Wait Time Over When New Hospital Opens Its Doors 7 a.m. Saturday

By Connie Morrison

The hospital that has been in the works for years, and under construction for two, opens Saturday. The emergency room, labor and delivery and operating rooms at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital, in Onley, begin receiving patients for the first time at 7 a.m.

Beginning at 8 a.m. Saturday, a caravan of seven to 10 ambulances is scheduled to begin transporting patients to the new hospital. The ambulances will be spaced 10 minutes apart, with labor and delivery patients moving first, followed by ICU, and then medical/surgical.

“Once the last ambulance leaves the parking lot, security will put a barricade across the driveway to make it apparent that it is no longer a functioning hospital,” said Sally Schreiber, spokesperson for Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital. The blue “H” signs that point the way to the Nassawadox hospital will also be taken down at 7 a.m.

“It’s a lot of people in motion,” said Riverside spokesman Peter By Bill Sterling

Special to the Eastern Shore Post

The big move for Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital is Saturday, when doors close at the current Nassawadox facility and open at 7 a.m. for the new $85 million facility in Onley.

Many of the medical practitioners and providers in Nassawadox are making the move north as well.

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Rayfield’s Plans To Keep Serving Loyal Customers in Nassawadox

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Emergency room entrance to the new Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital in Onley. The hospital opens at 7 a.m. Saturday.

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Town Hall Meeting: Responses to Constituent Questions Are "Taylor-Made"

By Jay Diem

After contentious town hall meetings in Virginia Beach and Yorktown, Rep. Scott Taylor met with a more affable crowd at Eastern Shore Community College for his third town hall meeting in as many days on Wednesday.

The crowd quickly filled the college’s great room with many constituents being turned away at the door.

Some of Taylor’s answers were met with low grumbles from the crowd of 170, but he received applause for others.

Locals respectfully pressed the freshman congressman on a number of national issues like healthcare coverage, construction of a wall at the Mexican border, the environment and education.

But a handful of issues directly tied to the Eastern Shore elicited rounds of applause.

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MOVING DAY TRAFFIC: If you notice some heavier than usual ambulance traffic going north and south on route 13 between Nassawadox and Onley on Saturday, Feb. 25, it’s all part of the move.
A scene from “The Mountaintop,” by Katori Hall, opening at the North Street Playhouse on Feb. 24 and running through March 5. Set in Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s room at the Lorraine Motel on April 3, 1968, the play is an imagining of Dr. King’s last night on earth. Featuring Palmer Bunting as Martin Luther King Jr. and Ginger Knox Harmon as “Camae.” For information and reservations, call the Playhouse at 787-2050 or 1-866-70-DRAMA (703-7262). (Contains mature language.)

Arcadia student Cailyn Radich reads an original poem, “Doll House,” to the Accomack School Board during its Tuesday meeting, as board member Naudya Mapp looks on. Radich’s poem placed first in the statewide Junior BETA club held earlier this month. Full Junior and Senior results will be published in upcoming editions of the Eastern Shore Post.

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Brewery Proposed for Former Building Company Site in Cape Charles

By Ron West

A new brewing company is eying Cape Charles according to a proposal put before the town council on Feb. 16. Mark Marshall of the Cape Charles Brewing Company asked the town to consider allowing the company to pay the $32,988 utilities hookup fee at proposed location, the former Reliable Building Company, over five to 10 years rather than all at once.

In his presentation to council, Marshall estimated the meals tax from the business would generate at least $350,000 over the first five years and employ 15 on a full-time basis and another 10 part time.

Several speakers addressed the council in support of the brewery. Northampton County Finance Director and Interim County Administrator John Andrzejewski said the brewery would benefit both Cape Charles and the county. He urged the council to do all it could to help the new business succeed.

Eastern Shore Tourism Commission representative Kerry Allison noted that the new business would be a boon for the town and would help with county tourism, too.

Former County Economic Development Director Kris Tucker likewise endorsed the proposed business.

Carol Evans, of the Cape Charles Bed and Breakfast Association, stated that the local businesses, the town’s historical commission, and the local chamber of commerce all supported the brewery.

Council voted to spread the payments over a five-year period as authorized by ordinance, and voted to approve looking into the possibility of extending it to 10 years.

The council reviewed the status of the Cape Charles Community Trail. Town Manager Brent Manual informed the council that the trail plan was initiated in 2007. Phase two of the plan calls for the trail to be extended from Washington Avenue to Peach Street, and is expected to be complete in early spring. Eventually, the trail would encircle much of the town in an effort to make it more walkable.

Harbormaster Charlie Farlow provided the council with an update on slip fees in place in the region. Town marina usage has fallen over the past few years. Council approved Farlow’s recommendation to change the slip fee schedule and remove a three percent credit card fee that was put into effect more than a year ago. A complete listing of the slip fees can be obtained from the harbormaster’s office via e-mail at townharbor@capecharles.org.

Prior to concluding the session the Council agreed to conduct a joint public hearing with the Planning Commission on zoning ordinance text amendments on April 4.

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Supervisor Supports 1-Cent for Medics

By Linda Cicoira

Supervisor Paul Muhly supports a penny tax-rate increase for real estate to provide five full-time fire medics for northern Accomack County, he said Monday.

Muhly said the $1.4 million that was collected by volunteer fire/rescue companies for ambulance billing should be carefully considered since “administrative billing costs, vehicle purchases, insurance, fuel, vehicle upkeep and repair from abuse and accidents are not taken into consideration.”

“When the new Riverside Hospital is in operation,” the District 4 supervisor said, “the mileage factor used for billing will be drastically reduced, which in turn will lower revenues.”

In March 2016, “The board voted to increase the EMS tax to fund a similar need in the southern part of the county,” said Muhly. “This money was well spent. Our action then did nothing ... to address a similar problem in the northern third of the county.”

Muhly mentioned several reasons for the need. “In this area, (there) are three schools, a power generating plant, a chemical processing facility, a large poultry factory, a large campground and a medical center ... lots of traffic, especially during holidays. At the extreme ends of this district are population concentrations with often-flooded roadways.”

Nine of ten volunteer companies at a fire and rescue commission meeting last year said they support the request of Greenbackville and Saxis companies for paid daytime staff.

“This overwhelming vote to strengthen the system, recommended by some of our most experienced emergency responders, has yet to be implemented,” said Muhly. “Now is the time to do it.”

Figures given to a four-supervisor committee studying the prospect show $1,455,533 was collected by 10 companies for ambulance services in the most recent fiscal/calendar year reported.

In alphabetical order, the companies were listed as Bloxom with $213,315; Chincoteague, $205,744; Greenbackville, $36,619; Melfa, $203,508; Oak Hall Rescue, $279,255; Onancock, $143,013; Onancock, $79,964; Parksley, $263,605; Saxis, $20,902; and Wachapreague, $9,608.

“The much touted belief that the good ole boys from Station 7 (Parksley) are taking in $800,000 a year was now completely debunked,” said Muhly. “They earn a little over a quarter of that sum as shown in the report, ranking number two overall.”

“There may be additional changes and efficiencies that could and should be made to the Department of Public Safety,” Muhly continued. “Optimum deployment and use of highly skilled personnel, the reallocation of tax dollars used to fund redundant operations within the county-wide fire and rescue matrix are all considerations for a future committee, the county fire commission with the board of supervisors, to explore.”

Supervisor Robert Crockett, who is chairman of the board and of the study committee, wants to wait a year to review any changes in response time due to the new hospital opening.

Melfa and Onley also asked the committee for help as volunteers are dwindling. Director of Public Safety C. Ray Pruitt, offered a map with a multitude of red areas to identify current locations that fire medics can’t reach within the prescribed 20 minutes. There are some along the coast, up and down the county. He reported putting additional workers at Saxis and Greenbackville could mean they would answer a call once a week or even once every two weeks.

“We’re just as important as 20 calls a year as anywhere else, President Aubrey Justice of Saxis Volunteer Fire & Rescue said. “We don’t have anybody there Monday through Friday. It’s not about Saxis,” Justice said. “It’s about the northern part of the county.”

Greenbackville Fire Chief Barry Outten told the committee his company “is willing to help out with a percentage” of the money that people are billed for the service. Other departments “need to step forward with the billing money.”

The committee will report to the supervisors in March.
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Nurse Convicted of Patient Abuse/Neglect

A registered nurse was trusted to take care of a 26-year-old Accomack resident with Rett Syndrome, a genetic disease that keeps the patient from performing daily tasks. Beverly Jacks, 62, of Melfa, had the job for about three years when the patient’s mother began to suspect the healthcare provider wasn’t fulfilling her obligations. So, Lorie Thomas of Saxis, the mother, set up a video camera in her home.

“We never suspected her of abusing Kelly,” Thomas said. “We just thought she wasn’t doing her job. We had to make sure we had proof.” After taping for two weeks, the evidence that convicted Jacks of three counts of abuse/neglect in Accomack District Court, last week, was a shocker for Thomas.

“We had no idea it was going to show her abusing,” said Thomas. “When I first started to view the video and her actions, I was befuddled. I couldn’t believe what I was seeing … and my child just lying there helplessly. … For one minute, I took my eyes off of my child and looked at Mrs. Jacks’ face, it looked like a monster. She looked so angry. Why would she do that to my child? She (the daughter) is not combative at all … She can’t do anything at all.”

“We chose to keep her home because we didn’t want to put her in a facility,” said Thomas, who explained she had heard horror stories about such places. “Then it happened here by someone I never would have suspected.”

Thomas said it was so bad, she could not bear to watch the whole video. But Jacks’ supervisor saw it and told an Eastern Shore Post reporter the details.

Beth Sanders of Continuum Pediatric Nursing of Chesapeake said Jacks was hired to provide private nursing care for the company. After a while, they suspected Jacks was not being truthful “about minor things” like the patient’s oral hygiene, Sanders said. The supervisor said the explanation for an expired tube of toothpaste was the nurse had been using her own toothpaste for the patient. With the video tape “we were looking for quality control,” said the supervisor. “And found far more.”

The “video showed her strike the patient, pull her hair, (and) lift her by her ponytail to take off her shirt,” said Sanders. The nurse was also shown uncapping medication syringes with her mouth, not wearing gloves and not performing hand hygiene; all of which are not the acceptable practice, the supervisor stated.

Jacks pleaded not guilty to the charges and was expected to appeal the convictions. She told the court she was not hitting her patient, she was patting her. Jacks was acquitted of a fourth charge. While she was seen pulling the patient’s ponytail in the video, her other hand was not visible and could have been supporting the patient’s body.

Commonwealth’s Attorney Spencer Morgan would not comment on the case because of the possible appeal.

“People need to know,” said Thomas. “She’s bedridden. You could describe my daughter as an infant. As far as her mobility, she can’t fight back. She couldn’t tell anybody what Mrs. Jacks was doing.”

Jacks was not available for comment. Her lawyer, Leslie Dix of Accomac, did not return a phone call at press time Thursday.

Jacks was sentenced to 100 hours in jail with 90 days suspended for each of the Class I misdemeanors. She was also fined $250 for each. She can no longer serve as an EMT with Melcom, did not return a phone call at press time Thursday.

Jacks was sentenced to five years good behavior, given supervised probation of three years, and had his operator’s license suspended for six months. He was remanded to jail. The incidents occurred in early 2016.

Valice Earl Smith, 32, of Elihuwallo Lane in Horntown, was sentenced to five years for distribution of cocaine offense dating from September 2015. Good behavior for five years and supervised probation for three years were also ordered.

Three Plead Guilty to Credit Card Theft

Todd C. Countain, 34, of Brooklyn, N.Y., Alexis B. Carter, 24, of Linden, N.J., and Asheley N. Lawrence, no age given, of Elizabeth, N.J., each pleaded guilty in Northampton County Circuit Court to five counts of credit card theft.

Countain also pleaded guilty to possession of illegal credit card machinery. Ferddie Davis, 33, also of Brooklyn, was found guilty of 12 counts of credit card theft, possession of illegal credit card machinery, and credit card fraud; and not guilty of possession of two or more incomplete credit cards.

All four cases were continued for pre-sentence reports.

Natalie Lynn Johnson, 22, of Portsmouth, was sentenced to five years with all but six months suspended for possession of a controlled substance. She was also sentenced to good behavior for five years and had her operator’s license suspended for six months.

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Obituaries

Saturday Service Set for Onancock Woman

Mrs. Charlotte Babb Edmonds, 85, of Onancock, died peacefully at the Hermitage on the Eastern Shore on Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2017. After 23 years she was reunited with her loving husband, Tom, on Valentine’s Day.

Born Sept. 2, 1931, in Ivor, Va., she was the youngest of three girls born to Livingston Harris Babb and Thelma Parker Babb, both now deceased, as is her sister, Carolyn Babb Hefflin, who lived in Lake Wylie, S.C. She is survived by her other sister, Jean Babb Blackwell, of Bradenton, Fla.

Mrs. Edmonds graduated from Ivor High School in 1949, and went on to attend Westhampton College at the University of Richmond, where she received a bachelor’s degree in sociology in 1952. It was here that she met her husband, Dr. John Thomas (Tom) Edmonds Sr., of Accomac, whom she married on June 18, 1955. After graduating, she worked at the Children’s Home Society in Richmond, a statewide adoption agency. They lived in Durham, N.C., and Newport, R.I., before moving to Onancock in 1959. Dr. Edmonds died in 1994.

Survivors include her four children, Anne Edmonds Ramsay and husband, George Ramsay, of Raleigh, N.C.; Dr. John Thomas (Tom) Edmonds Jr. and wife, Dr. Bebe Edmonds, of Virginia Beach, Elizabeth Lee Edmonds (Betsy) of Peachtree City, Ga., and Susan Edmonds Olmsted, of Onancock.

As a wife and mother, Mrs. Edmonds was a matriarch in all the best ways. She was a devoted and loving mother and partner to her husband, Tom, keeping their family and home well cared for, allowing him to focus on his busy practice.

One of her most fulfilling roles was that of grandmother to her eight grandchildren, Susan E. Ramsay, George E. Ramsay, Ryan N. Olmsted, Kelsey A. Edmonds, Nicole L. Edmonds, Charlotte E. Olmsted, Haley S. Edmonds, and Carolyn E. Olmsted. She was never happier than when she was holding one of her grandchildren in her arms.

Friends would describe her as a strong, yet compassionate, woman who always took time to help her friends and neighbors. She loved this community dearly and was an active member of Market Street United Methodist Church in Onancock. In her earlier years (70s), she put on a tool belt and helped build houses for the Eastern Shore Habitat for Humanity and served on their board of directors. Mrs. Edmonds also served on the board of directors of the Eastern Shore Yacht and Country Club for many years, as well as serving as secretary.

She will be fondly remembered, loved, and missed by her many friends and family.

Funeral services will be held at Market Street United Methodist Church on Saturday, Feb. 25, 2017, at 2 p.m., with Rev. J. Barton Weakley and Rev. Dr. Kirk Mariner officiating. Interment will follow in the Fairview Lawn Cemetery. The family will greet friends at the church one hour prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 870 Greenbrier Circle, Greenbrier Tower II, Suite 404, Chesapeake, VA 23320.

Memorial tributes may be shared at www.williamsfuneralhomes.com

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Onancock Woman Volunteered Extensively

Mrs. Carol Ann (Jones) Lauer of Homosassa, Fla., 77, passed away peacefully on Feb. 21, 2017, at home in Onancock, with her family by her side.

She was born in Point Pleasant, N.J., on Oct. 14, 1939.

Among her many accomplishments, Mrs. Lauer was a life member and a former president of Fire Company No. 2 Ladies’ Auxiliary in Point Pleasant. She was active in numerous youth activities in which her children participated in New Jersey and Virginia. After retiring to Florida, Mrs. Lauer had more than 6,000 volunteer hours at Homosassa Springs State Wildlife Park. She was a member of the Red Hats Society, Citrus A’s Model A Ford Club, Ye Olde Model A Club, and the Traveling A’s Club. She enjoyed traveling with her husband, family, and friends, and exploring historical places and hunting for artifacts.

She was the granddaughter of Nellie Bennett, an educational advocate in the Point Pleasant school system, resulting in the Nellie F. Bennett Elementary School being named in her honor.

Mrs. Lauer was predeceased by her parents, John W. and Roberta (Bennett) Jones, and a son, David.

She is survived by her loving husband of 60 years, Ernest R. Lauer, of Homosassa, Fla., and Onancock; her children, Ernest C. Lauer of Parksley, Tamara B. Pruitt (and Gil) of Onancock, John W. Lauer (and Linda Hurley) of Onancock, Frederick A. "Fritz" Lauer (and Susan) of Parksley, and Jody L. Lauer (and Stephanie) of Kennebunk, Maine; her grandchildren, Jason, Hope, Kristen, Hartley, Severn, Chance, and Hannah; her great-grandchildren, Camden and Lucas; and many, many friends.

A memorial service to celebrate her life will be conducted from the chapel of the Williams-Onancock Funeral Home, 94 Market Street, Onancock, on Friday, Feb. 24, 2017, at 2 p.m. There will be a visitation at the funeral home, one hour prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Carol Lauer to Riverside Shore Hospice, P.O. Box 615, Onley, VA 23418.

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More and Younger Visitors Flock to Virginia's Eastern Shore

By Linda Cicoira

Online views of the travel guide for the Eastern Shore of Virginia have jumped by nearly 1,000 percent since 2011 and were up to 3,000 last year, Kerry Allison of the bi-county tourism commission told Accomack and Northampton supervisors last week. Website visits were at more than 200,000 in 2016, an increase of 963 percent in the last five years.

“A lot of what we do is digital,” Allison said, “targeting everyone from New York to North Carolina (and) west to Tennessee to Ohio.” A story blog was launched in July 2015 and got more than 25,000 hits last year. About 76 percent of the hits are to the website from new visitors.

Thirty-seven percent of the brochure requests come from those 25 to 44 years old. The biggest percentage of visitors used to be 55 or older, but now that accounts for 19 percent. People from the cities of Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, Hampton Roads, NYC, Los Angeles, Salisbury, Richmond, Harrisburg, Pa., Atlanta and Roanoke have asked about the Shore. The top states were Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, California, New Jersey, Connecticut, New York, Tennessee, North Carolina and Delaware.

Allison said 21,000 are following the tourism agency on Facebook. The commission has also changed which publications it contacts. “Young people 25 to 44 aren’t reading the Washington Post,” so instead its “Glamour, Washingtonian and U.S. News and World Report,” to name a few. Allison said feature stories are written about kayak trips, “ultimate” oyster trips, Tangier Island and winter birding. We have “more partners who work together” including restaurants with outdoor fireplaces. “I pull the young kids in and we’re working together on it.” Allison said.

In 2015, the Shore was named the second fastest growing tourism region in the state. Visitor spending totaled $261.1 million or $715,720 per day. Tourists paid $7 million in local lodging, meals and sales taxes.

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Submitted Article

The Virginia State Police Area 31 Office on the Eastern Shore announced the winning design for a special state police “challenge coin.” Nandua High School in Onley, won the overall competition with the winning design submitted by 11th grader Kathryn Enoch. As the first-place winner, the high school was awarded $525 to its art department.

All Eastern Shore high schools were invited to participate in the competition and earn money for their art programs. Northampton High School came in second place and was awarded $425. Arcadia High School, in Oak Hall, ranked third and was awarded $325. Chincoteague High School earned fourth place and received $225.

Tyson Foods Inc., which has a facility on the Eastern Shore in Temperanceville, donated $1,500 to fund the award winnings. All Area 31 troopers and supervisors voted on the entries. Virginia State Police Superintendent Col. W. Steven Flaherty, then granted official approval of the design.

“This was a first for us,” said 1st Sgt. Ben E. Jeffrey Jones, Virginia State Police Area 31 commander. “Much like with the military, challenge coins are a great source of pride among law enforcement, and we thought this would be a fun way to engage our area young people.”

“Our troopers were thoroughly impressed with the designs the students came up with, which made this a very close competition. This coin will now be traded with law enforcement personnel nationwide, bringing added pride to our custom-made, one-of-a-kind Eastern Shore design,” said Jones.

The Virginia State Police Area 31 Office encompasses Accomack and Northampton counties on the Eastern Shore.

State Police Coin Design Chosen

Submitted Photos

Kathryn Enoch's winning design for an Eastern Shore-themed Virginia State Police challenge coin.

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Hermitage on the Eastern Shore is now offering, short-term “Respite” stays. If you or a family member are in need of a quick retreat or somewhere to help with Physical Therapy, call Matt Parker, Sales and Marketing Director, 757.787.4343.

Hermitage on the Eastern Shore would like to welcome and congratulate Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital on the relocation of their new hospital in Onley, VA. We would like to thank you for your investment in our rural community and your continued support in the health of the residents on the Eastern Shore. We feel very fortunate to have the most modern and well equipped facility in the state. The Hermitage residents and team members wish you all the very best, as you embark on this new and exciting journey.

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SAVE THE DATE!
Shore Wrestlers Earn Spots on State Championship Podium

By Krystle Bono

Last Friday, the Northampton Yellow Jackets, seven grapplers in tow, joined Nandua's Jack Schreiber and Arcadia's Kenny Valle in Salem for the 1A and 2A State Championship. Yellow Jacket Myles Lewis brought home the highest honor of the Shore athletes, earning second place in the 106-weight bracket.

Lewis began the tournament quarterfinals with a pin over Robert Russell of Eastside by fall time of 5:49. In the semifinal round, Lewis topped Hayden Lawrence of Parry McCluer by a 8-2 decision, earning him a spot in the finals Saturday afternoon.

Sebastian Lamrouex of George Wythe defeated Lewis by decision, 4-0, to take the 106-weight class champion title. The senior Yellow Jacket concluded his season with a 32-4 record. Lamorouex sported a 35-3 record.

Schreiber finished with a third-place medal in the 126-pound weight class.

The Nandua senior won his first-round match by a 8-0 decision over Dan River's Frank Blevins. Head Coach Nathan Metzger thought it was Schreiber's best match of the season. "Jack set the pace of the match. He had some of his best takedowns and never gave Blevins a chance," reflected Metzger.

The win over Blevins set up a semifinal match against Andy Webb of Grundy. Webb entered the tournament as the top seed with a 23-2 record, and defeated Schreiber, 6-0, before eventually earning the top spot on the podium, making him a three-time state champion.

The loss dropped Schreiber into the consolation bracket, where he faced Nottoway's Gabriel Garcia Cruz. With a season record of 24-5, Cruz took the first two points of the match with a takedown, but Schreiber answered back with 11 points to win, 11-2.

This victory gave Schreiber a chance to face Cullen Bendel of Buffalo Gap for a rematch. Schreiber defeated Bendel in the 2A East Regional by pin; Bendel entered the State Championship with a season record of 41-5. Bendel started fast and Schreiber narrowly avoided being pinned in the first period, however, the Shore wrestler was eventually able to put Bendel on his back in the third period by controlling Bendel's wrist and working in a half nelson. Schreiber closed the match by pinning Bendel at 4:11.

Schreiber finished his season with a record of 49-5 and a career record of 136-54.

Kenny Valle of Arcadia competed in the 138-pound weight class. Valle finished his season, 31-6, with losses to eventual champion, Gabe Fiser of Grundy, and fifth-place finisher, Trevor Shupe of Central High School.

Northampton's Durell Robinson finished in fourth place at 182; teammate DJ Upshur also earned fourth in his 170 weight class.

Yellow Jackets Gary Peart III and Taylor Shreaves each brought home fifth-place honors in their respective weight classes. Northampton's Sean Marsh finished in sixth place at 152.

Northampton's Masen Ingram did not place, however, he battled hard against a very tough 220-pound pool of competition.

As a team, Northampton settled in sixth place, tied with Parry McCluer with 59 points in the 1A overall results. Rural Retreat High School took the top spot, ending with 200.5 points.

Nandua finished in the number 20 spot in the 2A list with 16 points.
Yellow Jackets Earn Several All-Conference Nods

Story and Photos by Krystle Bono

The Northampton Yellow Jackets had two players selected to the All-Conference 41 first team and three players chosen for the second team.

Sophomore Jawaun Bell and junior Sheldon Payne earned spots on the first team. Seniors Antonio Robinson and Reginald Wiggins and junior Tamaze Brisco were given spots on the second team.

Head Coach Wayne Bell Jr. was named Co-Coach of the Year, and Jawaun Bell was chosen as Co-Player of the Year in addition to his first team selection. The Yellow Jackets join other athletes on the first and second All-Conference teams from across Conference 41 from Franklin, Surry, Sussex Central and Windsor.

J. Bell concluded the 2016-17 season with an average 15.5 points per game, 2.9 rebounds per game, 6.7 assists per game and 1.8 steals per game. He also threw a field-goal percentage of 46%, with 3-point and free-throw averages of 43 percent and 84 percent, respectively.

Payne threw an average of 11.4 points and 2.9 assists per game, and grabbed 1.5 rebounds and 1.6 steals per game. His field-goal average was 45 percent with a 3-point percentage of 31 and free throw tally of 69 percent.

Robinson notched 10.9 points, 8.5 rebounds, 6 assists and steals per game. His field-goal and free-throw averages for the season were 51 percent and 69 percent.

Brisco netted 10.8 points per game and assisted 2.4 per game. He rebounded 7.9 and stole 1.8 per game while averaging 55 percent in field goals, 33% for 3-pointers and 71 percent for free throws.

Wiggins tallied 9.2 points, 1.8 rebounds, 1.2 steals and 2.8 assists per game. His field-goal, 3-point and free-throw averages were 51 percent, 19 percent and 63 percent.

Northampton Earns Conference 41 Tournament Championship; Falls to Essex in Region Quarterfinals

By Krystle Bono

Last Friday night, the Yellow Jackets battled the Franklin Broncos for the Conference 41 tournament finals. Northampton topped Franklin, 80-73, to claim the tournament championship.

Sheldon Payne posted the most points on the scoreboard for the Yellow Jackets with 22; Antonio Robinson was close behind with 21. Tamaze Brisco threw 15 points and Jawaun Bell netted 10.

Robinson led the team in rebounds with 14 and Brisco followed his lead with 13. Bell tossed the most helpers, assisting 10, and tied with teammate Reggie Wiggins with a team high of two steals.

The Yellow Jackets moved on to the Regional quarterfinals on Tuesday night for a court battle with the Essex Trojans, where they fell, 75-69, to conclude the season.

Northampton led 16-8 by the end of the first eight minutes. The boys’ maintained their lead through the second, staying ahead, 32-29, by halftime. However, the Trojans fired back to move ahead of the Yellow Jackets by the last eight minutes of regulation. Essex squeezed past Northampton, claiming the 75-69 victory.

Leading the Yellow Jackets was Bell, who potted 26 points; he also had the most assists with six. Brisco grabbed 13 rebounds and four steals to lead the defense. Wiggins threw the second-highest in points with 17 and Robinson hooped 15.

Warriors Fall to Brunswick; Vikings Drop Three

By Krystle Bono

The Nandua Warriors boys’ varsity squad hit the road to Brunswick last Friday to play in their last Conference 33 game of the season. The Warriors fell, 74-62, to the host team.

Leading Nandua in the club’s last contest of the year was Jashawn Wharton, who scored 18 points over 32 minutes. Tremel Summerville followed his lead with 16 points, 12 of those from 3-pointers. Jaylon Smith tossed seven points; Khalil Nock and Jordan West each posted six.

The Broadwater Vikings had a busy schedule last week, traveling to Williamsburg Christian last Monday, Feb. 13, before returning home to host Isle of Wight Tuesday, Feb. 14, and then went out of town again to Alliance Christian Academy on Thursday, Feb. 16.

Williamsburg Christian defeated the Vikings, 79-32. Broadwater fell to the Chargers in a very close 57-52 game on Valentine’s Day, and also dropped a 72-57 loss to Alliance Christian.

Over the course of their last three games, leading scorer for the Vikings, freshman Jordan Yarrell, notched a total of 47 points, 21 of which were 3-pointers. Jackson Rose followed his lead and tallied 25 points over three games with 9 points contributed by 3-point shots.

Nathan Crumb accumulated 14 points over the week; Mathew Behrens threw 13 and Robbie Parker netted 8 points.

The Vikings headed to Atlantic Shores Thursday night for their All-Metro Quarterfinals. Results will be in next week’s edition of the Post.
Shore Swimming Competes in Team’s First State Finals

By Krystle Bono

Shore Swimming traveled to Christiansburg Feb. 15, to compete in their first state meet as a team.

Lauren Johnston of Chincoteague placed third in the Girls’ 100 Butterfly and fifth in the Girls’ 200 Individual Medley.

Mackenzie Lucy, representing Arcadia, brought home a fifth-place finish in the Girls’ 100 Breaststroke and sixth in the Girls’ 100 Freestyle.

Nandua’s Carter Harmon earned the number 15 spot in the Boys’ 200 Individual Medley.

The girls’ relay team, consisting of Caroline Turner, Leah Truitt, Anna Wallace and Christen Eller, finished in 10th for the Girls’ 200 Freestyle Relay and in 14th for the Girls’ 200 Medley Relay.

Calab Laxton, William Kellam, Carter Harmon and Zach Davis of the boys’ relay team claimed an 11th place finish in the Boys’ 200 Freestyle Relay.

The Northampton County Parks and Recreation basketball teams played a series of games Feb. 18. Pictured above is Justin Suarez shooting the first two points for his team, the Pee Wee Irish. The Irish fell to the Tarheels, 9-8. NCPR will play the Accomack County Parks and Recreation Youth Basketball League on Saturday, March 3, at Northampton High School for the All-Star game beginning at 11:30 a.m.
NASCAR POSTings

By Troy & J.J. Justis

As every good racing fan knows, the end of the Super Bowl marks the real sports season and with a new season, there comes new names, faces, sponsors and rules. There is a new series sponsor; we are no longer a part of the Sprint Cup Series, but instead, we are running in the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series.

Cars will now sport the drivers’ name on the rear. There is a new points system and drivers will vie for a slot in the “Playoffs” rather than the “Chase.” Each race will have three segments: the first two will have an equal number of laps, but the last stage will have a different number of laps to end the race.

Here is how the regular point and playoff points break down:

• First two segments of race – top 10 drivers earn regular points (10-to-1).
• End of race – all 40 drivers earn points with winner earning 40 points, then second through 35th earning 35-to-2 points, and the 36th through 40th place finishers earning only one point a piece.
• Winner of each stage receives one playoff point.
• Race winner receives five playoff points.

Now at the end of the regular season, the top-10 drivers will be awarded more playoff points. Playoff points carry and continue to be earned into the third round of the playoffs. Homestead will still be the final race and determine the champion, with drivers being eliminated throughout the rounds of playoff.

Cars are a little different, with a shorter spoiler for the Camry. Restrictor plate holes are a bit smaller for the superspeedways, reducing the horsepower slightly. However, you would not know it from the wild finish at Sunday’s “Clash.” A last lap Turn 2 wreck between Brad Keselowski and Denny Hamlin gave young gun, Joey Logano, the lead at the checkered and the win.

There is now more emphasis on medical clearance. Drivers that have a wreck will now be seen by a doctor and paramedic.

Maybe that’s another step towards a safer sport that could have been introduced due to the publicity surrounding Earnhardt Jr.’s concussion-like symptoms and races missed during the 2016 season. It is great to see him healthy and on the starting line for the 2017 Daytona 500. In fact, the new generation is well represented, yet reflection of NASCAR’s rich history remains in the front row with pole winner Chase Elliott (son of driver Bill Elliott), and Dale Earnhardt Jr. (son of the late, great Intimidator himself). Following in their famous fathers’ footsteps, they are writing their own histories.

His View: Well, here we are again. Same paper, different decade. Now that the girls are older, (Baylee-16 and Darbee-14) you would think that J.J. and I would be more agreeable on sports. NOT! With that said, my driver is, of course, #24. Chase Elliott has the pole and will win the Daytona race to make it the 20-year anniversary of the #24 in the Winner’s Circle. My man, Jeff Gordon, won his first Daytona in 1997. It’s going to be a good year for the #24, I think, and it is always fun sparring with J.J. GO-24-GO!

Her View: While I really enjoy seeing the sons of the legends of NASCAR competing, I am still partial to Virginia native, Denny Hamlin. I like to root, root, root for the home team. In fact, my love of NASCAR started when Dale Jarrett drove for Joe Gibbs Racing. Being the avid Redskins fan that I am, Joe Gibbs was one of my heroes. When he got into racing, so did I. I loved DJ, but as with everyone, time races on and they are replaced by the younger generation. I hope that Denny learned his lesson this past week at the “Clash” and does not continue to crash, crash, bash, or smash into anything else this season other than Victory Lane!

Next Race: Daytona 500 – Sunday, Feb. 26, 2 p.m.
Submitted by Michael Garbacz

Game 1: K&E Marine Capitals 8, Eastern Speed Shop Avalanche 3

The day’s slate of games kicked off with a high-energy tilt between the Caps and the Avs. Despite missing arguably their two best players in Zach Mills and Mr. Tease, the Avalanche still managed to generate some quality scoring chances and putting 19 shots on goalie Dylan Harrington. But the Caps proved too difficult to contain this time around, launching into high gear in the second frame and never looking back.

Predictably, The Pat Trick led the charge, potting four goals and a helper. Preston Shover matched his captain’s point output, though, registering two goals and three assists. Ray Schreffler earned two goals and an assist; Aaron Hudson picked up three helpers; James Hailey had two assists. For the Avs, captain Nate “New York” Metzer put the team on his back, knotting a yeoman’s two goals and an assist on 10 shots. Dustin Palo scored the other marker; Garrett Baylis added an assist.

Game 2: Jim Wert Builder Inc. Penguins 4, Branscome Predators 3

The following game wound up to be a showcase of best effort in the face of adversity, as the Pens and Preds each came with a short bench. The Predators had to dress emergency goalie Jenny Hagler, who performed admirably in front of a skeleton squad for a full three periods. She stopped 19 of 23 shots and kept the Preds in it until the very last second. Though the Predators fought all game long, and controlled play for stretches, they could not seem to sneak more than three by ol’ Guy Parks. Meanwhile, the Pens’ offense sputtered to life in the second period and took over the game in the third. Captain Derek (three assists) and Michael Garbacz (two goals and an assist) each recorded three-point games. Ben Bundick put up a goal and an assist; local hero Dean Dedicatoria potted the game winner. For the Preds, Jesse West scored two goals; Dalton McDaniel had one marker; Keith Hagler, Guy Shover and Jared Marsh each tacked on a helper in the loss.

Game 3: EZ Loan Bruins 7, Eastern Speed Shop Avalanche 2

Without star players Zach Mills and Matt Teasley, the Avs were facing an uphill battle against an efficient killer Bs squad. No matter how the Avalanche attempted to attack, the Bruins were able to parry, return the ball up court and control play for stretches, putting a painful-sounding 31 shots on goal.

Captain New York and Dustin Palo each delivered a goal-producing individual effort; Seth Dize and Garrett Baylis each picked up a helper. But the Bruins would simply not be denied. The Smooth Criminal and Zach Webb each registered two goals and an assist; Dustin Aigner and TR Hoyt each had a goal and two assists; Scott Milliken produced a goal and an assist; Preston Shover and Ray Schreffler each deposited one goal.

Game 4: K&E Marine Capitals 5, Blues 1

In an eerily similar affair, the Caps shook off the hard charge of the Blues’ forecheck and turned it to their advantage. Try as they might, the Blues could not punch a hole in the proverbial machine, as the Capitals worked the ball all over the court. The Caps spread out their assault, and seemed to manage to stay a step ahead all game long. Paul Thornes rained on Dylan Harrington’s shutdown parade, potting the Blues’ only goal on a helper from Danny Miller. Captain Pat Trick buried two and added two assists; James Hailey had a goal and an assist; Cliff Windsor netted two helpers; Preston Shover and Ray Schreffler each deposited a goal.

Game 5: Branscome Predators 1, Delmarva Soil and Concrete Red Wings 6

After a heartbreaking loss earlier in the day, the Preds found themselves tested with a full Red Wings squad eager for a win. Although starting goalie Jared Marsh was able to get between the pipes, the Predators couldn’t keep pace with the Wings’ youth movement. The Huntsman nabbed two goals and two assists; CJ Jones scored two goals and an assist; Steve Sharo and Taylor Parks each provided a goal; Danny Tweedy, Robby Parker, Adrian Clark and Wes Stapleton each recorded an assist. Jesse West will be glad to tell y’all about ruining Brad Ford’s shut-out bid, scoring the Preds’ only goal, unassisted.

Game 6: Jim Wert Builder Inc. Penguins 2, EZ Loan Bruins 8

The killer Bs brought their game of ruthless efficiency down upon the Penguins, coming on stronger as the game progressed. The Pens fought the short bench to get their offense chances at the opposing net, but the well-positioned Bruins would not allow any sustained pressure. Eventually, the Penguins did break through and record a pair of goals scored and assisted by Derek Hail and Michael Garbacz. But the game was largely controlled by the Bruins, who time and again were able to quickly reverse the flow of the game in their favor, Matrix-style. Zach Webb led the way for the Bs this time around, on the strength of four goals; Captain Smooth Criminal notched two goals and an assist; TR Hoyt and Matt Ayres each earned a goal and an assist; Dustin Aigner registered two assists; Scott Millikin and Mike McCreary each picked up a helper.

Game 7: Delmarva Soil and Concrete Red Wings 3, Blues 2

Arguably the best game of the day was saved for last, as the feisty Blues scratched and clawed out this tilt with all their might against the more skilled Wings squad. It was hard to find any real estate out there, folks, as the Blues always seemed ready and able to break up the play. This game, above all the others today, felt like a playoff hockey game.

The Blues charged into the offensive zone like a rhino, producing 23 shots and goals from Julian Dedicatoria and Jennie Rice. But the Wings made the most of their 14 shots, relying on the individual efforts of The Huntsman, who scored two unassisted goals, and Steve Sharo, who scored one. The Blues mounted a comeback attempt in the third period, but could not get the tying goal by Wings’ goalie Brad Ford.

The Senior ESSHL’s next set of games will be held on Sunday, Feb. 26, beginning at 1 p.m., at Stapleton Rink in Parksley.
North Accomack Little League Registration

North Accomack Little League (NALL) registration is now ongoing. You may register using the following link, https://active.leagueone.com/Olr/Pages/Welcome.aspx?ClubId=13299 or in person in the Chincoteague High School gymnasium during Youth Rec basketball games on Saturdays, 9 a.m. to noon, starting Feb. 11.

We have divisions for boys and girls from ages 4-16. NALL boundary is from Groton Town Road, north to the state line, and from Saxis to Chincoteague. You must live or attend school within the boundaries to be eligible to play.

For more information, contact Craig McComb at 757-694-7074 or Tony Montross at 757-990-0502.

Little Shooters Hockey at the Y

Sign up today for little shooters hockey at the Y. Hockey is held on Mondays, beginning Feb. 20, at 5:15 p.m., in the youth gymnasium for kids ages 3-6. Your child will learn how to play on a team, about the YMCA core values and they will have a lot of fun. The cost is $35 for members and $45 for prospective members. Call the YMCA for more information at 757-787-5601.

All Girls Soccer Team at the Y

Are you a middle school aged girl and interested in playing on an all-girl soccer team? The Eastern Shore Family YMCA is hoping to offer an all-girl soccer league this spring. Call the Y to add your name to the interest list. We will also have a short meeting on March 14 at 6 p.m. at the YMCA to discuss options for an all-girl league at the YMCA, all interested parties are asked to attend. If you can not attend please call the Y and add your name to the interest list. For questions or more information call the Y at 757-787-5601 or email kbeaty@ymcashr.org

Spring Training for Eastern Shore Junior Rifle Team

It is time to get geared up for our 2017 season with the Eastern Shore’s only Junior Service Rifle Team. This exacting sport builds self control, attention to detail and self confidence. Girls and women are fully represented in this sport and on our team.

For prospective members age 14 or over, the first requirement is to report to Spring Training Day session one on March 11, at noon. The second Spring Training Day will be March 18.

Bring the following items to Spring Training: long pants, sturdy shoes or boots, long-sleeved shirt, and a regular jacket or coat, a billed hat, glasses if required for everyday activities or for reading, pen and notebook.

We will provide cookies, soft drinks, ear protection, eye protection, rifles, ammo, training, new friends and fun. If you have friends ages 13-16 who would like to come along please bring them; they are welcome to attend Spring Training. Adults are welcome too, but must pay for their own ammo and cookies.

Any questions, call 757-442-3013.

Shore Little League Registration

Registration for Shore Little League is now open. Register before Feb. 16 and get $5 off registration and family maximum. Regular registration is $60 per child and $90 per family. After March 4, late registration begins and it will go up to $70 per child and $100 per family. Visit http://shorelittleleague.org to register.

Inaugural Friends of Shore Little League Oyster Roast

Shore Little League will host its Friends of Shore Little League Oyster Roast in Exmore Town Park March 11, from 4 to 9 p.m. Tickets are available at http://friendsoflsl.org

Run for the Animals

The 6th Annual Run For The Animals is set for Sunday, April 2, at the Historic Onancock School. This is a charity event and all net proceeds support the animal organizations who serve the Eastern Shore.

Registration is open for the 2017 Run For The Animals. Early entry fee is $40 ($50 after March 31). Student fee (must be full-time) is $20 and $25 after March 31.

Choose either the Half Marathon (13.1 miles), the 10K (6.2 miles) or the 5K (3.1 miles - non-competitive walk). All distances with or without your leashed canine companion. Baby joggers/strollers welcome.

Commemorative event T-shirt, finishing medal, unique trophies by division, and awards for top fundraisers.

Top raffle prizes this year include a hang gliding session and a scenic plane flight by VA Hang Gliding. Tickets available locally at The Book Bin, Janet’s Cafe, Atlantic Animals Hospital, Greenbush Veterinary Clinic, The Law Office of Anita Johnson, or at www.RunForTheAnimals.com

Registration/Check-In - 6:45-7:45 a.m.
Pre-Race Meeting - 8 a.m.
Gun Time - 8:30 a.m.
Awards - 11:30 a.m.
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Rayfield’s
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Rayfield’s Pharmacy, which also has a store in Cape Charles, is now one of only three independent pharmacies remaining on Virginia’s Eastern Shore. When Rayfield first moved back to the Shore in 1974, almost every town had a locally-owned drug store.

In Nassawadox, Rayfield is only the third owner of the town pharmacy which first opened in 1913. Nassawadox Pharmacy, or Arnold’s Pharmacy, owned by Alan Arnold, was located where the Smiling Dolphin Frame Shop now stands. In 1975 Rayfield purchased the pharmacy, including the original 1913 soda fountain tables, from Potter Henderson, for less than $20,000 on a handshake. Henderson had purchased the Nassawadox pharmacy in 1963 after selling Parksley Drug Co.

Rayfield recalled that he soon found certain customers would regularly stop in for a chocolate soda created by a longtime pharmacy Rayfield worked 15-hour days to make ends meet.

“I was the hospital pharmacist when we first opened the store,” said Rayfield, “and would go to the hospital at 7 in the morning. My wife, Francie, whom I met in pharmacy school at the Medical College of Virginia (MCV), would open the store after dropping our older son off to school and our younger son at Claire Ann James’ kindergarten. He went there three years. We always said he had a Ph. D. in kindergarten. I would leave the hospital at 2:30 to go to the store so Francie could go home to be with the boys. After I closed the pharmacy at 5:30, I would go back to the hospital to fill prescriptions that had come in since I left before going home long enough to eat and watch the news. Then I would reopen the pharmacy at 7 and stay open until Dr. Edmund Henderson closed for the evening, which was usually about 9.”

Rayfield was also on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week in the event a nurse needed help finding medications. “It sounds like a grueling schedule, and it was, but what I enjoy about running a small-town pharmacy is that it is like having friends come in all day and visit for a minute,” said Rayfield.

After graduating from MCV, Rayfield worked at large drug stores in Richmond while his wife, a Winchester native and younger by two years, finished up her studies at MCV. “I am a country boy at heart and never felt the personal rapport or connection to my customers in the city. When Francie graduated, we got the chance to work at small pharmacies in Mathews County, where we loved it. She worked at a pharmacy on one corner, and I worked at one across the street.”

Dr. William Bernart called in 1974 and told Rayfield the position of hospital pharmacist was open, knowing Rayfield had a yearning to return home. Less than six months later Rayfield purchased the Nassawadox pharmacy from Henderson but knew he needed to keep his hospital job while his wife worked the bulk of the hours at the pharmacy. Rayfield worked at the hospital for 13 years, even after the pharmacy moved to its current location in 1981. Eventually, business was brisk enough at the pharmacy that he left the hospital and devoted all his time at the store.

Rayfield, who was born at Cobb Station near Cheriton and delivered at home by a family doctor, who charged his father $5, graduated from Northampton High School in 1959 and went directly to MCV. “My father peddled fish before he went to work at Riley’s store and then started his own place later. I made pretty good grades and thought I wanted to go into engineering before a cousin, Lee Lewis, who ran a pharmacy across the bay, asked me if I had thought about being a pharmacist. I liked math and chemistry, having been taught by some excellent teachers at Northampton, so that’s when I decided to be a pharmacist.”

And now he is surrounded by pharmacists. His wife, also a pharmacist, is the daughter of a pharmacist whose sister was a pharmacist. Both of the Rayfields’ sons are pharmacists and one is married to a pharmacist. The other son married a doctor.

“We had maybe 15 pharmacists in the wedding party when my younger son was married. Our conversations are pretty narrow when we get together. We always say we are a family heavily involved in drugs,” said Rayfield with a laugh.

Severn Rayfield, the older son, runs Rayfield’s Pharmacy in Cape Charles. Berkley worked there, too, but now is a pharmacist in the Richmond area. Tommy and Francie Rayfield have four grandchildren, but he says it is too early to know if any will follow the family way of becoming a pharmacist.

Francie Rayfield left the pharmacy to join the county health department when their older son first returned home to work at the pharmacy. She is now retired, but her husband has never forgotten what she did in the early years of the business. “She kept the pharmacy open when I was at the hospital, was always there for our two sons and had a hot meal on the table when I got home that night. She was essential to the whole operation and was the rock that held things together.”

As for Rayfield, who will soon turn 76, he is not thinking about retirement now. “As long as I can stand and have my mental faculties, I will work until God retires me.”

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Four Primary Care Providers Remain in Nassawadox

Also staying behind in the medical community are several primary care providers at Riverside Eastern Shore Physicians & Surgeons. Nurse practitioner Tammy Hedspeth, Dr. Angelica Perry, nurse practitioner Jeanette Sessoms and Dr. John Snyder will maintain their offices in Nassawadox.

By the end of the year it is expected the old Shore Cancer Center in Nassawadox will be refitted for offices for the quartet.

Dr. Snyder, 64, says he has practiced 35 years in Nassawadox, and although he’s not thinking of retirement for at least another six years, he prefers to give up hospital duty and keep his office in Nassawadox. “I live a mile away from my office, so that’s definitely a factor.”

“I will be on duty at the hospital on Saturday when the move is made, so it looks like I will be one of the last hospitalists at the Nassawadox hospital,” said Snyder.

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Glagola. The hospital census — or number of beds occupied — stood at 46 on Wednesday, but that number was expected to change before Saturday’s patient relocation.

The move is being managed from a command center with personnel who have trained in responding to scenarios that might arise, including weather contingencies.

Schreiber said the team was pleasantly surprised by the warmth. “We planned for snow; we didn’t plan for 70-degree temperatures,” she said.

A consulting firm was engaged to help with the planning. Even though an ambulance every 10 minutes sounds like a lot of traffic, “our consultant assures us it will be anti-climactic,” Schreiber said.

Preliminary activities were underway earlier this week. Tuesday was the last day for scheduled inpatient or outpatient procedures. “It’s not that the OR (operating room) closed; we just weren’t scheduling any non-emergency procedure,” said Schreiber.

The Cancer Center move was largely complete on Wednesday. The specialty clinics were scheduled to move today (Friday).

The community, said Schreiber, has been helpful in getting information out about the move. The relocation is expected to be complete by early afternoon.

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Equipment marked for disposal is all that remained at the Cancer Center Wednesday afternoon.

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As a sculptor, artist and boat builder, William H. Turner knows how to use his hands, a brush, a chisel or other devices to turn his work to its desired effect.

As a writer, he has always been able to turn a phrase to give the reader a chuckle, a nugget of wisdom or bit of nostalgia.

In “The Last of the Ebb,” the fourth book by the 81-year-old former dentist who became nationally known as a sculptor whose works grace museums, mansions and institutions all across the country, Turner returns to his roots as a boy growing up on the Eastern Shore.

Born in a hamlet known as “Buzzards’ Glory,” Turner grew to love hunting, fishing and exploring the outdoors at an early age. When his parents, Major Evans Turner and Nellie Custis Turner, moved to Newport News to work in a shipyard during World War II, Turner spent as much time as possible with relatives on the Shore. Following the war, his parents returned to the Shore, and when they took up residence in Jamesville, Turner met Robert Rockwell, who had retired to the Shore from his position as chief taxidermist for the American Museum of Natural History, where he had mounted the majority of big game groups.

Rockwell encouraged Turner to take up sculpting. Before he turned to sculpturing as his primary livelihood, Turner made extra money as a boat builder while earning his degree in anthropology at the University of Virginia, then tried city life as an insurance adjustor before returning to school to get his degree in dentistry, the purpose of which was to provide an opportunity to return to the Eastern Shore.

Even as a sculptor, he found it necessary to travel to foundries. On one trip to Florida, his flight was canceled due to snow, and when his rerouted flight through Washington, D.C. was late for his next connection, he missed by minutes a flight that crashed into the Potomac River on takeoff. That’s when he decided to build his own foundry, now having three sons: Bill, to take over his dental practice; David, to join him as a partner in Turner Sculpture; and Bob, a local attorney.

Never one to stay with just one pursuit, Turner dabbled in politics, winning election to the Accomack County Board of Supervisors, writing books about his childhood, building boats for his grandchildren, and painting wildlife scenes embedded in his memory.

In “The Last of the Ebb,” Turner spins tales of his first date, how he outwitted his competitors in local turkey shoots, how he asked an oyster thief to join him on a duck hunt and other forays in the outdoors and the backroads of the Shore.

Talking recently at his Melfa studio, where bits of clay, assorted paints and Freedom of Information Act materials were spread across a table — another of Turner’s pursuits is identifying corruption and waste in government and other organizations — he said he regrets one story not making the book.

“I had this vivid dream of a great story but forgot the details when I woke up. It would have made me a million dollars if I could just remember it.”

Asked if this was his final book, Turner said, “I think I have one more in me. I already have the title, ‘Crossing the Bar.’ ”

Today, saying he is sometimes frustrated by the limitations aging brings, he continues to arrive at his studio about 8 each morning, working on his various pursuits until early afternoon, when he leaves to watch birds and “have a doctor-recommended gin and tonic.”

He did add the one benefit to aging is watching the growth of his 10 grandchildren, the objects of great pride for Turner. Without the help of one — Rebecca — he said his latest book could not have been written.
Un-bee-lievable Weather

A bee flies among the branches of a tree on Randolph Avenue in Cape Charles as it collects pollen on Monday. Temperatures reached the 70s for most of the weekend.

A man walks his dog as he rides his bicycle on Randolph Avenue in Cape Charles on Monday.

Children play on a sand dune near the Cape Charles Fishing Pier on Presidents' Day. Temperatures reached the mid-60s on Monday.
Church News

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St. James’ Episcopal Church will hold the Imposition of Ashes on Ash Wednesday, March 1, at noon. Rev. Cameron Randle will officiate.

The Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes, a bilingual (Spanish and English) service, will be held on Ash Wednesday, March 1, at 7 p.m.

Capeville

Capeville UMC will hold a Shrove Tuesday pancake supper on Feb. 28, from 5 to 7 p.m.

Supper is $8 for adults and $4 for ages 4 to 10, and includes all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage, scrapple, baked apples and beverage.

Craddockville

Craddockville UMC will hold Ash Wednesday Service on March 1, at 7 p.m.

Revival will be held at the church Sunday, March 19, through Tuesday, March 21, at 7 p.m. Soup and sandwich will be served at 6 p.m. each night.

A youth retreat at Camp Occohannock On The Bay, for children in grades 6 through 12, will take place Friday, March 31, through Sunday, April 2. The cost is $55 per child.

Daugherty

St. Luke AME Church will present a Color March on Saturday, Feb. 25, at 5 p.m.

Exmore

New Mount Calvary Baptist Church will celebrate the Senior Choir Anniversary on Sunday, Feb. 26, at 3 p.m. The guests will be Pastor James I. Boyd and the First Baptist Church, of Mappsville.

Overcomer’s Church for Victorious Living will hold a youth conference on Friday, March 3, at 7 p.m., and Saturday, March 4, at 4 p.m. Pastor Shawn Ayers will oversee workshops for youth. The guest speaker will be Pastor Rob Best, of Salisbury, Md.

Melfa

Oak Grove UMC, 30053 Seaside Rd., will hold a baked chicken dinner on Friday, Feb. 24, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Dinner is $8 and consists of baked chicken, potatoes, green vegetable, biscuits, dessert and tea or coffee.

Eat-in or carry-out meals are available. To place an order or for more information, call 757-710-4920.

Oak Hall

Downing’s UMC will hold a chili cookoff on Friday, Feb. 24, from 6 to 8 p.m. Dinner is $8 for all-you-can-eat chili, dessert and beverage.

A pork roast dinner will be held on Friday, March 10, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Dinner is $10 and includes pork roast, potatoes, salad, bread, dessert and beverage. Proceeds will benefit the Camp Occohannock Capital Campaign Fund.

Lenten Services will be held on Ash Wednesday, March 1, at 7 p.m. Lenten prayer group will meet March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, and April 5 and 12, at 11 a.m.

Painter

Harvest Time Deliverance Church will hold a Black History program and skit, “Thank God I’m Free,” on Sunday, Feb. 26, at 4 p.m. Various churches will participate.

Pungoteague

St. George’s Episcopal Church will hold a Noon Prayer and Imposition of Ashes service on Ash Wednesday, March 1, at 12 p.m. Rev. Linda Scholer will officiate.

Dos Santos Food Pantry will distribute food on Sunday, March 5, from 3 to 5 p.m.

Living Word Church of Deliverance will hold a Pre-Pastoral Anniversary Service on Sunday, Feb. 26, at 3 p.m. The guest preacher will be Pastor Diane Jones, of New Life Church of Deliverance in Princess Anne, Md.

HAD A FELONY?
COMPLETED PROBATION/PAROLE?
WANT TO VOTE?

Governor McAuliffe’s April 22, 2016 Executive Order restored the right to vote for all individuals who as of April 22 had completed the terms of their incarceration and any periods of supervised release (probation or parole) for ANY and ALL felony convictions.

Since the April 22 Executive Order, the Governor issues monthly orders restoring rights to persons who have completed the terms of their incarceration and any periods of supervised release (probation or parole) since April 22, 2016.

If you or someone you know wants to register to vote, please call Gerald Boyd at 757-656-3460.

WHAT IS YOUR SIGN
Exodus 31:13
Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily my sabbaths ye shall keep: for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the LORD that doth sanctify you.

The fourth Commandment—Sabbath is Saturday
Thank You, Post Angel

Send your community, church, and calendar events to
angie@easternshorepost.com
Be sure to include event, address (including town), date, time and contact information.
Accomac

The Mary N. Smith (MNS) Alumni Association will host a Black History Banquet at MNS Cultural Enrichment Center, 24577 MNS Rd., on Saturday, Feb. 25, at 6 p.m. Tickets are $20 each. For more information, call 757-709-3267 or 757-787-1062.

Cape Charles

The Palace Theatre will present the play, “The Emperor’s New Clothes,” adapted for the stage by John Silvestro, on Friday, March 3, at 7 p.m., Saturday, March 4, at 6 p.m., and Sunday, March 5, at 3 p.m. Admission is $7. For more information, call 757-709-3267 or 757-787-1062.

Chincoteague

The Chincoteague Cultural Alliance will sponsor an evening of story telling with the Chincoteague Story Telling Guild at the Chincoteague Island Library, 4077 Main St., on Friday, Feb. 24, at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served at 6:30 p.m.

The Chincoteague Cultural Alliance will hold its first ever Community Art Show from March 5 to 26, with an opening reception on March 5 from 3 to 5 p.m.

The show is open to anyone who lives full or part time or works on the island. All ages welcome. Arts works must be dropped off at 6309 Church St. on Sunday, Feb. 26, from 3 to 5 p.m.

Onancock

O’Nancock’s Annual St. Patrick’s Parade will take place downtown on Sunday, March 12, at 2 p.m. A kilt contest will be a parade highlight.

A selfie scavenger hunt contest will take place, with clues available at Marker 29, The Blarney Stone Pub and in the window at 40 Market St.

Free Irish social dance lessons will be offered at the town hall at 12:15 p.m. and again at 1 p.m.

A Celtic Festival, with vendors and entertainment, will take place at Ker Place on Market Street, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

A limerick contest is open for middle and high school students. The deadline for entry is Saturday, Feb. 25. Questions may be directed to Nancy James at njames@mason-davis.com

CERT Winter Training Offered

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training is available to Eastern Shore residents beginning Tuesday, March 7. The CERT training program prepares citizens to take a more active role in emergency preparedness. CERT training gives the basic skills needed immediately following a major disaster. Participants will learn about disaster preparedness and response, basic fire safety, first aid, search and rescue techniques and terrorism preparedness. Students will have a chance to win door prizes at the conclusion of the class. All students will receive a backpack filled with emergency supplies.

The 20.5 hour free program consists of both lecture and practical exercises. The class will be held on March 7, 14 and 21, from 6 to 10 p.m., and March 23 from 5:30 to 10 p.m., at the Eastern Shore Regional Fire Training Center, 28598 Beacon Rd., Melfa. Participants must attend all sessions to receive credit. Class size is limited to 30, with a minimum of 10. For more information, call J.J. Justis at 757-302-4267.

Conservation Grants Available

Are you or is your organization involved in environmental education on Virginia’s Eastern Shore? Do you need funds to help provide these opportunities? Then apply for a conservation grant by filling out a simple, one-page application form for the 2017 Billie Fitzgerald Memorial Conservation Grant from the Eastern Shore Soil and Water Conservation District. The deadline for the application is Wednesday, March 1. School, Scouts, community groups, and other organizations in Accomack and Northampton counties are eligible.

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

Obtain an application form from the district office in Accomac by calling 757-787-0918 x101, or email Latonya.justice@esswcd.org

Onley

 Relay for Life of Nandua will kick off its 2017 fund-raising campaign at Pizza Hut, 25092 Lankford Hwy., on Saturday, March 4, at 9 a.m. Light refreshments will be provided and door prizes given at the information session.

Relay for Life will take place at Nandua High School, in Onley, on Saturday, Sept. 9, overnight into Sunday, Sept. 10.

For more information, call Chairman Brenda Laws at 757-710-1729.
Marriages

MILE POSTS

Tyrone Upshur, 48, of Birdsnest, and Angela Harmon, 43, of Onancock

Christopher Anthony Noonan, 26, and Shea Leann Dezan, 29, both of Atlantic

Benjamin Richard Tibbetts, 23, and Ashley Pearl Thornes, 30, both of Hallwood

Nathan David White, 37, and Chandra Lee Weatherell, 29, both of Wallops Island

Wilburt Johnson, 72, and Mattie Pearl James, 71, both of Parksley

Oliver Giovanni Ordonez Nava-rette, 27, and Catherine Josephine Poto, 32, both of Eastville

Kenneth Maurice James, 33, of Nassawadox, and Shannon Denise Wharton, 29, of New Church

Births

Awards

SU Graduates

Three Accomack County students recently graduated from Salisbury University during a ceremony at the Wicomico Youth & Civic Center.

Connor Derrickson, of Chincoteague, graduated with a B.S. in exercise science.

Barry Johnson, of Chincoteague, graduated with a B.S. in nursing.

Erika Key, of Parksley, graduated with a M.E.D. in curriculum and instruction.

Godwin Library Foundation President

The Board of Directors at the Eastern Shore Public Library Foundation voted to install Fitzhugh Godwin Esq., of Onancock, as president. Godwin will replace Keith Miles.

“Godwin practiced law in Arlington, Va., taught law at U.S. Army JAG School in Charlottesville, and was civil magistrate.

“I joined the effort to build the new regional library in Parksley because I have a strong hope to help our community with improved library facilities,” said Godwin. “I take this leadership role to help the Foundation encourage everyone to donate and make this landmark project a reality.”

For more information about the Foundation, call 757-787-2500.

Walker Sports Gives Supplies

Walker Sports Group replenished school supplies at Arcadia Middle School, Nandua High, Pungoteague Elementary and Occohannock Elementary, as a community outreach project. Above (from left), board member Sheila Walker gives a bin of supplies to Nandua High School Principal George Parker with the help of board member Bobby Walker.

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Starting:

Monday, Feb. 27th

Monday-Friday: 7:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Saturday & Sunday: Breakfast Buffet

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The Town of Exmore will hold a Public Hearing on March 6, 2017 at 7:00pm at 3305 Main Street to solicit public input on the proposed Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) proposal to be submitted to the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development for the Exmore Wastewater project. Residents of the project area are encouraged to attend. The Exmore Wastewater project proposal will include the following activities: new treatment plant, extended collection system and new dispersal fields.

The draft CDBG proposal will be presented for comment along with information on projected beneficiaries, including the number of low-moderate income residents to benefit from the proposed project, and plans to minimize displacement. Citizens will also be given the opportunity to comment on Town of Exmore past use of CDBG funds. A fact sheet on the proposed project and the draft proposal is available at 3305 Main Street Exmore, VA 23350. For additional information, contact Public Utilities Director Taylor Dukes 757-607-7188 or email at tdukes@exmore.org.

Comments and grievances can be submitted in writing to Town of Exmore at 3305 Main Street Exmore, VA 23350, by mail at P. O. Box 647 Exmore, VA 23350 or by phone at 757-442-2476 until March 10, 2017 at 5:00pm.

The Town of Exmore is an equal opportunity employer and provider.
FRIDAY FEB. 24
8 a.m. - Breakfast at the VFW - VFW Post 2296, Tasley - donations accepted
11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. - Alzheimer’s Caregivers Support Group - Riverside Shore Rehab Center, 26181 Parkley Rd., Parkley - 665-5133 (Lori Wilson)
Noon & 5:30 p.m. - AA mtg. - UMC, Onancock
6 p.m. - Celebrate Recovery Group mtg. - Onancock Baptist Church
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7:30 p.m. - AA mtg. - Downing’s Methodist Church, 7291 Lankford Hwy., Oak Hall

SATURDAY FEB. 25
9 a.m.-noon - Clean-up of Christ Union Baptist Cemetery - Christ Union Baptist Cemetery, Willow St., Chincoteague - 336-6117
10 a.m.-1 p.m. - Soup Kitchen - Faith Christian Tabernacle Ministries, Rt. 13, Accomac - 787-1811
10:30 a.m.-noon - Exploration of the Art of Communication w/Karen Hatch - E.S. Public Library, Accomac
11 a.m. - Movie Matinee & Crafting - Pocomoke Library
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. - E.S. Authors’ Winter Series Program w/C.L. Marshall - Little Italy Restaurant, Nassawadox - $15/ticket
Noon & 7:30 p.m. - AA mtg. - Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 66 Market St., Onancock
2 p.m. - WaggaPalooza - Chincoteague Center - $5/admission
7:30 p.m. - Bingo - Eastville Vol. Fire Co.

MONDAY FEB. 27
11 a.m. - Children’s Story Hour - library, Nassawadox
1-3 p.m. - Bingo for Seniors - Chincoteague Cultural Alliance Center for the Arts, 6309 Church St.
3 p.m. - Parkinson’s Disease Support Group - Hospice & Palliative Care, Onancock
5-6 p.m. - Al-Anon mtg. - Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Onancock
5:30 p.m. - TOPS mtg. - Belle Haven UMC - 442-3984
6 p.m. - Accomack Cty. Branch of the NAACP mtg. - Mary N. Smith Cultural Enrichment Center, Accomac - 757-990-2764
6 p.m. - Bingo - Elk’s Lodge, Tasley
6:30 p.m. - Cub Scout Pack 300 mtg. - Grace UMC, Parkley
7 p.m. - AA mtg. - Christ Episcopal Church, Eastville
7 p.m. - AA mtg. - Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 26405 Horsey Rd., Temperanceville

WEDNESDAY MARCH 1
7:45 a.m. - Kiwanis Club of Accomack County mtg. - Sage Diner, Onley
10 a.m. - TOPS mtg. - Market St. UMC, Onancock - 787-4718
11 a.m.-1 p.m. - Soup Kitchen - Corner Stone Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 3431 Main St., Exmore
11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. - Debedeavon Toastmasters’ mtg. - NASA/Wallops Base - Call Owen Hooks at 824-1941 for base access.
2 p.m. - Children’s Story Hour - E.S. Public Library, Accomac
5-7 p.m. - Soup Kitchen & Clothes Closet - Grace and Truth Ministries, 19 Boundary Ave., Onancock - Donations: 789-5369
5:30-6:30 p.m. - Free Meals for the Hungry - Epworth UMC, 4158 Seaside Rd., Exmore - 442-6391
6-7 p.m. - Prayer Line Open (St. Matthew’s Church, Onley) - Call 665-7403, 387-7021 or 894-1521 w/prayer requests
7 p.m. - AA & Al-Anon. mtgs. - Franktown UMC
7:30 p.m. - Bingo - Painter VFC

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POST TIMES
Feb. 24–March 2

SUNDAY FEB. 26
★noon - Social Luncheon - Calvary Bible Church, Accomac
★12:30 p.m. - Bingo - Vietnam Veterans’ Bldg., Onley
★4 p.m. - Performance by the Orchestra of the Eastern Shore - Hungers’ Episcopal Church, Bridgetown
★6 p.m. - Family Movie Night: “A Matter of Faith” - Onley Baptist Church, 25501 West Main St.

TUESDAY FEB. 28
★9 a.m. - Al-Anon mtg. - Refuge Inn, Chincoteague
★10 a.m. - Bingo - Accomack Senior Village, Onancock
★11 a.m. - Duplicate Bridge - Sage Diner, Onley - 442-2474
★1:30-3 p.m. - Riverside Shore Hospice Grief Support Group mtg. - Downing’s UMC, 7291 Lankford Hwy., Oak Hall - 789-5000
★5:30 p.m. - AA mtg. - St. James’ Episcopal Church, Accomac
★6 p.m. - Onancock Lions Club mtg. - Sage Diner, Onley - 787-2059
★6 p.m. - Rachel Leah Ministries - 787-2486
★6 p.m. - Bingo - Pocomoke Elks, next to YMCA
★6-8:30 p.m. - GED Class - ESCC, Class A-51, Melfa
★6:30 p.m. - American Legion Post 101 mtg. - Chapter Bldg., 25534 Main St., Onley
★7 p.m. - AccomackNorthampton Antique Automobile Car Club mtg. - Sage Diner, Onley
★7:30 p.m. - Bingo - smoke free - Cheriton VFC
★7:30 p.m. - Order of the Eastern Star (Acc. Chap. #62) mtg. - Masonic Lodge, Chincoteague

THURSDAY MARCH 2
★10:30 a.m. - Children’s Story Hour - library, Accomac
★10:30 a.m. - Story Time - Cape Charles Memorial Library
★2 p.m. - Book-of-the-Month Club: “The Kitchen House” mtg. - Pocomoke Library
★3:45-5:15 p.m. - The Good News Club mtg. - Hollies Baptist Church, 17691 Hollies Church Rd., Keller - transportation from Pungoteague Elementary school provided
★5 p.m. - Chess Club - Cape Charles Memorial Library - all ages, levels welcome
★5:30 p.m. - Shore Losers mtg. - Drummondtown Baptist Church, Accomac - $1 donation/week
★5:30 p.m. - TOPS VA-550 mtg. - Zion Baptist Church, Parkley - 787-7099
★6:30 p.m. - Kiwanis Club mtg. - St. Andrew’s Catholic Church, Chincoteague
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★7 p.m. - Celebrate Recovery Group mtg. - Chincoteague Church of God
★7 p.m. - NA mtg. - Painter Garrison UMC
★7 p.m. - Republican Party mtg. - Little Italy, Nassawadox
★7 p.m. - E.S. Shooting Club mtg. - Exmore Fire Dept. Hall - 678-9038
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THE FAMILY OF JOHN E. SOMERS JR. WISHES TO THANK EVERYONE FOR THE THOUGHTFUL CARDS, DONATIONS AND PHONE CALLS. YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS MEAN SO MUCH TO US AND OUR FAMILY. WE WILL BE EVER GRATEFUL FOR YOUR KIND GESTURES. THANK YOU.

LETITIA SOMERS, JOHN SOMERS AND FAMILY

In Memory
Wm. Heywood Wallace
3/7/19-2/24/05

I stopped by to visit Daddy to see if he was feeling better. He was sick and knew I would ask so he slowly shook his head.

The next day he went by and he was driving his truck.

That following morning he passed away but the last time that I saw him, my Daddy smiled at me.

Always missed & loved,
Daughter Faye (Tom)
Son Gary (Michele)
Our Mother, His Wife Evelyn

Happy 79th Birthday, Mom
Born 2/23/38/ Died 10/18/16

Happy 2nd Birthday, Amire
May God bless you and keep you

Wishing you many more; it’s been an adventure with you—looking forward to many more!


Wishing you a quick recovery from surgery, Linda. Hope your back really soon.

~Patrice Wallace

Linda -
We miss you! Take your time getting well, but hurry up about it!
I already gave up on Court Postings.
~Connie M

Linda: I am praying that you will have a complete and speedy recovery. I know you will be happy to get rid of your constant companions—pain and the cane! Take care and I'll be checking on you to see if you need anything.
~Tee

Linda, Here's to a speedy and lovely recovery on your new knee!! You'll be marching soon!!
~Traci

Linda, Get well soon... but keep the raspy voice.
~Troy

Linda:
I've taken your frog painting and all your sticky notes! Get well soon and you can have them back.
~Angie

Linda, Hope your recovery is quick! I miss your smiling face around here already!!
Love,
Nancy-Jo

LINDA: Hope you have a speedy recovery. Miss seeing you already!
You are in my thoughts and prayers.
~Donna B.

HAZARD

~Troy

Get well soon...
but keep the raspy voice.
~Traci

Wishing you a speedy recovery.

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  - Intellectual Disability Aide
  - MH Skill Building Specialist (new pay scale)
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- **MH/SA Case Manager**
- **Developmental Services Residential Supervisor**

Part-time Driver
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Floyd Propane now hiring for experienced propane service technician. Full-time position, year-round, with rotating on-call schedule.

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$2,500 SIGN-ON BONUS!!
Outstanding starting pay, company-supplied vehicle, tools, and uniform.

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- **TRAILER LISTS** - Land lots available to lease for singlewide trailer homes at Modest Town Trailer Park. Call Carl at 410-262-3070.

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### Legal Notice

**Notice of Taking Proof of Debts and Demands of the Estate of Johnnie Arden Mears**

At the request of Sandra J. Vanscoy, Administrator of the estate of Johnnie Arden Mears, I have fixed Tuesday, March 14, 2017, at 2:00 P.M. as the time, and the office of Custis, Lewis & Custis, L.L.P., 23345 Counsel Drive, Accomac, VA 23301, at the place and for the purpose of taking proof of debts and demands against the said decedent or his estate. Given under my hand this 14th day of February, 2017.

Henry P. Custis, Jr. Commissioner of Accounts of the Circuit Court of Accomack County, Virginia

### Public Notice

The Mayor & Town Council of the Town of Chincoteague will hold a public hearing on March 6, 2017, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers located at 6150 Community Drive, Chincoteague Island, Virginia 23336. The purpose of the hearing is to hear public comment on a Conditional Use Permit application for a waterpark at the Maddox Campground. For additional information contact Mr. Ronald Manney, Director of Planning, phone 757-736-6519 or visit the Town Offices at 6150 Community Drive, Chincoteague Island, Virginia, 23336.
**Public Notice**

The Planning Commission of the Town of Chincoteague will hold a public hearing on **March 14, 2017**, at 7:00 p.m., in the Town Council Chambers located at 6150 Community Drive, Chincoteague Island, Virginia, 23336. The purpose of the hearing is to receive public comment on a Conditional Use Permit application for a boat repair facility. For additional information contact Mr. Ronald Marney, Director of Planning, phone 757-336-6519 or visit the Town Offices at 6150 Community Drive, Chincoteague Island, Virginia, 23336.

**ORDERED** that any unknown statutory beneficiaries of Decedent, pursuant to the provisions of Section 8.01-53 A (i) of the Code of Virginia, if any, are hereby made defendants in this matter under the general description of “parties unknown” pursuant to $8.01-316A(2) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, and it is

ORDERED that the parties unknown, against whom this Order of Publication is entered shall appear and protect their interests in the Circuit Court for Northampton County, Virginia, on or before March 20, 2017 at 9:15 a.m., said date being no sooner than fifty (50) days after the entry of this Order of Publication.

It is further ORDERED that a duly certified copy hereof be published once a week for four (4) successive weeks in Eastern Shore Post, a newspaper of general circulation in this jurisdiction.

ENTERED this 6th day of January, 2017

W.R. Savage III, Circuit Court Judge

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**NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE’S SALE**

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By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Verified Lien from Sunset Bay South Condominium Association, dated, May 12, 2016 and recorded as Instrument No. 160002094 in the Clerk’s Office of the Circuit Court of Accomack County, Virginia with an original principal balance of $2,335.45 the holder of the indebtedness secured by said Lien having appointed as Trustee DOUGLAS E. KAHEL, ESQ., by instrument duly executed, acknowledged and delivered, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and at the written request of the party secured thereby, the Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Circuit Court of ACCOMACK COUNTY, 23316 Courthouse Avenue, Accomac, Virginia 23301-0126 on **MARCH 3, 2017 at 10:00 A.M.**

Improved real properties known as 6321 Captain’s Lane, Unit 115, Chincoteague, Virginia 23336 and more fully described as:

That certain condominium unit known as “Unit 115” Sunset Bay South Condominium, situated in the Town of Chincoteague, Islands Magisterial District, Accomack County, Virginia, as designated and described in that certain “DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM OF SUNSET BAY SOUTH CONDOMINIUM, made by Sunset Bay, LLC, dated March 9, 2007 and recorded March 12, 2007, in the Clerk’s Office for the Circuit Court of Accomack County, Virginia, as Instrument Number 200701300, as amended by a certain AMENDMENT NUMBER 1 to DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM OF SUNSET BAY SOUTH CONDOMINIUM (PHASE 2), dated March 9, 2007, and recorded on March 12, 2007, in the aforesaid Clerk’s Office as Instrument Number 200701301, as further amended by a certain AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM OF SUNSET BAY SOUTH CONDOMINIUM (PHASE 3), dated September 13, 2007, and recorded on February 15, 2008 in the aforesaid Clerk’s Office as Instrument Number 200800789, as further amended by a certain AMENDMENT NO. 3 TO DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM OF SUNSET BAY SOUTH CONDOMINIUM (PHASE 4) dated August 29, 2008, and recorded on September 15, 2008, in the aforesaid Clerk’s Office as Instrument Number 200800790, and as further amended by a certain AMENDMENT TO DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM OF SUNSET BAY SOUTH CONDOMINIUM (Purchase of Boat Slips) dated November 12, 2008, and recorded on November 12, 2008, in the aforesaid Clerk’s Office as Instrument Number 200800555, together with the By-Laws of Sunset Bay South Condominium Association, Inc. and the Plats, Plans and Exhibits constituting a part of said DECLARATION AND AMENDMENT NO. 1, AMENDMENT NO. 2, AMENDMENT NO. 3, and AMENDMENT (Purchase of Boat Slips), (hereinafter collectively “DECLARATION”), together with the limited common elements appurtenant to said Unit 115, and further together with an undivided interest in the common elements pertaining to said Unit 115, all as more particular described and shown in said DECLARATION.

**Tax Map No.:** 030-A5-35-00-0115-00

("the Condominium")

**TERMS OF SALE:** Cash. A deposit of $2,335.45, in cash or certified check payable to the Trustee shall be required of the successful bidder at the time of sale before the bidding will be closed. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of the sale at the public auction.

As-is. The property will be sold in an “as-is” condition with no warranties of any kind, and subject to conditions, senior liens, restrictions, easements and agreements of record affecting the same, if any.

Written notice of this Trustee’s sale, as required by Section 55-59.1 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, has been sent to the property owners as their addresses appear in the records of the noteholder, and to all parties prescribed therein.

Additional terms of sale will be announced at the sale.

**FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:**

DOUGLAS E. KAHELE, ESQ.

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or one “critical” violation for a two-year period. This bill inspected facility that has three “noncritical” violations to acquire animals, puppies in this case, from a USDA-in-\nspection. This bill would not allow the pet store owner fewer breeder females and these are exempt from USDA

level

By Linda Cicora

When the first perforated U.S. postage stamps were delivered to the government exactly 160 years ago today, whoever thought that instead of this perfect way to separate the four corners, there would one day be peel-and-stick versions?

Or 149 years ago today, when the first floats were in an America parade, did anyone realize they would take off and become a mainstay?

Probably not. But they are interesting things to ponder. You probably pictured a stamp when you read, as I did when I wrote, the first paragraph. Mine were ones of Ben Franklin that were issued nearly a decade earlier, because I also read about those just before I started having these thoughts.

“On March 3, 1847, Congress authorized United States postage stamps,” the search engine www.google.com answered in 0.73 seconds. “The first general issue postage stamps went on sale in New York City, (on) July 1, 1847. One, priced at five cents, depicted Benjamin Franklin. The other, a ten-cent stamp, pictured George Washington.”

Why, I wonder, did I envision Ben instead of George? Do I like the image of him flying a kite affixed to a key? Nope. It’s because the portrait of George that used to hang in classrooms has that dreaded white space on the bottom that unnerves me. Would someone please finish it?

Okay, so I’m easily rattled.

But there is a lot more to say about this day. My doctor’s secretary promised that I would be home by now from my knee-replacement surgery, which occurred Tuesday. So take a stamp and send me a get-well card or flowers or candy or jewelry or some other great present. I could probably use a magazine by now or a candy bar. The address is: Linda Cicora, Eastern Shore Post, P.O. Box 517, Onley, VA 23418. (Note to readers from Post staff: Coworkers have the Girl Scout cookie angle covered.) This is also a way to get my fellow workers to visit me. It wouldn’t be possible for them to let the mail pile up if I got tons of it. (Second note to readers: We were already going to visit. We promise. Also, in her absence, we are availing ourselves of the opportunity to make comments in her column.)

A note would also be acceptable and could be sent to me at shoredog@verizon.net. A longer letter would be good, too. Maybe you could write me a verse in honor of Texas Cowboy Poetry Week, which is really two days, Feb. 24 (today) and Feb. 25 (tomorrow).

Or you could find out where Elvis Presley is hiding and get him to sing to me in honor of the anniversary of the postal service’s Elvis stamp from 1992. That was a quarter century ago today. Yippee! I saved some of those for this occasion. He’s out there somewhere just waiting for this moment.

Some other singers have important memories for this day, too. Frances Langford recorded “When You Wish Upon a Star” in 1940. Roberta Flack’s “Killing Me Softly With His Song,” hit #1 today in 1973. The Eagles’ Greatest Hits became the first platinum album to sell a million copies in 1976.

At the Grammy Awards today in 1987, Lifetime Achievement Awards were given to B.B. King, Fats Domino and Ray Charles. Oh yeah! And Bruce Hornsby and the Range won Best New Artist.

There are also words that are still trending today. “Svengali” is “a person who manipulates or exerts excessive control over another.” It comes from the 1894 novel, “Trilby,” by George du Maurier, and features a musician and hypnotist by that name.

Well, I want to set a trend so I suggest that everyone do an internet search for “Yippee.” That will make the record keepers take notice and send out a memo.

And why not? Today is the anniversary of Elton John being knighted at Buckingham Palace by Queen Elizabeth II in 1998.

What does that have to do with “Yippee” becoming the trending word? Well, it is the most natural thing in the world to say after something exciting is mentioned.

(Last note to readers: We are happy to report that surgery was a success. But don’t let that slow your sympathetic outpourings via U.S. Postal Service, cowboy poetry, Rent-an-Elvis, or any other manner you see fit to lift Linda’s spirits. You may also send well wishes to getwell@easternshorepost.com.)

There are other regulations a pet store owner must observe that protects the public’s investment and right to know. One is that the puppy’s good health is guaranteed for a year if it is bought from a pet store. The other is that the animal’s “origin” is placed on the cage itself.

The second bill is SB 1204. I opposed this bill and because of my vote, have been called all sorts of names on social media. Senator Lewis patroned this bill, which allows the locality to restrict where a pet store may acquire a cat or a dog. I have a fundamental problem with a local government restricting free trade and limiting consumer choice. The first paragraph of this particular bill is already law. If a locality chooses to, it may restrict the resale of an animal up to six months, if the dog has been obtained from a shelter or rescue operation. If the locality chooses to adopt both ordinances, the other being the one that Sen. Lewis proposed, the result would be that a pet store owner could get dogs from a shelter or rescue operation, but would not be allowed to sell them for a time duration of six months.

Although the intentions were well-meant, the bill was a government overreach, as well as a significant problem for pet store owners who are correctly running their businesses. The simple fact that the Senate voted it out 40-0 shows two things: 1) as Lyn and I have both agreed, sometimes it’s apparent that not everyone takes the time to read bills in their entirety, and 2) I believe that Sen. Lewis, or Lyn as I know him, has such positive standing in the Senate, his bills are often able to leave the Senate side without much controversy.

As previously mentioned, these bills are not as black and white as they appear to the general public. There is more than enough testimony on both sides of the issue and I hope this clarifies my position.

As always, I welcome your feedback and comments at my Richmond office, (804) 698-1000, or email me at delrbloxom@house.virginia.gov. You may also call my district office in Mappsville at (757) 824-3456. Thank you.