AM the property described in said deed, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 19 and Northwestern half of Lot 20, as shown on plat attached to Deed recorded in Deed Book 189 at page 275., with improvements thereon.

Subject to any and all covenants, conditions, restrictions, easements, and all other matters of record taking priority over the Deed of Trust, if any, affecting the aforesaid property.

**TERMS OF SALE:**

CASH: A deposit of $20,000.00 or 10% of the sales price, whichever is lower, cash or certified check will be required at the time of sale, but no more than $10,000.00 of cash will be accepted, with settlement within fifteen (15) days from the date of sale. 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 of the status of the loan with the loan servicer, including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into an agreement to repay the loan, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. Sale is subject to post sale confirmation of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the loan servicer was notified of the sale.

Additional terms may be announced at the time of sale. Pursuant to the Virginia Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, we advise you that this firm is a debt collector attempting to collect the indebtedness referred to herein and any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

**INVITATION TO BID/RFP**

Sealed bids are invited for interested firms to submit proposals to furnish the electrical materials and labor for the installation of a backup generator system at Oceannock Elementary School and Kiptopeke Elementary School, County of Northampton, Virginia.

Sealed bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. Friday, February 19, 2016. Send bids directly to Mr. Chris Truckner, Northampton County Public Schools, 7207 Young Street, Machipongo, Virginia 23405, marked “Proposal for Emergency Generator Installation”. Any proposals received after the deadline will be rejected. Bid packets may be obtained from Northampton County Public Schools Central Office.

For further information, contact Mr. Chris Truckner at 757-678-5151 ext. 7001 or ctruckner@ncpks12.com.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive informalities. Procedure for withdrawal of a bid due to error is that described in Section 2.2-4330 of the Code of Virginia.

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**U.S. Route 13 Corridor Safety Study**

citizen information meeting

Tuesday, March 1, 2016, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Eastern Shore Community College
29300 Lankford Highway Melfa, VA 23410

Find out about the Virginia Department of Transportation’s U.S. Route 13 and Route 175 Corridor Safety Study. The area of interest for this study includes the section of U.S. Route 13 from the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel to U.S. Route 13 Maryland State Line and Route 175 from U.S. Route 13 to town of Chincoteague.

Review the safety assessment study and strategies for potential corridor alternatives. The focus of the study remains on safety and exploring opportunities to use new technology to enhance safety and operations along the corridor.

Give your written or oral comments at the meeting or submit them by March 30, 2016 to Mr. Jerry Pouley, District Planner Virginia Department of Transportation 1700 North Main Street Suffolk, VA 23434 or email to Jerry.Pouley@VDOT.Virginia.gov. Please reference “U.S Route 13 Corridor Safety Study” in the subject line.

In compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 and 36 CFR Part 800, information concerning the potential effects of the proposed project on properties listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places is provided in the environmental documentation. VDOT ensures nondiscrimination and equal employment in all programs and activities in accordance with Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. For more information or special assistance for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency, contact VDOT’s Civil Rights Division at 757-925-2500 or TTY/DD 711.

**TOWN OF BLOXOM PUBLIC NOTICE**

A Public Hearing for the Town of Bloxom Zoning Board regarding a variance for property located at Tax Map 69A-A-69, 25498

Shoremain Drive, Bloxom, VA is scheduled for Thursday, February 25, 2016 at 7 PM in the Town Hall located at 26129

Shoremain Drive, Bloxom, VA.

Currently zoned for Manufacturing Housing but being requested to change to a Single Family Stick-Build dwelling.

Anyone interested in the above matter should appear at the public hearing to express his or her views.
The heirs and devisees of JOHN MILTON SIMPSON, JR.
JANETTE FAYE CAMPBELL
LINDA PAIGE HOBAUGH
TOWN OF EXMORE, VIRGINIA

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this suit is to enforce the lien of the Plaintiff for delinquent taxes against certain real estate described as follows:

All that parcel of land near Exmore, Northampton County, Virginia, fronting 50 ft. on the road leading from Exmore to Willis Wharf, and designated as parcel no. 010A4-0A-BLK-00-025.

And an affidavit having been filed that due diligence has been used to ascertain the names and location of all the heirs, devisees and successors in title of John Milton Simpson, Jr.; that there are or may be other persons having an interest in the real estate forming the subject matter of this suit whose names and last post office addresses are unknown, namely, the unknown heirs, devisees and successors in title of John Milton Simpson, Jr.; Janette Faye Campbell is a nonresident of the state of Virginia, whose last known post office address is 214 Cambria Drive, Tarentum, PA 15084.

It is ORDERED that this Order be published once a week for two successive weeks in the Eastern Shore Post and that the parties named herein appear on or before April 5, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for the County of Accomack, Virginia, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this suit.

ENTER: This 9th day of February, 2016
Nancy-Jo Revell, Deputy Clerk

I ask for this:
JAMES W. ELLIOTT, p.q.
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 1410
7100 U.S. Route 17
Yorktown, VA 23692
(757)898-7000

And an affidavit having been filed that due diligence has been used to ascertain the location of Annie S. Allen, Margaret Collins Jones and Freddie Kellam; that the last known post office address of Annie S. Allen is 25390 Logan Run, Accomac, VA 23301; that the last known post office address of Margaret Collins Jones is P.O. Box 1025, Exmore, VA 23350; that the last known post office address of Freddie Kellam is 3376 Pecam Lane, Exmore, VA 23350; that due diligence has been used to ascertain whether Colleen Allen Snead (also known as Caroline Allen Snead), is living, or if deceased, to ascertain the names and location of all her heirs, devisees and successors in title; that due diligence has been used to ascertain the names and location of all of the heirs, devisees and successors in title of John Allen Bayley, John (Buck) Allen (also known as John C. Allen), Chester Allen, Bertie Allen (also known as Bertie Allen Minus) and Garnet Allen (also known as Garnett Allen); that there are or may be other persons having an interest in the real estate forming the subject matter of this suit, whose names and last known post office addresses are unknown, namely, the unknown heirs, devisees and successors in title of Colleen Allen Snead, JohnAllen Bayley, John (Buck) Allen, Chester Allen, Bertie Allen and Garnet Allen; and that the Defendant, Russell Snead, is a nonresident of the state of Virginia, whose last known post office address is 3099 Levanve Drive, Viera, FL 32940.

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By Tom Horton
Bay Journal News Service

A few autumns ago, I took the students in my Chesapeake Bay class at Salisbury University to Smith Island to discuss how rising seas, accelerated by a warming climate, will threaten such low-lying communities before the end of this century.

I didn’t have to teach much that day. An unforecast nor’easter had covered most of Tylerton (one of three towns there) in tide several inches to two feet deep.

The students took away two views of their soggy day on Maryland’s only inhabited offshore island:

Smith Island is exquisitely vulnerable to sea-level rise, not a place to plan to live.

Smith Island was the coolest place to live they’d ever been to, from the fresh-out-of-the-bay crab cakes and home-baked eight-layer chocolate cakes, to the abundant wildlife, gorgeous panoramas and fascinating and friendly islanders who live in a close-knit community shaped by surviving in the middle of the Chesapeake through four centuries.

Smith Island and Tangier Island, Va., a similarly unique and charming offshore community six miles south, have proven irresistible to those who publicize and research climate change.

They are highly photogenic canaries in the coal mine, the “ground zeroes” where we'll soonest encounter the forces that will threaten many of the world’s coastlines.

Scientists, academics and journalists like me tend to focus on the inevitability of it all, to take the longer view, which points to Smith and Tangier being inundated by century’s end.

A recent study led by David M. Schulte of the Norfolk Army Corps of Engineers concludes that Tangier Island could be abandoned by 2070, perhaps much sooner if sea-level rise continues to accelerate.

But there’s another side, a lesson we might have taken long ago from places of conflict like Vietnam and Palestine, that people will fight against overwhelming odds to defend the places they call home.

Maryland officials were surprised at the negative reaction when, after Super Storm Sandy in 2012, they offered to buy out Smith Islanders who wanted to move. What they saw as a lifeline, islanders saw as government wanting to put another nail in their way of life.

Cultural roots in our region just don’t go any deeper than among the descendants of centuries-old families on the bay islands. It’s infectious. My family spent three of the best years of our lives on Smith Island. I’d move back in a minute if I could work it out with the rest of my too-busy existence.

Some islanders deny climate change and sea-level rise, though they’ll often say “erosion,” which is driven partly by rising seas, does seem worse nowadays.

Others accept it, but feel that to dwell on something that will happen in the run of the century is counterproductive to their striving desperately to keep their shrinking communities viable in the here and now.

Smith Islanders, where the population (low hundreds) is about half of what it was when I moved there in 1987, have put together a thoughtful and possible set of plans for staying put awhile. (Google “Smith Island United” and click on “Visioning Process.”)

Their plans range from a subsidized ferry service — current ferries have gotten so unreliable as to affect tourism — to walkways across the marshes to facilitate local travel and visiting birdwatchers.

They suggest tying increasingly regulated and hard-to-get licenses to fish and crab the Chesapeake to ownership of a home on the island. Because there are no other offshore islands in Maryland, it wouldn’t set a precedent leading to unlimited licenses.

In a similar vein, they envision a local housing trust that might take over abandoned properties and make them available at low cost to families who’d move for the quality of life — the local school, with nine students, could use an infusion of students.

Some important things have already happened, like a recent $9 million federal erosion-control project on the island’s north and west sides that protects a federal wildlife refuge and the rest of the island. It’s no dike that would repeal sea-level rise, but it will buy time.

Buying time for the islands is a purchase worth making — not billions for dikes, but no one’s asking that. Tangier Island might make it through the century with $25 million to $40 million for an erosion-control project, the Corps-funded report says.

Nationally, we spend more than that on recovering any number of endangered species. That’s a good thing. And buying another few-to-several decades of Smith and Tangier islands’ unique cultural, historic and environmental resources seems just as worthwhile.

Post Office Mail

It’s Time To Help Preschoolers

Dear Editor:

Data released last month by the U.S. Census Bureau show the Eastern Shore of Virginia is home to some of the highest poverty rates in the state for young children.

On the Eastern Shore, the poverty rate for those under age 5 is 32 percent. The poverty rate for preschoolers is 31 percent in Accomack County and 35 percent in Northampton County. The state average is 16 percent. These figures, based on the official poverty definition, mean these kids are growing up in families with incomes less than $24,000 a year if they live in a family of four people (poverty lines are adjusted for household size).

These figures indicate that too many children here are not getting the right start in life. But the time may be ripe for changing this situation. We may be seeing a rare moment where science and politics come together.

In terms of the science, we now know a lot more about how young children develop than we did 20 years ago. Study after study has shown how much brain development occurs in the first few years of life and how important stimulation is to early brain development. We also know much more than we did 20 years ago that high-quality preschool programs and early experiences in life for young children have an enormous impact on life chances. Studies have shown that children who had exposure to high-quality preschool programs came out better on almost every measure of child well-being than those who did not get a high-quality preschool experience.

Good preschool programs are also good for taxpayers, because studies show a dollar invested in good preschool programs saves $5 to $10 later, for example, in terms of less need for remedial education, lower costs for police and prisons, higher levels of employment, and lower welfare costs.

As for politics, a few weeks ago, the Republican members of the Virginia House of Delegates indicated that preschool was one of the issues that was high on their education agenda. This is good news and it is part of a national trend where the importance of preschool activities has become more of a non-partisan issue. More and more elected leaders are recognizing that the future of our nation depends on the future of today’s young people.

As the state legislature attends to the Virginia state budget, there are several items that could help more children get the kinds of positive preschool experiences they need. One of the top priorities is expansion of the Virginia Preschool Initiative, which helps at-risk 4-year-olds. Funding for the program should be expanded and the state should look at possible new models, like public-private partnerships, for delivering this service to needy young children.

Other parts of the budget that could help young children include the Home Visiting program, the early intervention for children with special needs and additional efforts to protect young children through increased efforts and child-care safety.

In short, the future of our area depends on the extent to which young children today grow up to be productive and responsible workers, good parents and spouses, and informed and engaged citizens.
Through the state budget, we have an opportunity to improve the odds for thousands of children here on the Eastern Shore.

Dr. William O’Hare of Cape Charles, who, for many years worked at the Annie E. Casey Foundation in Baltimore, Md., where he ran the KIDS COUNT program.

Suspend Permits for Chicken Houses

Dear Editor:

I recently offered my plea to the Accomack supervisors to arrest the proliferation of poultry houses, and the associated plant expansions, in the county.

Over the last 40 years, I have seen the expansion of the industry in this community from Holly Farms to the current major “integrators” with little growth in county prosperity. Now we see this imminent assault which has questionable benefit for our local community, a community that should do much better.

The question is not whether the current poultry operations have added tax money and employment to the community any more than whether coal mining has added money and employment to Boone or Logan counties, W.Va. Rather, the question is whether further exploitation with its blatant environmental insult and dismal employment record, in this precious venue is a valid concession.

Opposition is not about dismantling the existing industry in the county; what is here is here. But rather, it is about its expansion in deference to alternatives which value deeper educational levels, environmental sensitivity, and economic return in the long term.

The employment claim of the poultry corporate integrators is hardly on behalf of the county’s current citizenry which even now does not fill the vacancies present. Why concede the environmental hypocrisy of permitting 30,000-square-foot air polluting, water polluting, and health-threatening factories while prohibiting far less virulent residential development? Our agenda in the public forum is to stand up against the environmental and economic insults to this community which we see in this expansion of poultry operations by outside exploitive interests.

In this assault by the poultry industry, local government would be failing the citizenry if it were to acquiesce. A few hypocrisys in particular:

• Factories vs. open-land agriculture. These poultry houses are factories, with who knows what health implications. They are not included in the original natural intent of the agricultural open-land zoning in which they are permitted.

• Zoning duplicity. Ten years ago, Accomack County mandated five-acre zoning for residences in agricultural zoning, but a 30,000-square-foot chicken house even on six acres is blatant duplicity when compared to one 2,000-square-foot residence. Considering water runoff impacts alone, if a poultry factory is permitted, so should eight to ten 2,000-square-foot equivalent residences, which in groundwater, air, sewage, and odor, are considerably less virulent.

• Employment vs. current demand: There is virtually no citizen in this region who cannot go to Temperanceville or Accomac now and get a job. New employment in Accomack County should be focused on technical, skilled, and professional occupations. With its strategic geography, the county has every degree of leverage to plan and negotiate for that.

• Industrialization: In the last decade, Accomack County has made a valid attempt to attract technical industry to the industrial park. So where is the initiative to fulfill that in the long term rather than recruiting the poultry industry, where polluting factories are distributed randomly throughout the county?

• U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency permitting: Agricultural loans for poultry houses come from the USDA Farm Service Agency. By federal regulation, installations involving more than 100,000 “birds” — e.g. three houses — require an initial Environmental Protection Agency environmental assessment (EA). If the EA finds “no significant impacts,” then a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is issued, which eliminates the process of a follow-on environmental impact statement. But the FONSI’s in virtually all Delmarva counties seem to be rubber stamps. This means that our local government, by its zoning authority, is the last defense against poultry house exploitation.

Whether or not local politicians or citizens see it, the undercurrent is of global manifestation. Accepting that the biological value — the equitable span of essential amino acids in dietary meat protein, beef, pork, poultry, fish — is approximately the same, poultry becomes a primary heir for supplying the burgeoning world population with essential protein. Thus, there is a subtle global pressure to exploit poultry.

There are approximately 80,000 acres of farmable land for grain in Accomack County. Dismissing genetic modification and synthetic fertilizer, production of 100 bushels of carbohydrate per acre per year amounts to a human carrying capacity of about 80,000 people (double the current population). In other words, our region is a land resource to be exploited for corporate gain (and I am a conservative, but that means being honest).

It is not a stretch to expect wild cards in poultry industrialization, such as genetically modified chickens with their consequent selectively unstable biology (and economy). This already has appeared in other enterprises, resulting in only that much greater dependence on centralized manipulation.

In light of the negatives, I don’t see expansion of the current poultry industry as doing that. There is more than enough here. I hope for my local government to be a filter, a principled and honest one, to guide this community to a prosperous, egalitarian one against all outside assault. My recommendation is for a moratorium on further permitting until there is at least far greater local scrutiny of implications and alternatives. Grain farmers will still get their prices and insurance; it’s administered from Chicago.

John C. Schneider, Bloxom

Whoever Took Out Ad Got It Wrong

Dear Editor:

The full-page ad that the anonymous group The AWAKENED Silent Majority placed in last week’s Eastern Shore Post claims that unnamed “special interest groups” are responsible for the election of two Northampton supervisors who, along with Granville Hogg, are determined to restore zoning regulations that are compatible with the county’s Comprehensive Plan.

These conspirators are, according to the ad, people who are “living in their fancy houses overlooking the bay. … They have made theirs. In most cases, somewhere other than Northampton County. Now they want to take away our opportunity to make ours.”

I don’t know who these people may be, but I know that those words do not apply to any of the people with whom I serve on the boards of Citizens for a Better Eastern Shore and Virginia Eastern Shorekeeper or any of those concerned citizens who have frequently spoken in protest of the 2015 zoning regulations at supervisors’ meetings.

I wonder, furthermore, who paid for that ad. The people claim they are being denied “our opportunity to make ours”? The AWAKENED is not only silent but invisible. It is not unreasonable to assume that they may be hiding behind the mask of anonymity because they themselves have special interests.

Come out, come out, whoever you are.

John Ordeman, Nassawadox
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