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NASA Attempts To Scrub Safety Concerns

By Linda Cicoira

NASA’s vision may be reaching for the stars and revealing “the unknown for the benefit of humankind,” but on the Eastern Shore of Virginia, the priority is public safety.

That’s what top Wallops Flight Facility (WFF) officials reported to the Accomack Board of Supervisors Wednesday evening following private sessions with two board members at a time. It was done that way because the public must be invited if three or more supervisors meet.

“Public safety is our priority,” WFF Director Bill Wrobel told county leaders and a boardroom packed with landowners who live in the Hazard Zone that was included in a recent Joint Land Use Study. “We take it very seriously … that’s across the board…. we do an awful lot of analysis …. before we set up our hazard areas. … If there is any doubt we do not launch,” Wrobel added.

The sessions were fueled by citizen complaints about the zone designation adversely affecting future land development and the possibility of upcoming launches damaging property, a major concern after the October 2014 mishap in which an Antares rocket going to the International Space Station failed and was exploded seconds after launch. Windows were knocked out in residences as far away as Captain’s Cove.

“In 70 years we’ve never had a fatality,” Wrobel said. “It’s a pretty special place. We aim to keep it that way. … We’re constantly monitoring atmospheric occurrences … hundreds of millions of dollars go into these things so it’s not taken lightly.

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Trump, Clinton Carry Shore

By Linda Cicoira

Voters on the Eastern Shore chose Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton during Tuesday’s Dual Primary for party nominees in the presidential election in November.

Clinton won all 18 precincts in Accomack County and all six precincts in Northampton for the Democratic Primary. She got about 72 percent of the votes in both counties, 1,789 in Accomack and 868 in Northampton. Bernie Sanders garnered about 27 percent, 682 votes in Accomack and 324 in Northampton. Martin J. O’Malley got approximately 0.5 percent (14 votes) in Accomack and six votes in Northampton.

Trump took every precinct in both counties in the Republican Primary by a landslide.

In Accomack, he got nearly 48 percent, 2,068 votes. Ballots also were cast for Mario Rubio with 905, Ted Cruz with 685, Ben Carson with 411, John Kasich with 210, Rand Paul with 12, Mike Huckabee with 10, Jim Gilmore with 4, Chris Christie with 4, Jeb Bush with 4, Carly Fiorina with 4, Lindsey Graham with 2, and Rick Santorum with 1.

In Northampton, Trump got 45.4 percent, 626 votes. Ballots also were cast for Rubio with 366 votes, Cruz with 162, Kasich with 137, Carson with 76, Bush with 6, Huckabee with 2, and Paul with 1.

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Local residents went down a neck road on the mainland Tuesday to watch this Wallops launch of a Terrier-Improved Malemute suborbital sounding rocket. The next launch is scheduled between 7 and 10 a.m. Monday, March 7, when three space technology payloads will be carried on a Terrier-Improved Orion suborbital sounding rocket.
Local Teacher Salaries Rank Low Compared to Other State Divisions

By Linda Cicoira

The average Accomack County Public Schools (ACPS) teacher is paid $44,385 annually. The division ranks 105th of 132 Virginia school divisions, according to figures provided by the state. The salary is slightly better to the south, where Northampton County Public Schools (NCPS), which ranks 95th, pays teachers an average of $45,367 a year.

Accomack ranked below cohort school divisions that are often used for comparison in a variety of county data.

Figures for those schools include Isle Of Wight County, which ranks 16th with an average teacher salary of $55,110. Powhatan County ranked 22nd with an average pay of $53,839. Orange County pays an average of $51,561 and ranks 33rd. Shenandoah County ranks 34th and pays, on average, $51,329. Botetourt County pays teachers an average of $48,861 and ranks 62nd. Caroline County pays teachers, on average, $47,166 and ranks 81st. Warren County ranks 82nd with the average teacher paid $47,164.

The counties NCPS uses in its budget book as a comparison for salaries include Chesapeake City, which ranks 13th with an average pay of $57,078. Virginia Beach City ranks 15th and pays an average salary of $55,544. Poquoson City Public Schools ranks 51st with an average salary of $49,523. Franklin City Public Schools ranks 126th and averages $39,625.

Alexandria City Public Schools teachers average $75,604 to rank the highest paid in the state. Grayson County Public Schools rank the lowest and pay an average of $33,974.

ACPS ranks 116th for the starting salary for a teacher with a bachelor’s degree at $35,580. NCPS ranks 118th with $35,346.


Northampton ranks far below the divisions it uses for comparison for starting salaries for teachers. Those were: Virginia Beach, which ranks 17th with $42,810; Chesapeake ranking 34th with $41,560; Franklin City ranking 73rd with $38,934; and Poquoson ranking 74th with $38,931.

Principals do better in Accomack, where the average pay for principals ranks 63rd out of 132 at $87,116. NCPS ranks 84th with an average salary for principals of $83,210.

In this competition, Accomack did better than Orange County (which ranks 65th, averaging $86,917), but below its other cohorts. Powhatan ranks 24th with an average pay of $98,873. Botetourt ranks 30th with $95,718. Shenandoah ranks 31st at $95,591. Warren ranks 38th with an average pay of $93,046, and Isle of Wight ranks 62nd with an average pay of $87,116.

NCPS again does better than Franklin City, which ranks 104th and pays $78,760. But it doesn’t do nearly as well as the other areas it uses. Virginia Beach ranks 21st and pays its principals an average of $99,787. Chesapeake ranks 35th at $94,493 and Poquoson ranks 46th at $90,040.

Arlington County pays the most, on average, to its principals at $143,341, which is more than the salary of both superintendents on the Eastern Shore. Grayson County is again at the bottom of the list with an average salary of $60,862 for principals.

Body Found Near Northampton

The body of Kevin C. Blake, of Topping, Va., was recovered from the Chesapeake Bay Sunday, Feb. 28, near Northampton County.

Blake, 51, had last been seen Feb. 20 in Topping, according to Middlesex Sheriff’s Office (MSO).

Last week, Blake’s empty boat was found on the Rappahannock River by the Virginia Marine Police.

Clarification

The proposed 3-cent per $100 valuation increase in the real-estate tax rate in Accomack does not include Chincoteague. A previous article did not make that clear. We apologize for any misunderstanding.
Keep 2015 Zoning

This is how the 2009 Zoning Ordinance has worked for you in the past. Do you really want it in your future?

Population
Declined 5.4% between 2000-2010, 7.39% between 2000-2014

Jobs
Declined 10.6% between 2000-2010, 20.7% between 1999-2014

Property Values
Declined 20.26% between 2009 and 2014

Median Household Income
Declined 7.44%, in buying power between 2000-2010

Poverty Rate
Increased 33%, from 18% in 2007 of the population to 24.3% in 2013.

Tax Rates
Increased 37.28% between 2010 and 2014. With the real estate property tax increase to $0.6805 in 2016, that would be a 38.87% increase

Taxable Sales
Between 2006 and 2014, declined by 19%.

Health, Safety and Public Welfare
Departure of Hospital, Emergency Room, strain on Emergency Services, increased distance to doctors, crumbling schools, limited number of public recreation facilities.

Keep 2015 Zoning
It’s time to turn OUR County around.
Be seen and heard, become one of the “Yellow Shirts.”
March 8, 2016, 7pm - Board of Supervisors Meeting
March 9, 2016, 7pm - Public Hearing on Zoning, NHS
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Fair Warning

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By Linda Cicoira

First Sgt. B.E. Jeffrey Jones, the Eastern Shore’s new state police commander, longs for a time when the community knew all the troopers by name.

“I’m sending my troopers to the schools just to drop in and say hello and to talk to the kids, talk to the teachers,” he said in a recent interview.

He tells his officers to discuss “seat belt safety” and “stranger danger” because the children are “going to listen to you. You’re the authority figure.”

“I really don’t have a plan,” Jones said. “I am very much a fan of community-based policing. I want the state police of 40 years ago.” Accomack and Northampton counties are “just like where I come from except it’s flat here. It’s a community where everyone knows everyone. You can’t go to Walmart and not run into everyone.”

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“There’s no way I can exist without sheriffs’ offices and local police departments,” Jones admitted. “Without the other, we would run ragged. If we’re on the same plan, we can work together … we are very short-staffed.”

This week, the Shore will gain five new troopers to total 18. Three of those are needed Monday through Friday at the scales in New Church for weight enforcement. That leaves 13 to patrol the two counties. “It will be at least a year to see the fruit of the next academy class,” he reported.

Those numbers do not include special agents who work in Accomack and Northampton.

“We’re going to have to get people from the Shore into the state police in order to get a return on the long-term investment … we need to recruit from the Shore,” he said. “The problem we run into with the new ones is, they want to go home. I can’t blame them.” He emphasized that isn’t the case with him since he wanted the Shore assignment.

“They asked me to come here. I haven’t been home (to work) since 2010.”

“I could use 42 troopers in the area, he said. “Having the legislators agree to pay for that many more positions is a very wishful thinking.” Jones was among the officers who converged on the Shore a few years ago when dozens of buildings were burned by arsonists.

“I want to root out the drugs and the gangs,” he continued. “No single police officer is going to be able to get rid of the gangs. We’re going to have to get together with the agencies and communities to get this to uproot … to let that element know that it’s not going to be tolerated in our homes.”

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Accionack Grand Jury

Quiet indictments handed down by an Accomack grand jury earlier this month were made public Tuesday in district court files.

Dwain Deshaun Handy, 26, of Wilburn Lane in Horntown was indicted on a count of possession with intent to distribute between a half-ounce and five pounds of marijuana on April 22, 2015. He was arrested Feb. 25. Handy is being held in Accomack County Jail without bond.

Glenn Eric Northan, 58, of Boundary Avenue in Onancock was indicted on a count of distributing cocaine on Sept. 2, 2015. He was arrested Feb. 12 and is being held without bond.

Tyrone Scott Parks, no age available of Main Street in Melfa was indicted on two counts of selling buprenorphine, a medication used to treat opioid addiction, on Dec. 2 and 10, 2015. He was arrested Feb. 12. Unsecured bond was set at $5,500.

Agent J. Marsh of Eastern Shore Drug Task Force gave information about the cases to the jury, the records stated.

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Northampton District Court

Two men were arrested recently in connection with separate incidents in Northampton County for felony hit and run, according to records filed in the county general district court.

Jamal D’Angelo Stratton of Cape Charles was charged with the alleged offense in connection with an incident that occurred Feb. 21. A preliminary hearing is set for March 24.

Tyrone Michael Payton of Bloxom was charged with hit and run with damage of more than $1,000 in connection with a crash on Feb. 2. He was arrested the next day. His case is scheduled for March 10.

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Accomack District Court

A young Onley man was charged earlier this week with malicious wounding, according to records filed in Accomack General District Court.

Diego Ayrton Jimenez, 18, of Church Road is being held without bond for the crime that allegedly occurred Sunday, when he was arrested. The victim’s name was not included in court documents. Deputy C. Hodgson of Accomack County Sheriff’s Office investigated.

Steven Mark Pearse, 62, of Chincoteague was charged with possession of a controlled Schedule I or II drug in connection with a Jan. 2 incident. Pearse was arrested Feb. 25. He is being held without bond. Chincoteague Police Officer K.A. Reese investigated.

Northampton School Board Prepares FY’2017 Budget

By Ron West

The Northampton School Board worked to finalize its FY2017 budget that soon will be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors.

The Board, Finance Director Brook Thomas, and Superintendent Eddie Lawrence massaged numbers to trim the budget deficit by approximately $60,000, leaving about a 2 percent increase over the FY2016 budget.

The $20,457,933 school budget will be split among local, state and federal funding streams. It will fall to the Board of Supervisors to determine the bottom line the School Board will have to use for the coming school term.

During the public comment session, parent Gerald Richardson addressed the issue of children having to walk some distance to meet their bus. He suggested that drivers wait a few extra seconds in sight of the bus as they struggle to catch it in the morning. He suggested some students even if they are with parents for the children rather than driving off. Lawrence said the matter would be investigated.

Bill Payne, president of the board of the Boys and Girls Club, addressed the board regarding the use of school facilities by the club, which meets at Occohannock Elementary School after school. Payne noted that in addition to the children from Northampton County who are provided with an opportunity to take part in the Boys and Girls Club, a few children from Accomack County also participate.

Asked by School Board Chairman Skip Oakley why the program is open to Accomack children while those in the lower end of Northampton County are not included, Payne noted the issue is one of transportation rather than exclusion. He added that the goal is to provide services to all children when possible.

School Board member Randy Parks asked why Accomack County does not have its own program. Payne responded that it’s a funding issue. He added that Boys and Girls Clubs meet in places other than schools in parts of Hampton Roads so the program could be offered in other parts of the Shore.

In other business, the board agreed to approve a contract with the U.S. Navy for rental of a communications tower in the high-school parking lot. The Navy will pay the school system $40,000 per year for a 10-year lease. The Navy owns the tower, but rents the property on which it’s located.

Lawrence announced that pre-school registration would take place on April 18 at Occohannock Elementary School and April 20 at Kiptopeke Elementary.

Parents who wish to have their children take part in the program may submit applications early at the Northampton School Board office in Machipongo. For additional information, call the School Board Office at 678-5151.
Retired Police Chief Seeking Seat on Chincoteague Town Council

Retired Chincoteague Police Chief Eddie Lewis has announced that he is running for Town Council.

“Friends and family of mine will tell you that it comes as no surprise that I am running for Town Council,” Lewis said. “I’ve always had a strong desire to give back to our community, and I’ve never hesitated to advocate for those in need.”

A resident of Chincoteague since 1956, Lewis served in the U.S. Marine Corps. Upon returning home, he started working for the Town of Chincoteague as a traffic control officer in June of 1977. In August 1978, he became a full-time police officer and was named chief of police in December 1999. Lewis retired from that post last March, having served in law enforcement for 37 years.

Recounting some of his achievements as chief of police, Lewis said, “With the assistance of my staff, we began the Annual Poker Run for the Kids fundraiser to aid families in need; we also began a Senior Luncheon for the senior-citizen residents of the island.”

Noting that he has attended council meetings for the past 16 years, Lewis said he is “familiar with procedures and the group effort it takes to make a successful town council.”

Lewis promised, “If elected, I would take the opportunity to bring the town government together and install better communication with each other and the citizens. My goal would be to have a plan of action list of items the town council has asked for or voted to be completed. The list needs to be made part of the agenda for public review. The town has good employees and I want to ensure that the town continues to run smoothly and we retain them.”

As councilman, Lewis said, he would immediately address these priorities:

- Keeping Assateague open for recreational purposes, with at least 1,000 parking spaces within short walking distance to the beach, and replenishing the dunes on the southern end;
- Securing 24-hour coverage by at least two emergency medical providers seven days a week, 365 days a year;
- Correcting the drainage issue of pooling water at the foot of the new bridge;
- Installing continuous sidewalks down Maddox Boulevard, ending at the traffic circle;
- Seeking further funding through state and federal grants.

A member of Union Baptist Church, Chincoteague Kiwanis, Accomack Masonic Lodge 243, American Legion and Blue Knights, Lewis said, “I am a husband, a father, a grandfather, a home owner and business owner for 40 years in the Town of Chincoteague. I have been married to my wife Sharon for 39 years.

Lewis concluded, “Being involved with my community and helping others has always been a huge part of my life. With your support, I can continue to work for the citizens of Chincoteague and promise to make a positive, lasting impact as your town councilor.”

Town elections are May 3.
Living Shorelines Might Prove To Be Solution for Waterfront Property

Sea-level rise, recurrent flooding, significant storms and imposing weather events are a reality we contend with regularly along the Mid-Atlantic coast.

With sea-level rise accelerating in our region at three to four times the global average and coastal Virginia experiencing more than 14 inches of sea-level rise since 1930, it’s easy to see how our fragile Shore landscape is at risk. Many of us experience this on a regular basis with flooding in our backyards, battered bulkheads, and even notable property loss.

But there are ways we can address these problems using nature-based solutions. Science has proven that natural habitat protects coastal communities against erosion, high water and storms. Much like our barrier islands and coastal wetlands protect our shores against the force of waves and storms, nature-based solutions such as living shorelines can reduce coastal erosion and ultimately improve the way property responds to Mother Nature.

Living shorelines are a creative and proven alternative to lining waterways with hard bulkheads. The technique involves planting native wetland plants and grasses, shrubs, and trees at various points along the water line. Plantings are often coordinated with carefully placed sand, small amounts of rock, and organic materials.

Living shorelines ensure that the critical connection between the land and sea is maintained, preserving valuable real estate and infrastructure while allowing wildlife to thrive. The plants act as a filter for pollution, improving water quality. Animals frequent the habitat they create. Shade from plants keeps the water cool, which increases oxygen levels for fish and other aquatic species. The shorelines also absorb the impact of waves, meaning less erosion and more underwater grasses.

As Virginia grapples with how to address recurrent flooding and sea level rise, it has several options, including nature-based solutions like living shorelines, along with traditional gray infrastructure like sea walls and raising roads.

If your coastal property needs erosion protection, living shorelines may be a better option. “We need to address sea level rise holistically by integrating nature-based solutions at every opportunity,” said Thomas Quattlebaum, sea level rise fellow for the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. “That includes engineered armoring techniques such as living shorelines, living breakwaters and oyster reefs, as well as smaller scale infiltration options like rain gardens.”

Where there is low to moderate wave energy and minimal erosion, it is likely not necessary to install hard structures. Not only are they more expensive than living shorelines, but they also have the unintended consequence of destroying shallow water habitats, increasing the rate of erosion on neighboring properties, and preventing the shoreline from carrying out important natural processes.

You can help stabilize your shoreline by planting “buffers” of native plants. By planting woody vegetation such as shrubs and smaller trees to create an understory, and large canopy trees as part of the buffer, you can greatly reduce polluted runoff and soil loss coming from the land. If you are concerned about maintaining your view, plant larger trees away from sight lines and plant low-growing shrubs instead.

Well-established shoreline buffers include mature native trees and shrubs to help frame the view. Buffers help to anchor the soil, add critical wildlife habitat and diversity, and make the shoreline more aesthetically pleasing.

There is support available if you’d like to install a living shoreline. A joint federal/state permit application from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is now in place to help streamline permitting procedures. There’s also financial assistance available. Virginia offers grants for private individuals through the Chesapeake Bay Trust’s Living Shorelines Initiative. The Chesapeake Bay Restoration Fund in Virginia will fund projects for public and non-profit organizations. A new Virginia program also may soon offer low-interest loans to local governments and property owners to install living shorelines.

Here is how to make your living shoreline happen:

1. Identify your site conditions and determine suitable types of projects.

2. Contact your local and state agencies to get technical assistance and arrange a site visit.

3. Contact consultants and contractors who specialize in constructing living shorelines for a site visit, information, and financial estimates.

4. Plan ahead! Permits can take four months or longer depending on the type of work. For grasses and herbaceous perennials, the best time to start construction is in the spring since plants are available from nurseries at the start of the peak summer growing season. (Trees and shrubs can also be ordered for a fall planting.)

5. Take photos before, during, and after your project.

6. Educate your neighbors and community about why you are constructing a living shoreline.

For more information, visit www.cbf.org/livingshorelines

To learn more about living shorelines, contact Chesapeake Bay Foundation Eastern Shore Outreach organizer Tatum Ford at tford@cbf.org
Planning Commission Recommends Wedding Venue, Health Center

By Ron West

The Northampton Planning Commission Tuesday reviewed a request for a special-use permit (SUP) from Eastville resident Elizabeth Dodd in her effort to create a wedding venue near the Chesapeake Bay.

Dodd proposes to use 25 acres of family property at 16111 Elkington Rd. in the Smith Beach area as a destination for couples who seek the perfect setting for their wedding.

No members of the public spoke on the request.

Asked by Commissioner Dave Fauber what accommodations would be made for handicapped visitors, Dodd replied that golf carts would be used to transport guests should they need it.

Commissioner Kay Downing noted that she had visited the site and the entire shoreline is currently covered with grass, trees, and other vegetation, thereby meeting the requirement for a buffer.

The commissioners voted unanimously to recommend the project to the Board of Supervisors, which will conduct a public hearing on the plan in March 8.

In other business, the commission reviewed a request by Eastern Shore Rural Health to construct a new health facility along Lankford Highway just south of the Eastville traffic signal.

The Planning Commission had conducted a public hearing on the plan in January and recommended it to the Board of Supervisors, which eventually referred the project back to the Planning Commission for additional review.

On Tuesday, Rural Health CEO Nancy Stern and her representatives addressed the concerns raised by the supervisors, noting that it is important that the clinic be located near Lankford Highway for visibility and ease of access by their clients.

If the project is approved, Rural Health would install turn lanes from Lankford Highway and offer to pay for the closure of a median crossing near the site.

Another concern regarded storm water runoff. According to plans submitted by Rural Health, a series of graduated retention ponds would be constructed to be no deeper than four feet with shelves or safety benches out from the edges. The ponds would allow water runoff to filter back into the ground.

Downing said she had walked the property following a recent rain and there was no standing water.

Stern also explained that since Rural Health facilities do not handle cases ordinarily seen in an emergency room setting, the Eastville clinic would not have any effect on other health care providers in the county.

The commissioners agreed to forward the additional information on the Rural Health request to the supervisors in time for their March 8 session.

Long-range planner Peter Stith announced that the Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing on the proposed changes to the 2015 Zoning Ordinance March 9 at 7 p.m. at Northampton High School.
Broadwater Teacher Chosen for Polar Trip

*Story by Airlia P. Gustafson*
*Photo by Zeb Polly*

Broadwater Academy science teacher and Science Department chairwoman Sandra Thornton has been chosen as one of eight teachers across the United States to participate in the PolarTREC Arctic mission.

“It is really important to me that my students develop an awareness of how field research is conducted and how data is collected,” said Mrs. Thornton. “I am thrilled to have the opportunity to bring current, relevant data into my classroom.”

Over 200 teachers apply each year to participate in the mission that is funded by the National Science Foundation with a cooperative NOAA arrangement from Teacher at Sea. After several selection rounds the finalists are interviewed by participating research teams.

This is the third year Thornton has applied to participate in PolarTREC and the first time she has been selected. “I am ecstatic to be chosen!” she said. “When I saw the words ‘Fairbanks, Alaska’ show up on my Caller ID, I didn’t know whether it would be an acceptance or a repeat of previous years’ applications. Acceptance represented the fulfillment of my dream to contribute to a scientific research project. I can only imagine the experiences that await through my fellowship with PolarTREC and Teacher at Sea.”

The purpose of the PolarTREC missions is to provide a professional development experience to educators. Participating teachers are not merely observers, but active members of the team, involved in research activities wherever possible.

The actual mission will start around July 1 onboard the U.S. Coast Guard cutter Healy. For five weeks, Thornton will work with Dr. Katrin Iken and her team of researchers as part of the Chukchi Borderlands Project in the Chukchi Sea.

Said Thornton, “I will work with K-12 students to help them learn about organisms that inhabit Arctic areas and the changing environmental conditions in these areas. Students who understand the delicate balance of these relationships are more likely to make connections between what happens in the Arctic and what happens in their own communities.”
Mr. Norman Paul Gotthardt, 79, of Colonial Beach, Va., formerly of Dunn Loring and Vienna, Va., died at home Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2016.

Mr. Gotthardt lived in Eastville for a number of years with his sister and brother-in-law, Dr. Linda and Allen Philpot. He spent his last years on the Northern Neck with his adopted son, Peter Gotthardt. There he entertained and helped neighbors and friends with numerous creative projects. Born in Washington, D.C., Mr. Gotthardt was a lifelong navigator, inventor, mechanic, architect, builder, project manager, and gifted storyteller. Following a paralyzing accident at the age of 17, he never let paraplegia limit his ability or achievements. He completed his high-school education, graduating with his class and spent one year at Woodrow Wilson Rehabilitation Center where he trained as a cartographer, gaining skills that prepared him for a decades-long career with AAA.

He is survived by adopted son Peter Gotthardt (né Gabor Tot), his devoted friend, companion and caregiver for more than 15 years; brothers, Charles W. Gotthardt Jr. and Fred A. Gotthardt (Glady); sisters, Nancy G. Barnett (Jerry) and Linda G. Philpot (Allen); and many nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his sister, Anne S. Martin (Harry); parents, Charles W. and Viola S. Gotthardt; and sister-in-law, Doris Gotthardt.

A celebration of Mr. Gotthardt’s life will be held April 16, near Richmond.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Shepherds United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 245, St. Stephens Church, VA 23148.


A native of Wachapreague, she was the daughter of the late Southey “Sud” Bell and Nancy Thornton Bell.

Mrs. Lewis is survived by her daughters, Judy L. Fitchett (and companion, Scott Olivetto) of Eastville and Nancy R. Lewis (and companion, Melvin Swift) of Cedar View; sister, Margaret Doughty of Welaka, Fla.; brother, William Lipscomb of Birdsnest; granddaughters, Suzanne M. Henderson (and husband, Peter) of Bridgetown and Alison Fitchett (and wife, Heather) of Norfolk, Va.; and great-grandchildren, Conner Henderson and Charlotte Henderson, both of Bridgetown. He was predeceased by two sons, Richard David Lewis Jr. and Carlton Wayne Lewis; and a grandson, Ryan Mitchell Fitchett.

A graveside service was conducted Thursday, Feb. 25, at Cape Charles Cemetery by Mr. Barry Downing.

Memorial donations may be made to Alzheimer’s Association, 6350 Center Dr., Suite 102, Norfolk, VA 23502. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.doughtyfuneralhome.com

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

Mrs. Frances C. Armbrester, 84, of Willis Wharf, died Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2016 at Heritage Hall in Nassawadox.

A native of Mechanicsville, Md., she was the daughter of the late James Columbus Reintzell Sr. and Mary Bridgett Reintzell. Mrs. Armbrester was a mother and housewife who enjoyed life on the Eastern Shore for the past 20 years, and greatly enjoyed yard work, visiting with friends and raising her beloved dogs, Tojo and Sam.

Mrs. Armbrester is survived by her sons, John Istvan of Bowie, Md., Ron Istvan of Hillsboro, Ohio, and Francis B. Istvan of Mechanicsville; daughter, Bonnie Reed of Lusby, Md.; long-time companion, Jeffery Wynne and good friend, Doris Kilmon; both of the Eastern Shore; sisters, Rosanna Cox of Maryland and Margaret Ann Brady of Georgia; and grandchildren, Robert Morrow of Spring, Texas, Rhonda Birkhimer of Cincinnati, Ohio, Jaime Birkhimer of Portsmouth, Ohio, Sara Griffin of Lusby, Michael Istvan of Catonsville, Md., Jeannie Boarman of La Plata, Md., and Joey Istvan of Iron Station, N.C. She was predeceased by four brothers, Jim, Buck, Billy, and George; and two sisters, Louise and Virginia.

To honor her wishes, no public services will be held.

Memorial donations may be made to SPCA Animal Shelter, P.O. Box 164, Onley, VA 23418. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.doughtyfuneralhome.com

Arrangements were made by Doughty Funeral Home in Exmore.

Mr. Thomas is survived by his wife, Ida Elizabeth (Franks) Thomas; sons, Richard L. Thomas Jr. (Heidi) of Woodbridge, Va., and Adam Courtney Thomas of Orange Park, Fla.; daughter, Alice Elizabeth Thomas (Luke Holbrook) of Tappahannock, Va.; grandchildren, Madeleine, Hunter and Harrison Thomas of Woodbridge; brother, Dean L. Thomas (Elizabeth) of Pittsburgh, Pa.; and sisters, Wanda J. Launderback, Peggy A. Butler and Cindy L. Blair (Lynn), all of Clovis. He was predeceased by his brother, Henry Edward Thomas Jr. from Albuquerque, N.M.; and sisters, Marilyn Rees from Portland, Ore., and Marsha Gail Thomas from Clovis.

Mr. Thomas will be laid to rest with full Military Honors at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D.C., on a date to be determined.

Memorial donations may be made to Trinity United Methodist Church, c/o Trudy Ramer, P.O. Box 326, Cape Charles, VA 23310. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.doughtyfuneralhome.com

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

Mr. Johnnie W. Hampton, 58, of Newport News, Va., died there Thursday, Feb. 25, 2016, at Riverside Regional Medical Hospital.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, March 5, at 11 a.m. at Queen Street Worship Center in Hampton. A viewing will be held there tonight from 5 to 7. Interment will be at Union Baptist Cemetery in Eastville.

Arrangements were made by Smith and Scott Funeral Home in Accomac.

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C&P Retiree Dies at Hermitage in Onancock

**Mrs. Ina Pruitt Brown**, 89, wife of the late Donald Olney Brown and a resident of the Hermitage on Eastern Shore in Onancock, passed away Saturday, Feb. 27, 2016.

Born on Tangier Island, she was the daughter of the late Charlie Wes Pruitt and Beulah Evans Pruitt. Her family relocated to Hacksneck, where her father founded Nandua Seafood Company. Following her graduation from Central High School, she worked for the Social Security Administration in Baltimore, Md., later returning to the Eastern Shore, where she retired as a telephone operator with the former C&P Telephone Co. in Onancock. In 1971, she married and the couple moved to Highland Park, Ill. Upon her husband’s retirement in 1993, the Browns moved back to the Shore and built their home in Hillsborough, Belle Haven.

A woman of true class and Christian values, Mrs. Brown remained devoted to her faith regardless of where she called home. She was a member of Evangelical Congregation Church in Highland Park, New Testament Church, Onley United Methodist Church, and the Gideon’s International Women’s Auxiliary of the Eastern Shore.

Survivors include her children, Claudia S. Webb (and husband, Tommy) of Jamesville, Robert Glynn Savage (and wife, Genalyn) of Acomac, and Cynthia S. Bradford (and husband, William) of Exmore; stepchildren, Linda J. Brown of West Fork, Ark., Diana B. Dean (and husband, David) of West Linn, Ore., and Catherine B. Dougherty of Riverside, Conn., and their families; grandchildren, Cory G. Savage, Christopher R. Savage, April S. Caison, Rachel D. Savage, Kristina N. Savage, Melody R. Bradford, and Jessica B. Bradford; eight great-grandchildren; and many other loving relatives. She was predeceased by a brother, William Stephen Pruitt; and the father of her children, John Robert “Bob” Savage.

Funeral services were conducted from Williams-Onancock Funeral Home Wednesday, March 2, by Rev. Charles W. Parks III. Interment was in Fairview Lawn Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Onley United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 98, Onley, VA 23418; or Gideon’s International, c/o Carl Balance, P.O. Box 546, Parksley, VA 23421. Memory tributes may be shared with the family at williamsfuneralhomes.com.

Onancock Woman Passes Away

**Mrs. Jeanne Volpe Serini**, 86, of Onancock, wife of the late Trent Ronald Serini, was reunited with her beloved husband Saturday, Feb. 27, 2016.

Born in Tuckahoe, N.Y., Mrs. Serini was a daughter of the late Joseph and Josephine Visconti Volpe. She was a longtime devout member of Saint Peter the Apostle Catholic Church.

Survivors include her daughter, Cynthia Serini Downing (and husband, John) of Dingley’s Mill, Onancock; sisters, Edith Volpe Provanzano of Massachusetts, Ann Volpe Verderame of Connecticut, and Grace Volpe Salvator of New York; sister-in-law, Pat Volpe, who was married to Mrs. Serini’s predeceased brother, Charles Volpe; 17 nieces; and 29 nephews. She also was predeceased by two sisters, Sister Eleanor Volpe, OCSO, and Camille Volpe DeMeeo and husband Tony; another brother, Anthony “Tony” Volpe; and two brothers-in-law, James Verderame and Michael Salvator.

A Mass of Christian Burial was conducted from Saint Peter the Apostle Catholic Church Thursday, March 3, by Father Thomas Provanzano and Rogelio L. “Father Roger” Abadano. Interment was at Mount Holly Cemetery in Onancock.

Memorial donations may be made in memory of Mrs. Serini’s sister, Sister Eleanor Volpe, to Mount Saint Mary’s Abbey, 300 Arnold St., Wrentham, MA 02093; or in Mrs. Serini’s memory for the ‘Opening Night Music Project’ to North Street Playhouse, c/o Cyndi Downing, P.O. Box 527, Onancock, VA 23417; or to the Altar Guild of St. Peter’s Catho-

Mears Woman Dies at Shore Rehab

**Mrs. Rosa Lee Godwin**, 76, of Mears, wife of the late Robert Adair Godwin, passed away Sunday, Feb. 28, 2016, at Riverside Shore Rehabilitation Center in Parksley.

Born in Sanford, she was a daughter of the late Henry Lowen Linton and Ruth Elizabeth Trader Linton.

Mrs. Godwin is survived by her children, Terry Jones (and husband, Robert) of Westover, Md., Sherry Lynn Holloway (and husband, Donald) of Chincoteague, Robert Todd Godwin (and wife, Bobbie Jo Allen) of Acomac, and Bruce Wayne Godwin (and wife, Victoria) of Guilford; and grandchildren; nieces, nephews, and their families. She was predeceased by her brothers, and a sister.

Funeral services were conducted from Williams-Parksley Funeral Home Tuesday, March 1, by Rev. G. Wayne Parsley. Interment was in Downing’s Cemetery.

Memory tributes may be shared at www.williamsfuneralhomes.com.

New Church Boat Captain Dies at Home

**Mr. Donald Asher Cherrix**, 59, of New Church passed away Wednesday, March 2, 2016, at his residence.

Born in Salisbury, Md., he was the son of the late William and Wilhelmina (Lewis) Cherrix. Mr. Cherrix was a member of Chincoteague Church of God. He was a longtime waterman, charter-boat captain, and commercial fisherman.

Mr. Cherrix is survived by his loving spouse of nine years, Lisa Reed Cherrix; stepdaughters, Brittany Waller and Kasey Reed; and stepsons, Bo Reeder (and wife, Heather), all of New Church, and Christopher Reeder and James Reynolds, both of Bloxom; grandchil-

Retired Office Manager for Dr. Boyer Dies

**Katherine Henderson Carter**, 75, of Nassawadox passed away Sunday, Feb. 28, 2016, at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital in Nassawadox.

A native of Nassawadox, she was the daughter of the late Dr. William Carey Henderson and Mary Ferebee Henderson. She was a retired office manager for Dr. Stephen Boyer and member of Red Bank Baptist Church.

She is survived by her daughter, Marietta Carter (and husband, Gregory Linde) of Branchburg, N.J.; son, Sam Stuart Carter Jr. (and wife, Nadine) of Mechanicsville, Va.; grandchildren, Ben and Kevin Linde, both of Branchburg, and Alicia Toast and Zachary Spencer; both of Mechanicsville; and six great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by a sister, Mary Carey Henderson Letteri.

Funeral services will be conducted Monday, March 7, at 11 a.m. at Red Bank Baptist Church by Rev. Dr. John M. Robertson. Interment will follow in the church cemetery. Friends will join family at Doughty Funeral Home in Exmore Sunday evening from 7 to 8:30.

Memorial donations may be made to SPCA Animal Shelter, P.O. Box 164, Onley, VA 23418. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.doughtyfuneralhome.com.
The Eastern Shore Health District asks the community to take measures now that will help control the mosquito population as temperatures warm up and help reduce the spread of mosquito-borne diseases like West Nile, Eastern, Western, and Venezuelan Encephalitis, that occur in Virginia, and most recently in the news, Zika Virus, that come into our region through exposed travelers.

The Aedes mosquitoes, which can transmit Zika virus, have adapted very well to human habitats by being able to lay eggs that survive long periods without water and that can hatch and grow into larvae after a rain shower in a size as small as a bottle cap. Differing greatly in habitat from the more familiar marsh mosquitoes that thrive near marshes in tidal zones, the larger Aedes species, with recognizable white striping, feeds during daylight hours when people are most likely to be outside, versus the marsh mosquitoes that primarily feed at dusk.

There are many things that families on the Eastern Shore of Virginia can do to protect themselves from mosquitoes on their own property and in their community:

1. Reduce mosquito breeding grounds by eliminating standing water on your property:
   a. Maintain gutters to drain well and keep gutters and down spouts clean.
   b. Eliminate standing water areas with better grading and/or drainage. Where this is a challenge, use mosquito dunks containing a biocontrol that are available at most hardware stores.
   c. Clean up all trash, especially old tires and anything that can contain water.
   d. Keep your outdoor trash
bins covered.

e. Empty water after each rainfall from flower trays, buckets, boat covers, tarps, flat roofs and any other container.

f. At least once per week, clean out bird baths and wading pools.

2. Be a good neighbor:
   a. Assist your elderly or disabled neighbors with yard clean-up steps mentioned above.
   b. Once a week, pick up trash on your road to keep ditches draining well.
   c. Notify the county when your neighborhood experiences flooding. Counties have equipment to improve storm drainage issues.

3. Plant mosquito-repelling plants in your flower and vegetable gardens and around your doorsteps. Marigolds, catnip, lemon grass, lemon thyme, citronella grass, cedars, mint, rosemary, lavender, clove, and others are naturally fragrant and repel mosquitoes.

4. Grow plants that you can use in homemade natural sprays, such as basil, bee balm, garlic, lemon balm, tea tree oil and others.

5. Give mosquito-repelling plants and seeds as gifts to friends and family.

6. Make your property attractive to mosquito-eating predators, such as purple martins, swallows, migratory song birds, waterfowl, bats, dragonflies, toads, turtles and fish.

7. When outdoors in mosquito habitats, use personal protection:
   a. Wear long, loose, light-colored clothing.
   b. Use personal repellents:
      i. Repellent products containing DEET and Picaridin typically provide longer lasting protection than others.
      ii. Oil of lemon eucalyptus, a plant-based repellent, provides protection similar to lower concentrations of DEET.
   c. Treat clothes before the season with permethrin, which will remain in the cloth during several cycles of washing. Tents, window screens, and head nets are examples of other materials that can be treated with permethrin. Avoid spraying permethrin on the skin. Permethrin kills mosquitoes, ticks and flies on contact.

For more information about mosquito-borne diseases and mosquito control, can visit the Virginia Department of Health website https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/epidemiology/DEE/Vectorborne/
How 'Bout a Poll That Doesn't Mention Candidates?

By Linda Cicoira

Sixty-seven percent of Accomack and Northampton residents who participated in an email survey recently conducted by the Eastern Shore Post want the minimum wage increased from $7.25 to between $8 and $15. The average was $10.85.

Virginia has the same minimum wage as the federal government. Fourteen other states raised their rate on Jan. 1. In nearby Maryland, minimum wage is a dollar higher. It’s $9 in New York, $8.50 in Hawaii, $10 in California and $9.60 in Vermont and Connecticut.

Another 33 percent of survey-takers were against a minimum wage or thought the pay should depend on the type of work or other circumstance.

Nearly all the participants thought local governments should have a Rainy Day Fund to take care of emergencies.

They also were asked where they set their thermostats in the summer and winter. Responses varied from 60 to 75 degrees in winter and 68 to 84 degrees in summer.

Local problems and business solutions also varied. No one really seemed to know the best way for single people on the Eastern Shore to meet but there were a few suggestions.

Dwayne McCullough of Southside Chesconnessex said minimum wage should be “incremented regularly by the cost of living index. Raising the amount by a large sum across the board does nothing except reduce the lifestyle of those who have worked long and hard to get a job that exceeds minimum wage,” he wrote. “An example is the unskilled worker who gets a … raise from $10 to $15. Employer has to raise (the) cost on retail items to cover the higher wage. The skilled worker doesn’t receive the wage (increase) and can now buy less items with his pay check because the prices are higher. … It also isn’t fair for someone making equivalent to the new minimum wage if he worked years to accomplish his goals.”

As far as a Rainy Day Fund goes, McCullough said, “It is nice to have money stored to take care of a non-budgeted emergency. The problem is taxes are raised to address individual items and are never removed after the problem is fixed.”

He said the biggest issue on the Shore is the lack of “technology advancement in rural areas. The lack of population prevents many improvements because it just isn’t cost feasible.”

Pat Check of Onancock suggested starting with an $8 minimum wage, “then raise it 30 days later as the employees prove themselves.” Check said, “Rainy Day Funds should be based on what we have needed in the past, adjusted for inflation.”

The Onancock resident complained that drugs and gangs are the biggest problems for the Shore. Check suggested singles meet at church, the YMCA or through friends.

Shirley Christian of Melfa suggested a minimum wage of $12 “to have more inspiration to work better.” She said a sizable problem in the two counties is a “severe lack of customer service. Employers should be more diligent on employees’ treatment of customers.” Christian said the only way she has seen singles meet is at “church functions and bazaars.”

Anthony LoFaso of Onancock said lower-level pay should be $10 an hour. “Minimum wage jobs are supposed to be entry level jobs,” he wrote. “You get a foot in the door and the idea is to advance to higher pay and better jobs. My suspicion is that people who want $15 plus are folks who want easy work for big bucks. We all paid our dues coming up.”

He said Rainy Day Funds are “sound financial advice for individuals and families” and the most significant problems locally are “the apparent decline in civility and use of common sense.”

According to LoFaso, the solution is to have “community dinners with speaking to launch community cell groups scattered across the Shore where voice can be given … about local issues and then work toward a solution.”

He also wants a business specializing in freshly boiled and baked bagels to open.

LoFaso said where to set the thermostat is a “major bone of contention in our house. I wear shorts while the rest of the family freezes. The wood stove is great on cold days. Thermostat is usually (in winter) between 68-70 degrees, in summer 68-70.”

Terry Ewell of Bloxom said besides drugs, the number one local problem is young girls getting pregnant with “no means to support a child and the irresponsible father going his merry way and getting another girl pregnant and not supporting either child. Some of these deadbeat fathers have a dozen children without any commitment … the mothers end up on welfare and the children suffer.”

“Young girls should be taught about abstinence, birth control and choices at home, school, church or other organizations,” Ewell said. “As long as society looks the other way and doesn’t condemn the practice, things will never change.”

Ewell also complained, “Our watercourse ditches need cleaning out. Responsible parties need to put in for permits … our representatives should be working with the EPA to get this problem solved. … When it rains, water stands on the land, and as trees are clear cut, even more water stands,” Ewell continued. “Yes, sea level is rising, but cleaning the ditches would provide relief.”

Ewell said tourism should continue to be promoted. “We have beautiful beaches and abundant wildlife and spectacular natural areas. Promote small mom and pop businesses and organic farms and aquaculture. …We don’t need what other coastal areas have become. Look at what uncontrolled development has done to the Outer Banks! … Can you imagine the Shore looking like that? It would be blasphemy.”

“I am not going to sit around inside my house all bundled up,” Ewell continued. “So I keep my thermostat around 75. I turn it to 68 when I leave the house. In summer, I open the windows until the humidity gets really bad and then I have the air conditioner on 78 and mostly leave it there.”

Ewell said the best way for singles to meet on the Shore “is to volunteer and join local organizations.”

Ronnie Thomas of Atlantic said, “I’m not against raising the minimum wage to $8.” But, “there is no link between higher minimum wages and economic growth and raising wages would not significantly reduce reliance on public assistance. … if you make more, you spend more, and you are still broke.”

“There are two fast growing problems,” Thomas said of the Shore. “One is drugs in combination with a gun, the other is gangs.”

“Little is known or heard” about the gangs, Thomas noted, “but they are on the rise here on the Shore and their number is growing. As far as a solution to the drug problem, law enforcement should go all out to catch the so-called Kingpins of the drug rings, not waste all their time on the user.”

Thomas said for singles who want to meet other singles, “first you have to turn off the cell phone, X-box and the TV. Then you might have a chance to meet real people. Young people now a days live in their own little fantasy world where all their friends are funny little creatures on TV that they are trying to kill or they are texting someone that they really should be talking to in person.”

Victoria Riggin-Bundick of Exmore said she favors raising the minimum wage to $10 “because I think it is a reasonable amount that would help the employee but not break the employer.”

Two local problems she noted were “not
enough jobs” and “not enough things to do for fun.”

Deborah Christie of Onancock is against a minimum wage increase “because government intervention in commerce always has unintended consequences.”

Regarding millions of dollars in Rainy Day Funds, “I vote for my representative on the Board of Supervisors and they know more about county finances and the details of that than I do, so I leave those kinds of decisions up to my very capable elected official.” (Christie works for Rep. Scott Rigell.)

She said the biggest problem here is “government and regulation over-reach. In so many of our communities over regulation is putting them out of business. Like our wonderful watermen and many of our family farmers. … I would like to see Northampton take advantage of all unique and abundant wildlife and … package some unique and high-end eco-tourism. They should also do everything they can to support local aquaculture.”

Robert Doughty of South Chesapeake wrote, “About $13 an hour” would be a good minimum wage. “That way the taxpayers would not have to supplement their income via food stamps, EBT cards, etc.”

“I think they should have enough rainy day funds to cover natural events such as flooding, snow storms and unexpected events,” Doughty added. “Taking into consideration the problems our neighbors across the Bay and to the north have, we here on the Shore really don’t have any problems.” He said any businesses would be acceptable, “such as manufacturing, as long as they are non-polluting to our pristine environment.”

Doughty said singles meet “mainly at social functions, but it seems the local watering holes are where it’s at.” He said the most important way to improve the Shore is to “inform ‘come-heres’ that this is the way we do it down here. We are not interested in how they do it ‘up there.’”

R.D. McDowell of Pungoteague said minimum wage should be $12. “That is enough for part-time high schoolers.” He said the two counties should consolidate because they are too small separately. With Exmore being half-way between New York and the Outer Banks, he suggested adding attractions like Cracker Barrel and Seeker’s BBQ to give people “more reasons to stop.” He said the best place for singles to meet is at church.

Bruce MacMaster Jr. of Onley said entry-level jobs “should not be controlled the same way other jobs are. … If government is going to dictate minimum wage, then by George, it must include the Armed Forces!”

“If the local government … has enough money at the end of fiscal year, by all means let it have” a Rainy Day Fund, MacMaster continued. “Providing of course it has fulfilled all its obligations: teacher’s salaries, libraries, jails, communications, law enforcement and all its implications.”

“I believe we accept our politicians’ decisions as manna from heaven,” MacMaster said. “No questions, no challenges. We accept the sale of county property for less than value and buy it back for inflated prices. We accept sub-par communications services (including Internet) at big city prices and do absolutely nothing. We accept decisions by utility companies and never question them. We have the most dangerous piece of highway in the state and still we have not in 20 years added one electric light to it. We, the consumer, can call Richmond to complain about services and nothing happens. We pay the state’s highest price for gas and take it and like it. Instill pride in county residents to keep our roads and ditches clean. Provide trash pickup.”

His ideas for business are to “sponsor through the chamber of commerce a group of retired business men/women who live in the Eastern Shore (and) can masticate ideas on how to bring new industry to the Shore. New industries are not all evil.”

Denise Bowden of Chincoteague said at least $10 an hour should be paid to workers. “Face it, who can really live off minimum wage?” she asked.

“I think a Rainy Day Fund is good in case of emergencies, but if you have it there to borrow from like the feds have done with social security then you might as well not have it at all.”

Bowden said drugs are the biggest problem here. She hates to say the best place for singles to meet is in a bar. “That seems to be the norm, but it would be nice to see people meet in some other social settings such as church, sporting events, through mutual friends, etc.”

Judy Brunk of Jamesville said the wage should be $10 to cover “the cost of necessities.” She is opposed to a Rainy Day Fund “because they would continuously raise taxes to maintain the fund and would not spend it wisely.”

She said the biggest problem is that “too many people don’t pay their fair share (of taxes) and a lot pay none at all.” For business, she would like to see the former Fresh Pride in Exmore become a bowling alley.

Brunk said singles should meet others through “introductions from friends they like and respect. Probably not at bars while drinking a little too much.”

“I think a $10 minimum wage is plenty,” wrote Karen Simpson of Quinby. “I strongly disagree that it should be $15 an hour. Fewer people would be hired if minimum wage reached that high.”

“In order to have millions of dollars as Rainy Day Funds, county governments would have to appreciably raise taxes; so, absolutely NOT!” she said.

“For Northampton County, their biggest problem is attitude of government not allowing small or large businesses to flourish there, thereby creating taxes that are too high for the citizenry,” Simpson said. “Brown & Root, a prison, chicken houses are just a few suggestions that Northampton denied … forcing their residents to pay higher taxes. I do not agree with restricting chicken houses. … A concerted effort by both counties should be undertaken to bring a variety of businesses here.”

“Teenagers need a canteen set up on Friday and Saturday nights for mingling and dancing with a jukebox and soda machine,” said Simpson. “The YMCA could sponsor an adult night on the weekend with jukebox dancing, etc.”

“The cost of living is so high,” said Lisa Cropper Johnson of Horntown. “A wage below $10 per hour does not allow a decent standard of living.”

She is against a Rainy Day Fund. “No. Too much discretionary money is not good. Counties should make wise, informed decisions about what amount is manageable.”

She said the biggest problem is “complacency. No, I do not have a solution; however, I think that many of us just make ourselves satisfied with our career and job choices, living conditions, education, travel choices, etc. The world is filled with choices and opportunity and many miss out on a lot.”

Johnson said, “I believe the counties need one to two large conference venues. Several organizations host large events and many would be able to should space be available.”

Carrie Jacobson of Wachapreague wants to see a $15 minimum wage. “Entry-level workers need to be able to pay rent or a mortgage, buy food and clothes, raise their kids and still have a few dollars for a movie or gas or a car payment. Fifteen dollars an hour, the current minimum wage in Seattle, is the highest in the country. A 40-hour week at $15 an hour earns a worker $600 before taxes. That’s STILL not much — but gives an entry-level worker a chance to build a decent life,” she said.

“I think it’s a good idea for county governments to have some money in a Rainy Day Fund,” Jacobson said. “Maybe a maximum of 2 percent of the annual tax levy.”

She said unemployment may be the biggest issue here. “I think the federal government should start some programs like the CCC or WPA, Depression-era work programs that hired people and benefited areas. … I would love to see small grocery stores in our downtowns or a fresh vegetable truck that had a regular route through our towns. I think a delivery service would benefit a lot of older folks who have trouble getting out.”

David Adams of Atlantic said “minimum wage should be based on whatever the job is. A person asking, ‘Would you like fries with that?’ is a starting position and should make less than someone who is an emergency medical technician.”

He said summer traffic is a big problem. “There should be tolls at both ends of the Virginia Shore. If you are from out of state, the toll triples.”

Another problem, Adams said, is “Maryland license plates on cars of people who live in Virginia. They have Maryland plates for one reason, and one reason only. To avoid Virginia taxes. Don’t like the taxes, MOVE.”

Adams suggests we build “up the beaches (hotels, restaurants, etc.) and turn it into an area like the Outer Banks … there needs to be an ice rink and roller rink, movie theaters, etc. And lots of security to keep the gang bangers in check.”
Property Transactions

• From Megan and Jason Campbell
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  25687 East Main St., Onley
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• From Secretary of Veterans Affairs
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• From Joyce Holland
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  To Ron and Tammy Matthews
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• From Paul Smoot
  To Daniel Bruckner and Amy Couch
  Property in Cape Charles
  For $110,000.
• From E.S. Habitat for Humanity
  To Thomas Laupert
  Property near Exmore
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• From Raymond and Theo Clayton
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• From Federal National Mortgage Assn.
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  21061 Wilkins Dr. near Cheriton
  For $45,000
• From Mary McDevitt
  To Christopher and Karen Willis
  644 Monroe Ave. in Cape Charles
  For $463,000
• From Elizabeth and Stanley Winfield
  To Margaret and William Driskill
  4563 Capeville Dr. in Capeville
  For $10
• From U.S. Bank National Association
  To Charles Van Dyck & Cynthia Emrich
  420 Randolph Ave. in Cape Charles
  For $33,000
• From Constance and Shane Jackson
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  Unit 3, Lot 248, Trails End
  For $16,000
• From Jennifer McShane
  To William Woodall
  16336 Main Ridge Rd., Tangier
  For $3,000
• From Virginia Land Partners, LLC
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  Lot 5, Shellbridge Rd., Painter
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• From John Sadowsky and Heidi Cavallo
  To Joseph and Julie Gross
  13 Holly St., Onancock
  For $155,000
• From Carol Knight
  To Daniel Yates
  Property in Painter
  For $5,000
• From Roscoe and Susan Chew
  To Brian and Linda Kruse
  Lot 1408, Section 3, Captain’s Cove
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• From Secretary of HUD
  To Ilmer Escalante-Perez
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  For $31,505
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  To Samuel Nock
  15215 Hinman St., Bloxom
  For $5,600
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• From Wesley F. McDonald, 63, and
  Ann Marie Hopkins, 58, both of
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• From Lorenzo Martinez Sanchez, 36,
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ly … if there is any possibility that we see things that go off course, we take things out. Everything came down well within that hazard circle.”

Before the presentation got down to business, Wrobel touted the agency’s value to the community with $60 million worth of construction underway, a mission launch command center, an unmanned aerial vehicle runway on north Wallops Island and main base runway construction. He noted the annual $250 million budget, 280 civil servants, hundreds of contracts and tenants, and $802 million economic impact to the community.

Wrobel also mentioned that WFF practices “good government. We’re sharing our spaces with other government agencies.” He said the Navy mission is getting stronger and has seen to it that degraded facilities have been rebuilt.

Explaining the 2014 malfunction, Wrobel said, “The rocket basically took off … failed … started bringing the rest of the rocket down … this pad is about 80 tons, was kind of bolted over the other side … overall it wasn’t as bad as maybe it could have been, but it was the worst thing that could have happened to us,” Wrobel continued.

Dave Helfritch, WFF’s Range Safety Officer, reiterated the practices. “We never want to become complacent. We expect the worst. We plan for the worst. We don’t expect success in safety.”

Supervisor Grayson Chesser was concerned about schools that are close to the Hazard Zone.

“We always err on the side of public safety,” Helfritch said. “We know that we have a good handle on the way that we do this … even so, we add a buffer.”

The safety officer explained that workers have gone to a local home and asked the occupant to step outside and away from a window, they clear the middle zone of boats and aircraft and they would never have a launch if there was a thought about a school being adversely affected.

Chesser said he is afraid of what people would do to get out of the way because the rocket explosion was so scary. He discussed traffic along narrow neck roads, where people watched the launches, and all the special education students who attend Kegotank Elementary, which is a short distance from the edge of the hazard area.

“It doesn’t take much to upset a special ed kid,” said Chesser.

“I hear you, sir,” answered Helfritch. “I would say simply, it is our job and it has been our success to keep people safe … what we do is make sure the actual event does not damage you.”

He mentioned the three potentials for hazard — falling debris, gases and “distance focusing overpressure,” the redirection of noise that breaks windows. “Those are the things that we look at when somebody first comes to us. When that company has more details … we make another determination … then on launch day … that’s when everything really culminates.”

Helfritch said the debris reported over Chincoteague was “paper light … what we’re watching out for is the kind of debris that could hurt somebody.”

“If Orbital (PTK) wanted to continue to use this engine, would you allow them to do it?” Chesser asked of the malfunctioned equipment from the exploded rocket that has since been replaced.

“It boggles my mind that this happened … it causes me to worry.” Chesser also questioned the 70 percent more thrust that comes with the newer engine.

Wrobel said there won’t be a change “because they are using the same core.”

Josh Bundick, another NASA employee, said an increase of one to three decibels is expected. “Yes there will be louder low-frequency sounds,” he said.

“The human ear will not notice the difference … not expected to be noticeable from a structure standpoint either.”

Bundick noted that high-density development could pose problems. He said there is no plan for the future launchpad to be ‘wildly larger’ … that part of the island would require a fair amount of infrastructure.”

Board Chairman Ron Wolff picked three workers out of the crowd who grew up on the Shore, left to go to college and returned for long careers at WFF. “For everyone to say there are no jobs here. The evidence is here today.”

A hot fire test of the Antares rocket is set for the spring, with the launch scheduled for summer.

TOWN OF MELFA NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to §15.2-1800 of the Code of Virginia, that the Town Council of the Town of Melfa will hold a public hearing, at the meeting described below, on a proposed lease of a portion of the Town Hall outside premises at 19538 Main Street, Melfa, Virginia, to Chesapeake Bay Communications, LLC for erection and operation of a RF reception and transmission site and related equipment. The proposed lessee proposes to use the leased premises to allow the lessee to provide wireless services to third party subscribers to the lessee’s services in portions of the Town of Melfa. The proposed lease is for 3 years. Under the lease agreement, the Town would not be directly involved or responsible in any way for the provision of the lessee’s services to its subscribers.

The proposed lease agreement, along with other matters duly announced in advance, will be considered at a special meeting of the Town Council which will be held at the Town Hall at 19538 Main Street in the Town of Melfa on March 22, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. (Eastern Daylight Time)
The focus now is on the budget. Constructing Virginia’s two-year spending plan or making adjustments to it is probably the most important thing we do in each legislative session. This year we are trying to develop the full two-year spending plan for Virginia and fortunately, we have the resources to meet the immediate needs of our core services. We also are making some investments for future economic growth and opportunity.

The “Go Virginia” program, which is an ambitious program initiated by Virginia’s business community to spur regional cooperation, is moving ahead with wide bi-partisan support. The program will provide grants to localities that develop plans for regional cooperation and economic development. There will be regional councils to develop the priorities and assess local regional plans, and then a state council that will score those plans and award the grants. Certainly, as a unique portion of the state, the Shore needs to begin thinking about regional projects which might qualify for funding under the “Go Virginia” initiative.

The Port of Virginia also received significant attention in the budget with $350 million from General Fund Transportation sources and state-issued bonds to make significant improvements at the Norfolk International Terminal. Expanding and improving our port facilities is a significant part of the “New Virginia Economy” which seeks to less our reliance on the federal Department of Defense dollars. This over-reliance on federal spending in our two economic-driving regions, Northern Virginia and Hampton Roads, has resulted in Virginia’s economy being somewhat slower to recover from the Great Recession.

The two versions of the budget contained various items of interest to the Eastern Shore. The Library Budget Amendment is in the House version of the budget, but not in the Senate version. This means we must convince the conferees, especially the Senate conferees, when the budget is in conference to keep that item in the final budget. I am hopeful that the conferees will be receptive to the project.

In addition, the state portion of the Tangier Seawall Project has been funded in both the House and Senate budgets. It is now up to the Army Corps of Engineers to move this project forward.

There is also in the Senate version an $850,000 amendment for development of a Commercial Center of Excellence to promote development of unmanned technology companies in Virginia. This will benefit the unmanned aerial vehicle test site at Wallops.

Budget conferees will be meeting regularly up until the end of the session to agree on a final two-year spending plan for Virginia.

As always, I encourage everyone to visit their state capital and also to monitor the activities of the legislature on the General Assembly website VirginiaGeneralAssembly.gov.

I can be reached at our legislative email Delrbloxom@senate.virginia.gov and while in Richmond by telephone at (804) 698-7506. Please do not hesitate to contact me on issues with questions about legislation or on issues of concern.

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**By Del. Rob Bloxom**

The work in the Capitol is winding down as my committees hear final bills that passed the Senate and came to us to be vetted.

The dust is settling and we need to be vigilant on legislation that might be signed into law that could adversely affect our way of life on the Eastern Shore as we have just one more chance to correct any errors. The governor and his staff will study the legislation and accept our bills, reject our bills, or make changes to the legislation. These final weeks are the last chance to address concerns with legislation by contacting the appropriate department and giving them our opinion. Of course, there are 140 opinions in Richmond, not including the governor and his staff, and not everyone will leave Richmond happy.

I find it fascinating to look around the House of Delegates chamber and look at the different occupations represented and the broad scope of knowledge and expertise that represent the commonwealth. This list is not all-inclusive, but will give you an idea of the wide array of people who choose to run for office and represent their constituents back home. We have pharmacists, dental surgeons, pig and cattle farmers, car dealers, restaurant owners, teachers, surgeons, a slaughter house operator, a nursing home owner, an airport light installer, a radio disc jockey, a hospital administrator, a concrete plant operator, an oyster shucking house operator, and of course, lawyers.

Together with our different backgrounds, we bring issues and problems from our home districts and try to solve the problems of the commonwealth.

I want to thank everyone for their emails and phone calls. It is an honor to represent the 100th District in Mr. Jefferson’s house — 400 years of representative government, not perfect but better than all the alternatives. I encourage you to keep in touch over the coming months. 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 804-698-1000.
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Honored and humbled” was the phrase uttered by each of the three inductees into the Nandua Hall of Fame at a ceremony last Thursday night in the school auditorium.

Adelaide Hollandsworth, Chris Jones and Loyal Grimes all downplayed their achievements and gave thanks to others in brief remarks to the full house in a program that also included Nandua’s winter sports awards.

Hollandsworth taught chorus at Nandua from 1985 to 2005, leaving a legacy of performances enjoyed by the community as a whole.

Dennis Custis, a former Nandua principal who made the introductions, said, “The Christmas performance directed by Mrs. Hollandsworth was a popular community event that drew people with no association to the school. They knew they were going to hear an outstanding performance. Mrs. Hollandsworth also took students to retirement homes and nursing homes to sing to the residents. Her students were always well-dressed and well-behaved, serving as great ambassadors for the school.”

Hollandsworth said, “I loved my students, but I also had great respect for them. We enjoyed performing for the students and the community. I had a few tears on my last day because I knew I was going to miss the students.”

Many of Hollandsworth’s students performed beyond high school, including Larry Giddens Jr., who earned a college music scholarship and performed major roles in opera all over the world.

Giddens recalls, “My junior year while playing in the band, Mrs. Hollandsworth told me that she thought I should be able to sing. Within a year, she had me singing a solo with piano. It didn’t mean much to me then, but now I can’t thank her enough for starting me on this journey of song.”

Chris Jones’ coaching accomplishments may have been overlooked by some because they didn’t take place in the typical athletic arena, but not at Nandua, where three banners proudly hang showing a state Theatre Festival title in 1995 and two runner-up finishes in 1994 and 1997.

Custis pointed out that in addition to having a passion for theater and his students, Jones had the knack of choosing the right play and cast that made Nandua performances unforgettable by those who witnessed them.

Jones, who taught English at Nandua from 1988 to 2002 and then again for a year in 2008, said coming to Nandua “was one of the best things that ever happened to me. I loved my association with this school and the friendships I made that continue today.”

Loyal Grimes, called by Custis “the best boy basketball player I ever coached,” starred for the Nandua hoop team from 1991 to 1995 and in his senior year led the Warriors to a 24-2 record, a region title and a spot in the final four.

At Hampden-Sydney College, Grimes was named the team’s Most Valuable Player three straight years and now ranks as the seventh all-time leading scorer with 1,740 points. In his junior year in 1999, the 6’3” guard was selected a Division III All-American and led H-SC to the championship game, where they lost by 1 point in double overtime.

Grimes, the father of two and living in Glen Allen, Va., is today a vice president with Bank of America, handling national accounts.

Grimes thanked his father for introducing him to basketball at an early age and his mother for her constant support.

“I looked up to my older brother, Terrill, who would never let me beat him one-on-one when I was growing up, but I eventually broke his scoring record at Nandua. He made me a better player,” said Grimes.

These three new inductees in the Nandua Hall of Fame may be genuinely humbled, but they are certainly worthy of being honored.

B.A. Walker Sees VCU 3-Point Mark Broken

Another Nandua Hall of Famer, B.A. Walker, was in the news last week, praising Virginia Commonwealth University’s Melvin Johnson, who broke Walker’s career record of 269 3-pointers last week.

Walker had a standout career at VCU, culminating in an NCAA tournament win over Duke in his senior season. Walker plays with Johnson during summers when he is in Richmond working on his game.

Walker, who led Nandua to back-to-back state championships in 2002 and 2003, has played overseas since graduating from VCU in 2007. This season, the 6’2” guard is averaging 13.3 and 3.6 assists per game for Evreux, France.
Shore Memorial 5K Run March 12

At 9 a.m. Saturday, March 12, Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital’s 5K Run/Walk for Your Heart will begin at the Historic Onancock School on College Avenue. Sign-up will begin at 8 a.m. with no entries being accepted after 8:45 a.m. Registration forms are available at the hospital and at Eastern Shore YMCA. Call 414-8320 or email rsmhrunforheart@gmail.com for more details.

Soccer Offered for Young Children

The Eastern Shore Family YMCA will offer Little Kickers Soccer for kids ages 3-5 beginning March 14. Practice will be held on the soccer fields behind the Y on Mondays at 5:15 p.m. The cost is $35 for members and $45 for prospective members. Call the Y for more information at 787-5601.

Volleyball League in Northampton

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

Adult Softball Leagues in Northampton

Northampton Co. Parks & Rec. will begin its adult men’s softball league Tuesday, April 12 and adult coed softball league Friday, April 15.

Teams need to register by Friday, April 1 in order to participate in either league. Team registration fees are $200. Teams are able to have up to 20 players. Games will be held at Indiantown Park in Eastville; game times will be 6:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m., and 8:30 p.m.

To register or for more information, call 757-678-0468 or email parks@co.northampton.va.us

Run for the Animals April 10 in Onancock

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 will 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.

Safe Boating Course Offered in Cape Charles

Cape Charles Yacht Club and the Coast Guard Auxiliary are jointly sponsoring a Safe Boating Course on Saturday, April 9, at the Cape Charles Civic Center (500 Tazewell Ave.), from 8 a.m. until about 4 p.m. (this includes the time for a multiple-choice exam at the end).

This course is open to the general public. To register, go to https://www.register-ed.com/events/view/74764 and click on the link.

These courses tend to fill quickly, so everyone who is interested is urged to register soon.

Taking this course (and passing the test at the end) will satisfy Virginia’s requirements for getting a Boater Education Card, which is currently required for all boaters 50 years of age and younger. As of July 1, 2016, all boaters of any age in Virginia must have it.

The state is donating the books and materials, and members of the auxiliary are donating their time to teach the course; the Town of Cape Charles is donating the use of the Civic Center, so this course will be free to all participants.

NALL Little League 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.

Rifle Team Training Begins March 12

The Eastern Shore’s Service Rifle Team will begin spring training at noon March 12 at the NOAAWIVA range at T’s Corner. NOAAWIVA hosts a Civilian Marksmanship Program and National Rifle Association-affiliated junior rifle team. U.S. citizens age 14 or over are eligible.

There will be two Spring Training sessions for new shooters, then monthly competition every month at T’s Corner and Bridgeville, Del.

New juniors are sent to the CMP/USMC Summer Rifle Camp in June, field teams for the Eastern Games in North Carolina, and, for experienced members, competition in the national matches at Camp Perry Ohio in late July.

Boys and girls can go to the Olympics or apply for college athletic scholarships based on their participation in this team.

Co-captains this year are Liz Floyd of Quinby and Victoria Conlin of Chincoteague.

To join, email hartpoyer@verizon.net to get on the email list, call 442-3013, or just show up at the first spring training session Saturday, March 12, at 11:30 a.m., rain or shine.

The NOAAWIVA range is 300 yards due east from Lankford Highway on Chincoteague Road. (Look for a turnoff into the woods on the right.) Bring a long-sleeved shirt and pants, a billed hat, and your parent or guardian, if you are a minor. Everything else will be provided.

Little League Annual Dinner Tomorrow

Central Accomack Little League (CALL) will host its Annual Dinner/Auction Saturday, March 5, at Elks Lodge 1766 in Accomac. Doors will open at 5 p.m., dinner starts at 6 p.m. and the auction will start at 7 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased at the door for $20 per person.

The menu includes fried chicken, ham, mashed potatoes, macaroni and cheese, green beans, and rolls.

Auction items include decoy carvings by Billy Crockett, Richard Smith, Cloyd Jester, Marty Bull, Jesse Long, Jamie Logan, Tom Hart, and Kefford Linton. Also for auction will be a full-day cobia fishing trip, JL Bundick BBQ for 100 people, Cal Ripkin Jr autographed jersey, Brooks Robinson autographed ball shadowbox, Joe Flacco autographed Raven helmet, Troy Aikman autographed Cowboy helmet, Ray Lewis autographed Steelers helmet, and Joe Theisman autographed hand print.

For details, contact Central Accomack Little League President, Jeremy Wert at centralaccomacklittleleague@gmail.com.
Broadwater’s Taylor Major, Anna Sexauer All-Metro

Broadwater's Taylor Major was named to the first team All-Metro basketball basketball team by league coaches recently.

Major led the nine-team conference in scoring with a 22.8-point-per-game clip and also finished second in rebounds with 10.9 a game and was top five in assists (3.3) and blocks (2.1).

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Sexauer, only a sophomore, was second in scoring in the Metro Conference at 18.4 points per game and first in rebounding, averaging 12.6 per game.

“Anna led us in virtually every category,” said Viking coach Ralph Dodd. “I totally respect her passion for the game. She gives it everything she's got.”

Palmer Smith (pictured top left) was named Honorable Mention. Smith, a sophomore, averaged 7.2 points and 4.8 rebounds a game.

BA Girls Fall in Metro Semi-finals

Broadwater gave heavy favorite Atlantic Shores all it could handle in the early going, but could not match its depth and height, falling 61-34 in the Metro Conference semi-finals held at Hall Center in Exmore last Friday.

The Lady Vikings led 9-8 with two minutes remaining in the first quarter before Atlantic Shores intensified its press and raced to a 37-21 halftime lead with Chaniqwa Gilliam scoring 20 of her 23 game-high points in the first half. She also had 10 rebounds and 10 assists for a triple double.

Anna Sexauer led Broadwater with 13 points. Palmer Smith added 11.

Viking coach Ralph Dodd said his team gave its best effort but was outmanned. “We have a good nucleus of young players who work hard,” he said.

BA Boys Fall to WC

Broadwater ended its season last Thursday night with a 92-53 loss to top-seeded Williamsburg Christian in the quarterfinals of the Metro Conference Tournament. The Eagles, 16-0 in conference play and 28-5 overall, won the tournament Saturday night and was the number one seed in the state tournament being held this week.

Broadwater fell behind 25-8 after one quarter and had no answer for ODU-bound Xavier Green, who had a game-high 25 points and 11 rebounds. Cle’Von Green added 24 points for the victors.

Major Morgan led the Vikings with 16 points, Taylor Major had 12 and Tyler Major scored 11.

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RIOPEL IS TOP SCORER IN AMHERST FINAL

Michael Riopel, a 2014 Broadwater graduate, had a team-high 17 points and seven rebounds in 21 minutes while making four of five 3-pointers in Amherst's 81-79 loss to Middlebury in the New England Small College Athletic Conference championship Sunday.

Riopel, a 6'5" sophomore guard, had vaulted Amherst in the championship game with a 3-pointer with 17 seconds left in an 86-83 semi-final win over Tufts University on Saturday. Riopel hit both of his 3-point attempts and scored 11 points in the win.

Riopel, Amherst's sixth man this season, averaged 7 points a game, shooting 49.1 percent from the field, 42.1 percent from beyond the arc and 80.8 percent from the free throw line.

Amherst, 22-5 and ranked 13th in Division III basketball, received an at-large berth in the NCAA Division III tournament. The Purple and White won national titles in 2007 and 2013.

Brendon Burrows Starter on CAC Champions

Brendon Burrows, a 2014 graduate of Broadwater Academy, was a starter on the Christopher Newport University basketball team that won the Capital Athletic Conference with a 68-67 win over Salisbury University Saturday.

With the win, the Captains (26-1) earned the conference’s automatic bid to the NCAA Division III Tournament. CNU is ranked No. 5 in the nation and No. 1 in the Middle Atlantic Region.

Although he only averaged 2 points and 2.5 rebounds a game, Burrows, a 6'3" 235-pound sophomore forward, started all but one of the Captains' 27 games, bringing energy to the team from the opening tip.

Every year, the Metro Conference recognizes one boy and one girl from each of its nine schools to receive the Metro Conference Scholar/Athlete award. To receive this award, the student/athlete must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.2 or better and have participated in two or more sports in the last athletic year.

Broadwater's Scholar/Athlete awards this year went to seniors Sydney Parks and John Gordon.

Parks, with a 3.58 GPA, runs cross country and track. Gordon, with a 3.81 GPA, participates in football, basketball, track and baseball.
Story by Bill Sterling

Northampton’s Antonio Robinson and Tamaze Brisco were named to the Eastern Shore All-District boys’ team as selected by league coaches. The Jackets won the district title with a 6-2 season.

Also named to the first team were Qyheem Kellam of Nandua, Trevor Bailey of Chincoteague and Trequan Veney of Arcadia.

Tabbed for the second team were Stephen Baker of Northampton, Jawaun Bell of Northampton, Evan McGregor of Nandua, Austin Bunting of Arcadia and Voshawn Davis of Chincoteague.

Receiving honorable mention were James Braxton of Northampton, Melquan Davis of Nandua, Gardner Posque of Chincoteague and Jaquan Wharton of Arcadia.

Robinson, a junior, averaged 15.6 points and 9.8 rebounds a game, leading the Jackets in both categories. A 6’4” power forward, Robinson was described by Coach Wayne Bell as “a good teammate and a pleasure to be around.”

Bell said Brisco is “very athletic and a lot of upside in the fact that he’s only a sophomore.” Brisco averaged 10.6 points a game and 8.5 rebounds.

Kellam led Nandua in scoring and rebounding with 15.1 points and 12.5 rebounds a game. Nandua coach Chad McGregor said Kellam “is what every coach is looking for, coachable, respectful and responsible.”

Bailey, a junior forward for Chincoteague, averages 13.8 points and 7.9 rebounds per game. Pony coach Will Thompson said, “Trevor was our go-to guy in the paint. This season he progressed as the year went on and expectations are even higher for next year.”

Veney averaged 9 points, three assists and three steals a game for Arcadia.

Firebird coach Alvin Justis said, “Trequan was a good defender.”
Story by Bill Sterling

District champion Arcadia placed JaQuagia Tull and Kayla Wharton on the first team Eastern Shore All-District girls' team, as selected by coaches.

Finishing out the team were Angelique Taylor of Nandua, Caroline Thornton of Chincoteague and Erica Head of Northampton.

Named to the second team were Normeia Harris and Aleah Russell of Arcadia, D’errica Toppin of Nandua, Kristin Fox of Chincoteague and Evelyn Dunton of Northampton.

Honorable mention honors went to Normaya Harris of Arcadia, Shabrea Nock of Nandua, Ronny Malone of Chincoteague and Angela Head of Northampton.

Tull, a junior, was a strong scorer for Arcadia this season and was a co-captain for the Lady Firebirds.

Wharton, a freshman, led the team with 141 points and was also a co-captain, despite her youth.

“JaQuagia and Kayla were the core of our team and served as our co-captains,” said Arcadia coach Claudia Collins. “Hopefully, this summer we plan to continue getting the ladies exposed to camps and improve their skills.”

Taylor was Nandua’s point guard, averaging 6.4 points a game. Nandua coach Breonna Evans said, “Angel is a very versatile player. She has the height of a center, the ball handling abilities of a point guard, and the scoring abilities of a shooting guard. Angel was vital in running our offense this year as well as a key defender.”

Thornton led the Ponies in scoring as a freshman with 110 points.

Chincoteague coach Kelly Fox said, “Caroline is a true leader both on and off the court. She gives everything she has at every practice and game. She is always doing whatever it takes to make herself a better athlete. She is a true team player.”

Erica Head started every game for Northampton and played over 90 percent of the minutes for the Jackets.

Northampton coach Leo Owens said, “Erica is a relentless defender, averaging nearly five steals per game. Her size did not represent her huge commitment, dedication and competitive spirit. She is an outstanding student athlete.”

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Disc Golf Ice Bowl Benefits Foodbank

 Appropriately enough, there was a dusting of snow as the wind howled and the temperatures dropped Feb. 13 for Eastern Shore Ice Bowl 2016.

 Twenty-one hardy players, one caddy and one service dog arrived at Indiantown Park in Eastville to help feed the hungry through proceeds from the event.

 The Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore received enough money and non-perishable food items to help make 1,702 meals for folks here on the Shore.

 Even as the wind proved a formidable challenge for players attempting to direct flying objects, veteran player Michael Stewart of Ocean View, Va., shot a 27-hole (basket) round of Disc Golf with a 78. Chris Roberts of Salisbury, Md., and his service dog Boo shot a round of 93 in.

 The ladies’ winners were Marsha Holbrook of Melfa, who shot a round of 93, and Penny Steele of Wachapreague, who played for fun not the prizes, she said.

 The winners were awarded glass bowls, prizes and minis bearing the 2016 Ice Bowl logo.

 This event was the work of Indiantown Disc Golf and Northampton County Parks & Recreation.

 Above, Roy Ballard tees off on Hole 17. At left, presenting Foodbank a check representing proceeds from the Ice Bowl are (from left) Donna Phillips, Charmin Horton, and Roy Ballard.

 Easter Family Fun Day

 Hermitage on the Eastern Shore

 Petting Zoo / Pony Rides
 (Cape Charles Carriage Horses)

 Bounce Slide
 (Back Yard Amusements)

 Face Painting

 Easter Egg Hunt

 Prize Games and Raffles

 $2 Cheeseburgers / $1 Hot Dogs

 $1 Sodas

 Bake Sale

 All food and drink proceeds to benefit the Alzheimer’s Association

 23610 North Street • Onancock, VA • (757) 787-4343

 Saturday March 12, 2016
 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

 Free Family Entertainment!
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Friday March 4
★12:30 p.m. - Science & Philosophy Seminar: An Apotheosis of Lincoln - ESCC, lecture hall, Melfa
★5-8 p.m. - Station 1 Pizza Night - 4264 Firehouse St., New Church - $12/Cheese, Pepperoni or Sausage $13/Combination Pizza (Pepperoni & Sausage)
★6 p.m. - Celebrate Recovery Group mtg. - Family Life Center, Onancock - Meal: $6/single or $10/family
★7 p.m. - Domestic Violence Prevention Prgm. - ESTACI, Exmore - 709-5113
★7 p.m. - Life Teach Series - Rachel/Leah Covenant Ministries Center - 787-2486
★7:30 p.m. - Bingo (doors open at 6:30 p.m.) - Exmore Moose Lodge, Belle Haven

Saturday March 5
★9 a.m. - Zumba Class - Chincoteague YMCA - $5 - 336-3535
★9:30 a.m. - Mary N. Smith Alumni Assn. mtg. - Mary N. Smith High School, Accomac
★10 a.m. - Overeaters Anon. mtg. - Christ UMC, Chincoteague
★11 a.m.-3 p.m. - Spaghetti Dinner - Gaskins Chapel AME Church, Onancock - 787-7645 - $8
★7:30 p.m. - Bingo - Eastville VFC

Monday March 7
★11 a.m. - Children’s Story Hour - library, Nassawadox
★11 a.m. - Northampton Chap. AARP mtg. - Cheriton Rescue Squad
★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 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

Tuesday March 8
★7:45 a.m. - Kiwanis Club of Accomack mtg. - Sage Diner, Onley
★9 a.m.-1 p.m. - Veterans’ Employment Representative Avail. - Northampton Cty. Dept. of Social Services - no appt. needed
★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
★11 a.m.-1 p.m. - Waste Watchers’ mtg. - Chamber of Commerce, Melfa
★1 p.m. - Chincoteague Police Dept. Senior Luncheon - Don’s Seafood Restaurant
★2 p.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 p.m. - Free Meals for the Hungry - Epworth UMC, Exmore - 442-6391
★5:30 -8 p.m. - Prayer Line Open (St. Matthew’s Church, Onley) - Call 665-7403, 387-7021 or 894-1521 w/prayer requests
★6-9 p.m. - GED Class - Arcadia High School, Oak Hall
★7 p.m. - Drinking Liberally mtg. - Charlotte Hotel, 7 North St., Onancock
★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

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Thursday March 10
★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. - Drummondstown Baptist, Accomac - $1/wk.
★5:30 p.m. - TOPS VA-550 mtg. - Zion Baptist, Parksley - 787-7099
★6-7 p.m. - Substance Abuse Recovery Group - ESTACI, Exmore - 709-5113
★6:30 p.m. - Acc. Cty. Public Schools Special Education Advisory Comm. - Nandua Middle School, Media Center, Onley - 824-3360
★6:30 p.m. - 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 p.m. - GED Class - ESCC, Melfa
★7 p.m. - E.S. Tea Party mtg. - Market St. Grill, Onancock
★7 p.m. - NA mtg. - Painter Garrison UMC
★7 p.m. - Al-Anon mtg. - Atlantic UMC
★8 p.m. - AA mtg. - Christ UMC, Chincoteague
MAGIC MAZE ● PLAYERS AND COACHES OF THE 2012 DREAM TEAM

ACROSS
1. Say down — "god's"
6. Your "Business" channel
11. Solo seen with Chewbacca
14. Snapshot
19. Meet with fellow grad
20. Classic name in arcades
21. Santa — Zoo
22. Biblical king in Matthew
23. Start of a riddle
26. "I come from — down under" (1981 hit song lyric)
27. English king called "the Conqueror"
28. Sunrise aide
29. Concerning kidneys
30. Airline to Los
31. Riddle, part 2
36. 1987 NFL MVP John
38. Some tournament roundouts, informally
39. "There — god"!
40. Comply with
43. Ore — (maker of Crispers)
44. Sticky stuff
47. Vainglory
50. Riddle, part 3
51. Down time
52. "Eh" grade
57. Very old
58. Choir female
59. High-school grad, e.g.
60. Stick (6)
63. Catch sight of
67. State-of-mind missions, in military slang
70. Riddle, part 4
74. Diving result
75. Not casual
76. Lead role in "La Cage aux Folles"
77. End in — (finish eventually)
81. Thai language
82. Little preeve
83. Part of DOJ, Abbr.
84. Riddle, part 5
89. Certain poem
91. Certain translation
92. Check cashier, say
93. Kicker
94. Seeks some answers
95. Brand of brake fluid
96. "Greeting"
97. Calypx part
102. End of the riddle
110. Firework part
111. City near Giza
112. Holy likeness
113. Perchenslashed-tailed fish
115. Fight
116. Riddle's answer
120. Nobel winner
121. Three-nation pact of '94
121. Old Jewish sectarian
135. Capital of Montana
136. Bornear, aye, briefly
137. Relating to musical pitch
138. In an unusual way
215.007, for one
216. Balleine's skill.
217. Actress Witherspoon
232. Ballet bend
233. Verdi work
234. Apple option
235. — and kin
237. Kobe cash
241. Florida birds
242. Driver's peg
244. Medusas' counterparts
245. At a boat's back
246. "It's hard to — Trane"
247. GOP symbol
248. Fights noisily
249. Have little to
250. Bankbook ID
251. Put back on the roster
252. Certain organ part
253. Bygone bird
254. Long-eared leapers
255. Little city
256. Qualified
257. By means of
258. Hang in there
259. Prized violin for short
260. Fidel's friend
261. "Paseo" (rodeo cry)
262. Gil of "Slum"
263. Daffy stuff
264. Sandy basis
265. Film tenor
267. Big whoop

DOWN
1. Bank in a check transaction
2. Reprehend the stock of
3. Make illegal
4. "He's a priest," per Ogden Nash
5. Glpur of "Fraser"
6. Molten rock
7. Giant step
8. No, in Ayr
9. Lingerie garment
11. Responses to jokes
12. "— of robins in her hair!" — Joyce Kilmer
13. Three-nation pact of '94
14. Old Jewish sectarian
15. Capital of Montana
16. Bornear, aye, briefly
17. Relating to musical pitch
18. In an unusual way
19. Spa reaction
20. 100-yr. stretches
23. Shucks"
24. Sty-lok
25. Bought the film rights to
26. Performs like Snoopy Lion
27. Makeup of Hawaii
28. Needlehead
29. Waikiki
30. Wiggling
31. Accepts
32. Sand in troops, e.g.
33. Holy place
34. Innuedo
35. Inceptions
36. Chase
37. Frozen or liquid things
38. Joan of Arc star Sobieski
39. Fugmert
40. Dr. of radio
41. Winter coat feature
42. Hill helpers
43. Inside story
44. Singer Bono
45. Tangalize
46. Sned of golf
47. Frosty coat
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Suduko puzzle:

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: **

* Moderate ** Challenging

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ONANCOCK This 1887 Victorian ‘Painted Lady’ is located in the heart of town. Zoned commercial, grandfathered residential. Use as a doctor’s office, retirement home, professional office, gallery, restaurant or B&B. MLS#42991 $391,000 Phyllis Ward 757-710-3072.

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VAUCOULIS SHORES Waterfront 3BR/2BA $345,000. Deep water access to 3300 lbs boat lift. MLS#42593 $37,500 Judy Williamson 757-894-3899.

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Thanks To All, Frances Roberts

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**Help Wanted**

**UNIT ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**

**NORTHAMPTON COUNTY**

Office assistant works full-time providing clerical and administrative support. Maintains and reconciles financial, personnel, accounting and inventory records. Effectively communicates with diverse individuals and groups, ability to prioritize and manage time effectively for performing multiple tasks. On-line application process at http://jobs.vt.edu posting number SW0160129. Individuals with disabilities requiring assistance must make contact prior to deadline to Ms. Cheryl Crawford at 804/524-5465. Position closes February March 10, 2016. http://jobs.vt.edu

**HOSPITALITY**

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**Help Wanted**

**Accomack County Social Services-Local (76501)**

**Benefit Programs Specialist II (ACCOMACK)**

**Northampton County**

Position # L0021

Hiring Range - $27,366 (May be higher depending on qualifications)

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POSITION DESCRIPTION

Job Title: Counter Sales I

Full Time/Non-Exempt

Location: Onley, VA

Reports To: Branch Manager

General Summary: Entry-level Counter Sales position that includes answering telephone calls, locating items, servicing customers, using computer to generate invoice, loading item(s) in customer’s vehicle and delivering product to customer location. Uses all available resources to locate product. Maintains self-service area along with creating and maintaining branch displays. Good interpersonal skills necessary to service customers in the branch, on the telephone or at the delivery site. Pre-employment screening required.

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Arcadia Nursing and Rehab Center HOUSE-KEEPING-PRN POSITION. Experience preferred. Willing to work weekends. If interested please apply in person within our office. EEOC.

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Boats, Etc.


CATHALINA CAPRI - 26'-t. Sailboat. 1991 diesel, can be seen at Cape Charles harbor. $9,800. 757-331-1592.


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MOVING SALE - Selling the contents of home in Eastville 3/12/16. Call 757-787-7697 for an appointment.

Legal Advertising

PUBLICATION NOTICE
The Board of Zoning Appeals of the Town of Chincoteague will hold a public hearing on March 10, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at 6150 Community Drive to receive public comments and views on the following zoning matter.

Appeal 16-03-1 A request from Kathleen Keller, 4031 Main Street, for a variance from Article 4, section 4.6.5 (2) & 6.6.1 (8) of the zoning ordinance of the Town of Chincoteague. The applicant wishes to place a mobile food unit 5.5’ from the right-of-way leading to the Town boat ramp. Current zoning requires a minimum of a 15’ setback from said right-of-way. Additionally, the applicant requests one 9’ x 14’ parking space. Current zoning requires a minimum 9’ x 18’ parking space. This property is located in C-2 Old Town Commercial.

Kenny L. Lewis
Zoning Administrator
SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE SALE
5235 Ramshorn Rd.
Cape Charles, Virginia 23310
(County of Northampton)

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of $90,000.00 (with interest) from Shelly Kellam, widow, dated August 24, 2007 and recorded in the Clerk's Office for the Circuit Court of Northampton County, Virginia, containing 7,560 sq. ft., more or less, designated as tax map number 113A00A000002800, the above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) for a Wine and Beer On and Off Premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of this notice. Objections should be directed to ABC at www.abc.virginia.gov or 800-552-3200.

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ORDER OF PUBLICATION
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

Case No. 16CL037
Accomack County Circuit Court
23316 Courthouse Avenue, Accomac, VA 23301

DAVID LEE LYBARGER
v. SYBILLE SEBER LYBARGER

The object of this suit is to:
OBTAIN A DIVORCE.

It is ORDERED that SYBILLE SEBER LYBARGER appear at the above-named court and protect her interests on or before APRIL 21, 2016.

February 24, 2016
Caretta S. Duncan, Dep. Clerk

and Allison O. Bailey, on the North by the lands now or formerly of Cecile M. Turner, et als; and on the East by Lot 2.

TOGETHER WITH the privileges and appurtenances unto said lot belonging or in anywise appertaining and specifically together with a right-of-way for ingress and egress to and from said lot over “Ramshorn Road”, as shown on the above-referenced plat. Access from Ramshorn Road to Simpkins Drive (Virginia State 663) shall be as set forth in a certain deed of bargain and sale dated August 4, 2000 from Gary W. Wagner and Julie L. Wagner, husband and wife, to Shelly P. Kellam, single, which is recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Deed Book 322 at page 377.

This conveyance is made expressly SUBJECT TO the easements, restrictions and reservations contained in duly recorded deeds, plats and other instruments constituting constructive notice in the chain of title to the property hereby conveyed, which have not expired by limitation of time or otherwise become ineffectual, and specifically SUBJECT TO the condition and restriction that single wide homes shall not be permitted on the lot, as more fully set forth in the above-referenced deed dated August 4, 2000, recorded as aforesaid.

Tax Map No.: 68-08-BLK-00-001
TERMS OF SALE: CASH. A deposit of 10% of the sales price, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with settlement within fifteen (15) days from the date of sale. (TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE.) Additional terms may be announced at the time of sale. PURSUANT TO THE FEDERAL FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, I ADVISE YOU THAT THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT THE INDEBTEDNESS REFERRED TO HEREIN AND ANY INFORMATION WE WILL OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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From the OutPost

By Candy Farlow

I used to pride myself, not so much on my intelligence, but more on my ability to learn and adapt. Through the years, those abilities, along with rather regular career changes, have left me with an eclectic skill set.

For example, I learned to sew a collar on a shirt in 10 seconds. I mastered ascending utility poles with a belt and climbers. I was an okay radio announcer and I’ve driven just about everything. I can kill, clean and butcher a chicken, hog or deer. I’ve started businesses and run a school. The list goes on.

But as they say, “pride goes before a fall” and what has brought me down is nothing less than modern technology. Oh, I thought I was doing pretty well keeping up with it. After all, I started my crazy career journey on a manual typewriter. My first electric was a huge step up. Then I advanced to my first computerized typesetter which was itself pretty huge. I made it through to the desktop work stations and evolved to laptops, all the while challenging myself to learn what I needed to know in order to perform my duties.

Then I retired, and I will admit, it was with a sigh of relief that I vowed I would not put myself through that anymore.

Fast forward to this past Christmas. My dear children, who continually spoil me, gifted me with an iPad in order, they said, that I might enjoy the benefits of Facetiming with my grandkids. Thankfully, my sweet daughter set up my new device. Then a couple of the grandkids stepped in to show me the finer points of things like snap chatting, messaging and tweeting. That’s when the reality of how out of sync I am with today’s technology – and its terminology set in. I think it was the eye-rolling of the 15-year-old that gave it away. I was sorely tempted to tell her that if she thought she was so smart she needed to remember who helped her learn to use the potty.

Chagrined as I was, I got through those first tutorials. Then the 13-year-old showed up. He was incredulous that I hadn’t activated my emojis. In my own defense, I proudly showed him that I had managed to purchase some music from the iTunes store. “The Beatles?” he questioned when he saw my playlist. “Were they any good?” “Yeah,” I told him. “I played them on my hi-fi all the time.” The kid stopped laughing long enough to teach me a few more techy tricks on my iPad before he replaced his earbuds and tuned out the real world.

Meanwhile, our conversation had me wondering just what music he will be listening to at my age — and on what kind of device? With the advances in technology going the way they are, it’ll probably be some sort of implant that is activated by his brain waves.

As for me, I’ve come to realize that I’m not so different than those computer users which have plagued me these last few decades. I too started out with lots of memory and drive, but now I’ve gotten slow and some of my systems seem to be outdated.

Is there an app for that?

March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

Dear Editor:

Thanks to the advocacy efforts of The Arc in the 80s, President Ronald Reagan officially declared March Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month.

For over 60 years, The Arc and its network of 650+ chapters across the country, including The Arc-Virginia’s Eastern Shore, have been on the front lines of change for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) and their families. You may remember us as Association for Retarded Citizens, ARC, A-R-C or Arc; but, those names and acronyms will no longer identify us.

The Arc’s logo may change, but our commitment, goals and visions remain energized in advocating for the rights of people with I/DD to improve their lives in health care, education, employment, housing and more. Join us in celebrating our new look and embracing The Arc name!

What can you do to raise awareness? Speak up. Don’t let your family and friends use the “R” word even as a joke. Tell them how hurtful it is to someone with I/DD.

Support businesses that offer opportunities to people with I/DD and The Arc’s yearly fish fry fundraiser.

The Arc has been instrumental over the past three decades in the building of local group homes such as Simkins House (1983), ARC House (1986), Dogwood View Apartments (1998), and the Hartman Project (2011).

To volunteer, contact your The Arc-Virginia’s Eastern Shore at 442-3312 to see how you can contribute.

Northampton Citizens Must Bear Expense of Zoning Mess

Dear Editor:

The citizens of Northampton County recently received letters from their county’s Board of Supervisors. Each letter contained three sheets, including a colored map depicting a parcel of land owned by the recipient. In addition, a local newspaper carried a full-page ad announcing that there would be a public hearing on the board’s intention to rezone all properties rezoned in the prior year by the previous Board of Supervisors. The cost of preparing and mailing these letters and the cost of preparing and advertising the changes of zoning would, of course, be borne by the citizens of the county.

If this sounds bizarre, it is; and, hopefully, at some point the three men responsible for this travesty will be held accountable.

The three supervisors (two newly elected) opine that this radical change of position is necessary because the existing ordinance is inconsistent with the County’s Comprehensive Plan. Although this is a legal question, they do not say that their action is upon the advice of counsel. For their sake, one hopes it was, but even so, it might have been wise to have had the issue adjudicated before eradicating years of work by the county’s staff, advisory committee and prior board.

This will be playing out for years to come, all at the expense of the citizens of Northampton County.

Walkley Johnson, Exmore

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