By Ron West, Connie Morrison, and Linda Cicoira

A judge found probable cause to certify a murder charge to a Northampton Grand Jury in the stabbing death of a hospital employee in the parking lot of Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital in Nassawadox.

Winston (Pee Wee) Leroy Burton, 58, is accused of killing Shelli Crockett, 42, as she arrived for her shift. She had worked at the hospital for about 10 years as a member of the environmental services team.

As Burton listened motionless, witnesses were called to testify. Two testified they had seen Burton with Crockett. Hospital employee Maurice Chandler said he saw a disturbance in the parking lot and went over to see what was going on. He saw what he thought was Burton hitting Crockett, but did not see him stab her and did not know she was being stabbed. He was about 20 yards away.

Amanda Butler, also a hospital employee, testified that as she pulled into the parking lot the morning of Nov. 28, 2016, she heard screaming and ran toward what she knew was Crockett’s car. She said she saw Burton drag Crockett from the car in a headlock. She thought he was punching Crockett until he drew back his fist and she thought she saw lots of blood flying and she realized it wasn’t a fist.

Butler further testified that Burton was dragging Crockett toward dumpsters behind the hospital. She got up behind them, screaming for him to stop. Butler said she was within five inches of his face, so was easily able to identify him.

Burton dropped Crockett, told her to call the police, and drove off in a vehicle.

A third witness, Deputy Matt Taylor, was working at the Eastern Shore Regional Jail that morning. He testified that he saw Burton come into the lobby of the jail, and he appeared to be upset or agitated. He noticed blood coming from a wound on his hand or wrist. Taylor asked if he could help Burton, and Burton responded that he had just stabbed his girlfriend at the hospital.

None of the witnesses saw Burton with a knife or weapon.

At that point, Judge Gordon Vincent said there was sufficient evidence to send the case to the grand jury, charging Burton with first degree murder. Bail was denied.

Records filed in both Eastern Shore

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County Budget Won’t Include Funding For More Paid EMS in Accomack

By Connie Morrison

Fire companies in Accomack County won’t be getting the paid EMS staff they sought in this year’s budget. The Board of Supervisors voted 5-4 for “Option 1,” which is to leave paid EMS coverage the way it is. Supervisors Grayson Chesser, Laura Belle Gordy, Retta Major and Donald Hart joined Chairman Robert Crockett to approve a motion to stick with the status quo for another year while gathering information about how the relocated hospital affects ambulance run times, and then revisit the issue.

Onley, Melfa, Saxis and Greenbackville all requested additional staffing. Crockett convened a special committee to consider the requests, which also included Supervisors Paul Muhly, Ron Wolff, and Billy Joe Tarr. Going into Monday’s work session, Supervisors Tarr and Wolff supported Option 5, which would have added another 12 full-time employees to provide 24/7 coverage in Greenbackville and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday in Saxis, with funding to be provided through revenue sharing on ambulance billing.

“I don’t see why the county can provide free labor year after year after year and not get anything for it. This would be a way to provide the service that’s needed in critical parts of the county and not have to raise taxes,” said Wolff.

Muhly said that while he didn’t necessarily want to raise taxes, there is a pressing need and “I think you’re going to get a little push back on (ambulance billing) revenue sharing.”

Supervisor Hart, whose district includes Wachapreague — which sent their ambulance to Painter earlier this year to cinch a deal to get the county to pay for a paid medic in the lower part of the county — said Wachapreague was watching. “Wachapreague said if you’re going to do that for Greenbackville and Saxis, we want to go back to how it was,” he said.

The question of paid EMS staffing was one of the last questions to be resolved to balance the 2018 budget so that a public hearing date could be set. By the end of the meeting the budget was balanced and supervisors voted to send it to public hearing. The date will depend upon availability of meeting space.

Assawoman Church Rattled by Apparent Attempted Arson

By Connie Morrison

A member of Assawoman United Methodist Church arrived for worship Sunday morning to find a sputtered-out candle leaning against scorched piece of wooden siding.

Sue Boggs, who is the administrative council chair and a lay leader in the church, said the siding where the candle was placed was partially rotted and could easily have caught fire from the candle. “There are soot marks on and up the siding,” she said.

After the congregation carried out its worship service, the Accomack County Sheriff’s Office was notified.

Deputy Mike McCready responded and Boggs said that evidence was recovered from the scene.

It’s not known with certainty whether the act was an attempted arson, but congregation members can’t come up with another explanation that adds up. “I’ve lost all but a small spark of faith in human nature,” Boggs said. “At the very least they tried to deface our church.”

For Boggs, whose grandfather inherited the property, it was “part of my personal.” This is my family’s church,” she said. “I feel like it’s part of my inheritance.”

The sheriff’s office was contacted multiple times for this article but did not respond.

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Northampton Again Weighs Options for Future Middle School

By Ron West

The Northampton County Board of Supervisors reviewed the prospects of disposing of or reusing a number of surplus county properties at its Feb. 26 work session. Several of the sites are small parcels that once contained green boxes, while others include structures such as the former middle school and the vacant parcel that once held the Exmore-Willis Wharf Elementary School.

The board has requested bids on some sites while offering others for rent. The former middle school is currently being used by the parks and recreation department as well as the county extension service. It is also the polling site for District 4 during local and general elections. A lengthy discussion regarding the former middle school complex was undertaken including potential costs associated with the upgrades that are needed should the county opt to retain it.

Public Works Director Chris Thomas provided estimates for repairs that would be required depending on the amount that the county wants to invest and the number of uses that would be housed at the site. Thomas indicated that a number of smaller upgrades could be made to the gymnasium area for approximately $4,000 that would make it more acceptable for a polling site. Repairs to the gym floor, which is used on a regular basis by parks and recreation, would run upwards of $15,000. Upgrades to the HVAC system and HAZMAT cleanup push the price up another $40,000. Add to that $150,000 for annual upkeep, and the building soon begins to siphon off real money from the county’s coffers. On the plus side, the building is an asset, offering the only public gymnasium and an auditorium that can house approximately 400 attendees.

Supervisor Granville Hogg Jr. asked about modifying the current HVAC system, adding that the whole building is on a single system. Hogg noted that the electrical supply for the building enters from a point on the southwest side of the building and all of the electrical lines spread from that point all the way around the building. If the electrical and HVAC systems could be subdivided in some way, it might allow for a reduction in the annual cost to maintain the building.

In a related area, Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission Director of Planning Curtis Smith discussed a grant that is available for a study of the uses and costs associated with the reuse of the former middle school. Board Chairman Spencer Murray reminded Smith of the need to report realistic proposals for the building and urged them to do so with the concept of a sound business model in mind.

Thomas briefly discussed the issue of the site plan as well as the need for a well and septic system plan for the proposed emergency medical services building in Machipongo. Thomas said he had four proposals for the site work that range from $13,800 to $35,000. It will be up to the board to select the site plan that best meets the county’s needs.

County Informational Technology Director Mark Heneghan provided a list of software upgrades that are needed over the coming year or two. The plan calls for a major rework of the sheriff’s department software and is projected to cost in excess of $600,000 over a five-year period. Heneghan indicated that while the price of the software is high, there are few vendors that provide the software that is needed for the department. He added that the current software is nearing the end of its service life and that the provider of the software will no longer provide tech support for it beyond the current contract.

Software to support the commissioner of revenue and treasurer’s offices will run another $133,950 and is needed to help generate property tax information within the county. Chairman Murray thanked Heneghan for bringing the information regarding the software to the board’s attention in time to be reviewed during the upcoming budget discussions.

The remainder of the work session was devoted to making a variety of edits to the county’s zoning ordinance, many of which were grammatical concerns. Long Range Planner Peter Stith and Zoning Administrator Melissa Kellam noted that one or two of the changes proposed by the board would require a public hearing once all of the changes have been discussed.

Prior to concluding the session, Supervisor Larry LeMond of District 2 announced that he would not be seeking reelection in November. He stated that it was time for him to step down and seek someone with new blood and fresh ideas to join the board.

Dredging Project Restores Navigability of Quinby Creek

Submitted Article

Personnel with the U.S. Coast Guard Fifth District in Portsmouth and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Norfolk District completed a joint project that dredged and re-marked the Quinby Creek waterway in Accomack County on Wednesday.

The USACE-led dredging project, completed by Cottrell Contracting Corporation on Jan. 31, increased the depth of the approximate 7,200-foot federal navigation channel that connects into the turning basin from Uppers Bay to Quinby Landing. An estimated 143,000 cubic yards of material was removed as the waterway was dredged to the required depth of six feet, plus one additional foot.

“We have increased the waterway’s depth to ensure the safe passage for vessels,” said Capt. Rick Wester, Commander, Sector Hampton Roads. “In doing so, we have made the Quinby Creek Waterway more navigable for its users.”

The Coast Guard was previously unable to effectively maintain aids to navigation in this area due to previous shoaling and inaccessibility. Over the past few days, the Coast Guard Aids to Navigation Team Chincoteague crews have been able to re-mark this Quinby Creek Waterway as well as remark down to the Quinby Inlet to help mariners safely navigate along this narrow part of the Virginia Inside Passage.

“We work closely with our federal, state and local partner agencies to ensure waterways are reasonably stable and of sufficient depth for the Coast Guard to safely mark with aids to navigation,” said Capt. Rick Wester, Commander, Sector Hampton Roads. “We were able to safely re-mark Quinby Creek after reviewing the USACE’s survey results following the dredging.”
Planning District Commission Recognized for Economic Development Plan

Submitted Article
The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Rural Development office in Virginia recognized the Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission (A-NPDC) this week in Melfa for the completion of a high quality regional economic development plan for the Eastern Shore.

“The agency is very proud of the hard work and dedication that the Eastern Shore region committed to completing high quality economic development plans,” said Janice Stroud-Bickes, Virginia Acting State Director for USDA Rural Development. “We look forward to continuing support to the region as it fulfills its identified goals.”

On Tuesday, the A-NPDC received an award of outstanding achievement for the November 2016 completion of the Stronger Economies Together (SET) regional economic development plan at Eastern Shore Community College. Executive Director Elaine Meil, Director of Planning Curtis Smith and Eastern Shore Community College President Linda K. Thomas-Glover accepted the award on behalf of the commission during the Accomack-Northampton Economic Development Committee’s public meeting.

The four industries that members of the region identified as cluster goals to further economic development are Aerospace and Defense; Agribusiness and Food Processing; Arts, Entertainment, Recreation, and Visitor Industries; and Foundational and Entrepreneurship Development.

Since completion of the plan, the Eastern Shore has leveraged $5.7 million of rural development and other funding consisting of almost $20,000 in rural business programs, $151,700 for community facilities programs, nearly $20,000 in rural utilities programs, and $5.5 million to support rural housing.

SET is a regional economic improvement program that enables communities and counties in rural America to work together to create and implement an economic development blueprint for their multi-county regions by building on the current and emerging economic strengths.

Submitted Photo
A-NPDC Planning Director Curtis Smith, Eastern Shore Community College President Linda K. Thomas-Glover, and A-NPDC Executive Director Elaine Meil (far right) accept an award of outstanding achievement from USDA’s Matt Underwood for the region’s Strong Economies Together economic development plan. Since its completion, the plan has helped to bring in more than $5.7 million in funding for rural development projects.

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“Growing Pains” in Northampton Schools Pose Budget Dilemma

By Ron West

Northampton County Public Schools are going through a few growing pains. Good growing pains.

That was according to information provided by Superintendent Eddie Lawrence at a Feb. 24 school board meeting. Lawrence said the number of students in all of the schools is beginning to grow. While not reaching the numbers 20 years ago, the increase helps with federal and state funding, which is based on the average daily membership (ADM), or how many students are in the system based on an average calculated over a month’s time. Northampton County receives approximately $4,400 per student. The ADM typically fluctuates throughout the year as families migrate in and out of the area. This year, Northampton County made one of their activity buses available for the Northampton Public Schools for assisting with student transportation the day of the truck crash on the bridge-tunnel. The county’s activity bus taking students to Virginia Beach was restricted from crossing, so the students crossed in smaller vans. However, that still left them needing transport on a bus once on the Virginia Beach side. Virginia Beach Public Schools made one of their activity buses available for the Northampton students to use to continue their trip. Truckner said that he had forwarded a letter of appreciation to Virginia Beach Public Schools.

Occohannock Elementary Principal Ron Yorko and Northampton Middle School Principal Laurel Crenshaw provided the board with their plans to reach full accreditation this year. Both schools have approached the state goals for the core subject areas of language arts, math, history, and science and, while doing well in most areas, have a short ways to go in the area of language arts. Both principals indicated that their school staffs were doing everything they could to insure that their students had every opportunity to achieve accreditation.

A final area of discussion revolved around the topic of “employee workday calculation,” or the number of minutes that an employee is expected to be on the job during the school day. Years ago, members received a certain number of sick days, personal days, and or vacation days, based on his or her job and length of employment in the county. Each day missed was deducted from that number. In today’s financial setting, the time deducted is based on the minutes of time lost if less than a full day. Finance Officer Brook Thomas noted that the fractional part of a day, expressed as a decimal, could become a bit of a problem when calculating the amount of time staff members have remaining in their leave banks, thus she recommended that the board opt to make it a bit simpler for the staff members by advising them to select either the full day off or making use of a custom option when requesting the time off. The board agreed and the information will be forwarded to the staff members.
Cheriton Council Considers Randy Custis Memorial Park, Downtown Revitalization

By Ron West

The Cheriton Town Council used a bit of high tech to conduct its Feb. 22 session. Mayor Joe Habel, who had to be out of state, was able to join the meeting via video conferencing. Town Clerks Stacy Sparrow and Courtney Wise set up and connected an iPad for video chatting at the head of the council table, which allowed all present to see, hear and interact without the mayor having to miss the session. While not new to the world, Councilman Robert Lewis noted that to his knowledge, it was the first use of this particular technology during a local government session. The mayor was able to interact with council members as well as the members of the public who were present.

Phil Custis, formerly the president of the Randy Custis Memorial Park in Nassawadox, addressed the council and thanked it for its financial support. He said plans were in the works to add an additional ball field at the Randy Custis Memorial Park public who were present.

The council agreed to obtain the additional fencing.

Vice Mayor Wesley Travis reported a new rash of burglaries were occurring in the Cheriton and Eastville areas, and urged everyone to locked their properties while home and away. He recommended everyone watch out for their own property and those of their neighbors, and to notify 911 of suspicious activities.

Councilwoman Mary Mears addressed the need to move forward with the completion of the final projects at the town park. Specifically, she noted the need to complete the installation of the fencing and the security system.

Cheriton had done so. Eastville said it supported the park but was unable to provide any funding at this time. Custis added that the town of Cape Charles has yet to make a commitment and that he intended to address them at one of their upcoming sessions.

Mayor Habel asked Custis if the other townships within the county had stepped up to assist the park financially. Custis replied that Exmore, Nassawadox and Cheriton had done so. Eastville said it supported the park but was unable to provide any funding at this time. Custis added that the town of Cape Charles has yet to make a commitment and that he intended to address them at one of their upcoming sessions.

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Travis suggested that a way to move forward with the planned revitalization of the downtown area would be to redo portions of the sidewalks. The town has previously sought to upgrade the building facades and sidewalks but as yet had obtained sufficient funding. He suggested the council offer businesses and residents an opportunity to purchase brick pavers, engraved if they wished, that could be used to pave portions of the sidewalk.

It was agreed to contact representatives of the local American Legion Post for their suggestions because they had used similar pavers in the past.

It was reported that the fire department has purchased and is in the process of installing the air compressor that the council had agreed to help pay for. At an earlier session, the fire department had said it had an issue with the time it takes for some of their apparatus’ air brake systems to power up and that a compressor would greatly improve efficiency and safety. The council allocated $2,000 for this equipment.

Prior to concluding the session, Mears recommended that in the future, should a member of the council find that they would be unable to attend the session, that they submit written reports to the town clerk regarding any committees that they serve on as a way to prevent items from having to be tabled to a future session.

Sparrow reminded everyone that the DMV bus would be in town on April 27 and that the Neuter Scooter would be in town on Feb. 28.

Toppled Tombstones Being Investigated as Vandalism

By Connie Morrison

More than 20 toppled headstones in the cemetery of Ebenezer A.M.E. Church in Capeville were reported to Northampton Sheriff David Doughty’s office.

“It probably happened the week before last,” said Doughty. “Hopefully someone will come forward with information.”

Because of the length of time that is believed to have expired between the incident and when his office was notified, they were not able to recover evidence. He asks that anyone with information that might help in the investigation to call the Sheriff’s office at 757-678-0458.

Northampton Sheriff David Doughty estimates 20-25 headstones were vandalized, including that of noted African-American educator Mary Nottingham Smith.
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- From Roger A. and Adelaide N. Martin
  To James M. and Ann L. O'Connor
  5379 Pearl Dr., Chincoteague
  For $270,000

- From R & S Farms LLC
  To Joan H. and Arthur Lynch Jr.
  Lot 202, Village H, Oceanside Plat, Quinby
  For $6,000

- From David Spencer and Peggy Byrd
  To Shannon C. Johnson
  Lot 2262, Sect. 4, Captain's Cove, Greenbackville
  For $100

- From Michael O. and Diana D. Moesle
  To Lee Paul Kleckner and Michelle Evans Marshall
  Lot 19, Sandpiper Lane, Atlantic
  For $12,000

- From Melanie A. Fetterhoff
  To Russel D. and Marlys A. Edwards
  Trails End, Lot 35, Unit 3, Howntown
  For $325,000

- From Michael W. and Eloise B.
  To Victor Storrs Jr.
  Section 1, Lot 1252, Captain's Cove, Greenbackville
  For $1

- From Patricia Ann Garner
  To Ronald N. Huff
  22360 Fox Grove Estates, Parksley
  For $15,000

- From Anthony J. and Marion C. Thomas
  To David W. Smith
  37074 Saber Ct., Greenbackville
  For $180,000

- From General Freeman
  To Crystal R. Harris
  27023 Savageville Rd., Onancock
  For $129,000

- From Linda M. McGee
  To Mark A. Gilbertson and Paula A Gilbertson, Trustees
  Lot 4 Newport South, Chincoteague
  For $325,000

- From Lee Hunsicker
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**Melfa Man Sentenced in Carjacking**

Dontrail Atqwan Johnson, 19, of Main Street in Melfa, pleaded guilty last week to carjacking and related charges in Accomack County Circuit Court. The victim in the August incident was Accomack Superviso Reneta Major. Her car was stolen from her and it was fired upon. Johnson also pleaded guilty to use of a firearm in a felony, misdemeanor destruction of property, stealing a bus belonging to Broadwater Academy and intentionally damaging it.

The carjacking occurred near the train tracks in Melfa. Later, a Cashville man was on his way home. He was driving just past St. George’s Church in Pungoteague when he saw headlights. “I just heard the noise and pulled over,” he said. There was a hole in the rear window of his four-door pick-up truck. “It shattered but the glass didn’t fall.”

Johnson was arrested the next day. He was free on $10,000 secured bond until his trial. Records state Johnson confessed.

Judge W. Revell Lewis III deferred judgment regarding a firearm charge. A pre-sentence report was ordered. Johnson is being held until sentencing.

Tyrell Sirone Payton, 26, of Parksley, was convicted of distributing cocaine. He was committed to the Department of Corrections for evaluation for diversion center treatment. A presentence report was requested and Payton was remanded to jail. Joshua Marsh of the Eastern Shore Drug Task Force investigated.

Jeremy Smith, 21, of Keller, was sentenced to three years, with all but three days suspended for possession with intent to distribute marijuana. Good behavior was ordered for five years. His driver’s license was suspended for six months. He was granted a restricted license, and remanded to jail.

Devonte Leshawn Davis, 24, of Melfa, was found in violation of probation. His remaining sentence of seven years, eight months, and 14 days was reinstated. All but four months were suspended and two years’ probation were ordered. He was remanded to jail.

**New Jersey Woman Charged With Drug Offenses**

Gwendolyn S. Waller, 32, of Freehold, N.J., is accused of possession with intent to distribute a Schedule I or II drug according to Northampton County District Court records. She is also accused of transporting drugs into the state, conspiring to distribute a Schedule I or II drug, conspiring transporting drugs in Virginia. She was released on an unspecified bond. State Police Trooper E.W. Smith investigated.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Northampton County will hold a public hearing on March 14, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Boards Chambers, 16404 Courthouse Road, Eastville, Virginia, to solicit public input on local community development and housing needs in relation to Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for a project in our community.

Information on the amount of funding available, the requirements on benefit to low- and moderate-income persons, eligible activities, and plans to minimize displacement and provide displacement assistance as necessary will be available. Citizens will also be given the opportunity to comment on Northampton County’s past use of CDBG funds. All interested citizens are urged to attend. For additional information, contact John Andrzejski at 757-678-0440.

Comments and grievances can be submitted in writing to Northampton County, P.O. Box 66, Eastville, VA 23347, or by phone at 757-678-0440 Ext. #550, and TTD at Virginia Relay by dialing 7-1-1, until noon of the day of the hearing.

If you plan to attend and have any special needs requirements, please call the number listed above.
Obituaries

Chincoteague Graduate Shared Love for Island

Ms. Rebecca “Becky” Ann Jones passed away on Feb. 18, 2017, in Waldorf, Md. She was born in Nassawadox on March 28, 1941.

Ms. Jones was the daughter of the late Earnest Reeves Jones and Eula Hill Jones.

She is survived by her brothers, Barry Lloyd Andrews, of Snow Hill, and Ernest Joseph Jones, of Waldorf; lifelong friend, Jean T. Conge, of Waldorf; three nieces, three nephews and many grand-nieces and grand-nephews.

She graduated from Chincoteague High School in 1960. On July 31, 1961, she went to work for the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington, D.C. Her entire career was in the Identification Division, where she advanced to various supervisory positions. She retired as a fingerprint training instructor in 1996 after 35 years of service. She was respected for her knowledge and dedication and received many awards during her career.

Ms. Jones loved life. She liked to spend time at home with Jean, talking on the phone with old friends and playing with her dogs. She had a good heart and was always willing to help anyone. Her greatest pleasure came from trying to spoil all the nieces, nephews, and any other child who may have entered her life. She liked to take them to her hometown, Chincoteague. She would teach them how to catch crabs and play on the beach. She made sure each child knew the history of the family on the island. They all learned to love Chincoteague as she did.

Ms. Jones was a wonderful, warm, loving person. She leaves, in the hearts of all who knew her, memories they will treasure forever.

Interment will be private.

Navy Veteran Passes at Home in Eastville

Mr. William “Bill” Lawrence Burton, 83, husband of the late Janet Fox Burton, passed away peacefully on Friday, Feb. 24, 2017, at his home in Eastville. He was a native of Newport News and was the son of the late William Clarence Burton and Evelyn Louise Burton. He was retired from the U.S. Navy with 20 years of service and was a veteran of the Korean and Vietnam Wars. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal with Combat V for his service in Vietnam.

Mr. Burton was an active member of the American Legion Post 56 in Cheriton and performed many duties there over the years. He was well known for his wood carving ability and enjoyed giving his carvings of birds, fish and butterflies to his many friends, never asking for anything in return other than friendship. When his health permitted it, he was always willing to help anyone in need of his expertise with engines and carving.

Mr. Burton is survived by two daughters, Tiffany Anne Lockhart and Cherie Lea Burton; one sister, Carolyn Griffin; two grandchildren, Nathon L. Burton and Landon T. Lockhart; and numerous nieces and nephews. Other than his parents, he was predeceased by a sister, Odessa Huskey, and a brother, Jerry Burton.

Services will be held at a later date.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at foxandjamesfh.com.

Arrangements were by Fox and James Funeral Home in Eastville.

Former Eastern Shore Resident Dies in S. Carolina

Mrs. Rebecca “Becky” Ann (Bloxom) Henderson, 71, of Laurens, S.C., died peacefully at her home with family by her side on Friday, Feb. 24, 2017. Born in Statesville, N.C. on Nov. 9, 1945, she was the oldest of three daughters born to Irving T. Bloxom (deceased), of Chincoteague, and Margaret E. Bloxom Birch of Statesville, N.C. Her sisters, Deborah L. Dukes and Cheryl B. McCready, and their families, will miss her sorely.

Mrs. Henderson was predeceased by her loving husband, James (Jim) B. Henderson of Statesville. She is survived by her devoted son, Kevin T. Henderson of Greenville, S.C., and daughter, Sandra L. Lothridge of Laurinburg, S.C.; her grandchildren, Jalyn Henderson and Matthew Moran; and her great-grandchild, Connor Moran.

Mrs. Henderson lived on the Eastern Shore of Virginia most of her adult life, was a member of the Atlantic Baptist Church and loved everything about them both. She loved her family dearly and loved traveling with her husband, Jim. She loved all children and spent most of her career in the Accomack County School system as a teacher’s aide.

A family memorial service was held in Laurinburg, S.C., to celebrate Mrs. Henderson’s life.

Oak Hall Man Loved Camping, Fishing, Family

Mr. William “Bill” Kelley Hill, 74, beloved husband of Nancy A. Hill and a resident of Oak Hall, passed away Sunday, Feb. 26, 2017, surrounded by his loving family.

Born Feb. 25, 1943, in Nassawadox, he was a son of the late William Edward Hill and Grace Kelley Hill. Following graduation from Northampton High School, Mr. Hill served his country in the U. S. Coast Guard, where he specialized in communications. Upon his return to the Shore, he began working for the former C&P Telephone Company, retiring in December 1992. He was a member of Red Bank Baptist Church and the Eastern Shore Anglers Club. He loved going fishing and camping with his family, and there was nothing he cherished more than time spent with those he loved. Once his illness kept him from casting a line, he spent a lot of his time playing poker on his Kindle. Mr. Hill will forever be remembered for his courage and strength, and especially for his unwavering dedication to his loved ones.

In addition to his loving wife, and best friend, of 32 years, he is survived by three children, Donna Fay Phillips and husband Parks, of Parksley, Brian Kelley Hill and wife, Beverly, of Parksley, and Lisa Hill Gibb and husband, Gary, of Melfa; step-daughter, Alisa G. Bishop, and husband, David, of Oak Hall; eight grandchildren, Jessica E. Bonniwell and husband, Jeremy, Karrie E. Phillips, and Tyler and Trevor Hill, all of Parksley, Nicholas and Alexander Gibb, both of Melfa, Alysen Bishop Bozman and husband, Roland, of Oak Hall, and Shelby Bishop, of Parksley; two great-grandchildren, Paityn and Leland Bozman, both of Oak Hall; special cousin, Shirley Hill Shaw and husband, Norman, of Eden, Md., and their daughter, Rosalie Mauser and husband, Bruce, of Delmar, Del., and special companion, Lilly. Other than his parents, he was predeceased by his brother, Carrol Franklin “Frankie” Hill; and uncle, Marion Hill and wife, Elizabeth “Libby.”

Funeral services, with military honors, were conducted from the graveside at the John W. Taylor Cemetery on March 1, 2017, with Rev. Bobby Parks officiating.

Contributions may be made in Mr. Hill’s memory to Karrie Kares Foodbank Charity (payable to ESFB), P.O. Box 518, Onley, VA 23418 or to CHKD, P.O. Box 2156, Norfolk, VA 23501-2156.

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

Arrangements by the Williams-Parksley Funeral Home.

Hopeton Man Loved Hunting, Fishing

Mr. Richard Dean “Ricky” Bailey Sr., 54, resident of Hopeton, passed away Sunday, Feb. 26, 2017, at Sentara Norfolk General Hospital.

Born May 9, 1962, in Cheverly, Md., he was the son of Paige W. Bailey and
In addition to his parents, he is survived by three children, Richard Dean Bailey Jr., of Hampton, Nicole Amber DeCarlo and husband, Bryan, of Onancock, and Cody Robert Bailey, of Chesapeake; sister, Sherry Bailey Barrett and husband, Ike, of Hopeton; three grandchildren, Jordan Atkinson, Remmington Kellam and Caleb DeCarlo (due July 2017); three nieces, Christina Berry, Lindsey Savage and Bailey Edwards; and several great-nieces and great-nephews. He was predeceased by his sister, Kimberly Bailey Edwards.

Funeral services will be conducted from the chapel of the Williams-Parkesley Funeral Home March 3, 2017, at 2 p.m., with Rev. John Gillespie officiating. Intermment will follow in the Parkesley Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 4217 Park Place Ct., Glen Allen, VA 23060-9976 or online at www.heart.org.

Memory tributes may be shared with the family at www.williamsparkesleyhomes.com.

Arrangements by the Williams-Parkesley Funeral Home.

Exmore Man And Air Force Veteran Passes

Mr. Samuel Pierson Bradford, 83, husband of Betty Jean Bradford and a resident of Exmore, passed away Wednesday, March 1, 2017, at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital in Onancock. A native of Wachapreague, he was the son of the late William Edward Bradford and the late Julia Grace Heath Bradford. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran having served in Korea and retired from Suburban Propane.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Dawn B. Juhas and her husband, Steve, of Pennsylvania, and Barbara J. Cagle and her husband, Jim, of Cumberland, Va.; five grandchildren, John and Jenny Wanner of Pennsylvania, Michael Wesch Jr., of Willis Wharf, Angelica H. Lloyd, of Norfolk, and Tanya Wesch, of Florida; and four great-grandchildren.

A graveside service will be held Saturday, March 4, 2017, at 2 p.m., at Wachapreague Cemetery, with Pastor Jonathan Carpenter officiating. Flowers will be accepted or memorials may be made to a charity of one’s choice.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.doughtyfuneral-home.com.

Arrangements were made by Doughty Funeral Home in Exmore.
Goddard's IceCube SmallSat Ready for Launch, Space Station Deployment

Submitted Article

Less is more, and that’s not just a buzz phrase. Good things are coming in smaller packages (again, not just another buzz phrase). Here’s one that’s “on the rocks” coming soon to a launch near you: NASA has an IceCube that will be out of this world.

IceCube, which will measure cloud ice levels using a radiometer, is the first small satellite project managed by Goddard Space Flight Center’s Wallops Flight Facility. Two years in the making, the 10-pound, breadloaf-sized satellite is poised to take flight on Orbital ATK’s seventh contracted commercial resupply services mission.

“Bringing IceCube from concept to operational satellite ready for launch is a remarkable achievement by an incredibly talented, diverse science and engineering team,” said Bill Wrobleski, Wallops Flight Facility director. “Goddard Space Flight Center’s expertise in engineering and project management at its Wallops campus, coupled with the scientific muscle at Goddard’s Greenbelt campus, makes us a natural fit for small satellite work.”

IceCube is a type of small satellite, or “SmallSat” known as a cubesat, and more specifically, it’s a 3U cubesat. Each "U" is a cubic of 10 centimeters in size; as a 3U cubesat, IceCube measures 10-by-10-by-30 centimeters. Despite its relatively small size, IceCube is a bonafide spacecraft complete with three-axis attitude control, deployable solar arrays and a deployable UHF communications antenna.

“The technologies to make these small satellites is constantly evolving, getting increasingly smaller and lighter without sacrificing capability,” said Tom Johnson, Goddard Space Flight Center’s Small Satellite manager. Johnson, who’s stationed at Wallops, led mission management activities for the project.

Once launched and deployed from the ISS, the IceCube team will spend about two weeks conducting various checks on the satellite before starting the spacecraft’s operational mission, which is to perform cloud ice measurements using an 883-Gigahertz radiometer. Cloud ice properties are key variables used in weather and climate models. Currently, there’s a large uncertainty in measuring cloud ice in the atmosphere at altitudes between 5 to 15 kilometers. IceCube will collect the first global map of cloud-induced radiances at 883-Gigahertz.

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~ Murder Charge ~

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counties show long lists of convictions for Burton beginning when he was a juvenile in 1976 and found guilty of burglary and grand larceny. That same year, he was also convicted of possession of stolen property. A charge of malicious wounding was made but not prosecuted in 1977. The reason was not specified.

In 1980, when Burton was 21, he was sentenced to five years in prison with all but 12 months suspended for maliciously shooting a farm laborer whom he said was accidentally pushed into him at a local nightspot. He pleaded guilty.

Soon afterwards, Burton was back in court for stabbing his teenage wife. He was given six years in prison. The four years that was suspended from the first case was revoked but set to run concurrently.

In the early 1990s he was declared an habitual offender due to a variety of traffic violations including DUI.

At a trial in 1993, it took a jury an hour and five minutes to find him guilty of armed burglary, malicious wounding and use of a firearm. They recommended 27 years in prison. A judge suspended five years of the term giving him 22 years to serve. Burton was 34 years old.

“A bullet was retrieved from the bedroom, from a door glass and from (the victim),” the record stated.

Sometime between then and 2005 he was paroled. At 47, he was gathering his belongings from yet another woman’s house and didn’t realize her adult son was inside.

That man told authorities, “I came to my mother’s house and was in the bedroom when I heard something going on in the house. I walked out to find Winston Burton there. He was taking stuff out. I asked him what he was doing and he said, ‘None of your business. I hope the bitch is dead before I have to kill her.’ I then said, ‘What you going to kill my mom?’”

Again the man was told to mind his business, so he called his mother.

“I was on the front porch,” the victim said. “While I was talking to my mom, Winston walked by me and swung at me. I felt a sharp pain in my cheek and my tooth. He kept swinging at me. I swung and knocked him off the porch. He then ran around the car and I chased him. Then I felt weak and stumbled and saw blood. I then went inside the house and called 9-1-1. I didn’t see Winston anymore. My mother got there and brought me to the hospital,” he told police.

This time when he got to court, an agreement was made. Burton pleaded guilty in exchange for a lighter sentence. He got 20 years with 15 suspended.
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All-District First and Second Teams Announced

By Krystle Bono

The Eastern Shore All-District first and second basketball teams have been selected from both the boys' and girls' varsity clubs.

Earning spots on the girls' All-District first team were Nandua's Kyteia Smaw and Angel Taylor, Northampton's Arian Toy, Arcadia's JaQuagia Tull and Chincoteague's Caroline Thornton.

Second team honors were given to Chincoteague's Ronny Malone, Arcadia's Normaya Harris, Northampton's Maeyanna Delk and Nandua's Jada Locklear and Shacoria Baines.

Honorable mention went to Nandua's Nyzuia Robinson, Northampton's Khalilah Brooks and Chincoteague's Sarah Turner.

The boys' first team All-District squad selections consisted of Northampton's Jawaun Bell and Sheldan Payne, Chincoteague's Trevor Bailey, Nandua's Jashawn Wharton and Arcadia's Aronta Dickerson.

Ronjai Wharton of Arcadia, Jordan West of Nandua, Voshawn Davis of Chincoteague, Antonio Robinson and Tamaze Brisco of Northampton made the second team All-District list.

Making the cut for honorable mention were Northampton's Reggie Wiggins, Chincoteague's Nasheem Wallop, Nandua's Khalil Nock and Arcadia's Jaquan Dorsey.

Sexauer Pots 1000th Career Point

Broadwater Academy junior, Anna Sexauer, scored the 1,000th point of her varsity basketball career last Friday, during the Vikings’ All-Metro Conference Tournament semifinal game at Denbigh Baptist School against Isle of Wight Academy. Sexauer concluded her junior season ranked No. one in the Metro Conference for points per game, averaging 21.9. Sexauer also is a member of Broadwater’s varsity volleyball and cross country teams. Pictured from L - R: Coach Benjy Rew, Anna Sexauer, Coach Ralph Dodd.

Submitted Photo

Yellow Jackets Named to All-Region Teams

Submitted by Wayne Bell Jr.

The Northampton Yellow Jackets had two students named to the All-Region boys’ basketball teams; junior Sheldon Payne and sophomore Jawaun Bell.

Payne was given second team All-Region honors, earning 11.5 points and almost 3 assists per game. He earned himself a starting spot in the Yellow Jackets’ lineup this season and he took full advantage of it, helping the team go undefeated in both district and conference play.

Son of Erica Quintana and grandson of Darlene Burton, Payne is an honor roll student and plans to go to college on a basketball scholarship. Coach Wayne Bell Jr. attributes Payne’s improvement to the hard work he has put into making his game stronger over the summer.

Bell averaged 16 points and almost seven assists per game. He also worked on his game over the summer, playing AAU Basketball. J. Bell was informed by his coach, who is also his father, that he needed to develop a consistent jump shot and improve his free throw shooting; and he did just that, shooting 48 percent from the floor and making 80 percent of his free Throws this season.

Bell is also an honor roll student at Northampton and plans to pursue college, with hopes of earning a basketball scholarship.

Coach Bell is excited about what next season will hold and the potential Northampton will have knowing that both J. Bell and Payne will return, along with other key players.
By Stephen K. Fox, NCHS 1967

The following report is taken from an interview with Burley Andrews on May 22, 2000. I pulled from the center desk drawer my scribbled notes of that interview, and I thought it time to transcribe and distribute it for the sake of preservation of the story:

I called Burley Andrews, then living in Delaware, to seek his recollection of signal events in the sports history of Northampton County High School, at Machipongo (NCHS), having a childhood memory that the NCHS basketball team had several successful seasons (as measured by wins/losses/championships). Andrews was delighted to take this stroll down memory lane, and offered first-hand insight into this sports history, talking much like an “old” warrior.

Andrews, a 1958 graduate of NCHS, noted that his class was the first class that attended NCHS for five years after the 12th grade was added to the curriculum. His class, entering in 1953, was the first class to attend NCHS when the new school was opened in 1953. My brother was his classmate. This story recounts the success of many well-known alumni.

As for the NCHS basketball teams, Andrews recounts that the 1954 team had won a championship, but he is sketchy on the details of that team’s success. However, as it relates to the 1957 and 1958 teams, his recollection is crystal clear. The teams won District Championship trophies for two consecutive years. Andrews attributes the success to the talented players, and the fact that they had the same team together for two years.

According to Andrews, in 1957, NCHS played Hayden High, Franklin, and won the district title. The starters were Bennie Weeks (1959), forward; Alfred Johnson, (1958), forward; Frank Holland (1958), guard; Charles Hallett (1958), guard; Andrews (1958), defensive center/offensive forward. Andrews reports that it was an unselfish team; a very close knit group of friends—“Whoever is open should shoot the ball.”

The same team returned for the 57/58 season, his senior year. Burley recounted that the team played Princess Anne High School (in now what is the City of Virginia Beach) in the finals. Weeks had fouled out of the game, and that led the Princess Anne coach, by his and his team’s glee, to practically assume that the trophy would be given to his team.

Andrews said he could not accept that. In the team’s huddle, he made an inspirational speech—“I/We don’t want to go out as losers in our last year.” At that point in the game, NCHS was behind 8-9 points, and the other team acted as though it was over. The NCHS team made adjustments for the loss of its center, Weeks; Andrew shifted to playing point guard on offense and played Weeks’ position on defense (center-forward). William Chapman (1958) entered the game to play in his traditional position.

NCHS won the game in regulation time, and was awarded its second district title. Andrews was the team’s high scorer. At the conclusion of his 4-year high school basketball time, Andrews continued playing basketball at Maryland State College (now UMES), and later while in the U.S. Army serving with the 24th Infantry Division.

Andrews retired from the Neptune Township, Neptune, N.J. Police Department, after 25 years of service.

Your writer recollects much of this history, but more vaguely than as recounted by Andrews. Today, more than 50 years since the events, I can remember the exhilaration surrounding these victories and the joy-filled ferry ride home, and wanted to preserve this memory of those past days.
Broadwater Middle School Boys Earn Perfect Season

Story and Photo Submitted by Airlia Gustafson

After dribbling through its regular season undefeated, the Broadwater Middle School boys’ basketball team claimed the All-Metro Conference Tournament Championship in the final moments by a score of 38-36.

Led by grade eight honor roll student Clay Wardius, the Viking team won all seven regular season games in convincing style. Jack Barker, Cole Celli, Caleb Floyd, Jonathan Graham and Gunnar Gustafson – all grade eight boys – posted solid wins against teams from across the bay in the regular season. Grade seven students Connor Bott, Nick Hutchinson and Garret Miles and grade six Kolby Evans rounded out the young squad.

The Vikings entered the Metro Conference tournament last weekend at Isle of Wight Academy as the top-seeded team and won the semifinal game over Hampton Christian Academy, 37-19. A surprisingly tough Portsmouth Christian Academy team almost upset the Viking’s perfect season, but teamwork and solid free throw shooting down the stretch put Broadwater on top at the buzzer. Broadwater took home both the tournament trophy and the Metro Conference regular season championship.

“These boys were as team-oriented and unselfish as any team I have ever been associated with,” said Coach Chris Wardius. “Every player contributed to the undefeated season, and Broadwater sports fans have a lot to look forward to as this very talented group of middle school students starts playing on the upper school teams.”

Broadwater’s middle school boys also finished the fall football season undefeated, making their combined football and basketball record 15-0.
By Krystle Bono

The Broadwater Vikings sported a new face on the 2016-17 boys’ varsity basketball roster; a young athlete that would soon become the team’s leading scorer for the season. The freshman newcomer, Jordan Yarrell, has earned more than just a name for himself in his varsity debut, as he was recently selected to the All-Conference team at the conclusion of the season, and ranked eighth overall in the conference for scoring and 19th across the state in Division 3.

Yarrell began his basketball career at Broadwater in seventh grade, playing for the Vikings through eighth grade, before making the Varsity squad during his 9th grade year. Before he and his family moved to Virginia, Yarrell played for the Charlotte Jets, out of Charlotte, N.C., and participated in the Phenom Camp in Greensboro.

During his junior varsity seasons, Yarrell played 18 games his seventh grade year under the direction of Coach Joel Simpson and posted 7.6 points, 1 assist, 1.8 and 1.1 steals per game averages. The following year, under the direction of his father, Gary Yarrell, he led his team with a scoring average of 14.3 points per game; he also totaled 3.5 assists, 5.4 rebounds and 2.9 steals per game over 16 contests.

This season on the varsity squad, Yarrell led the way in scoring, with an average of 13.8 points per game. His varsity career total rests at 304 netted tallies, and he certainly has his eyes set on reaching that coveted 1000th point mark by the end of his high school tenure.

The freshman also threw an average of 3.4 helpers per game, with 75 total assists; rebounded 122 with a 5.5 per game average, stole 35, averaging 1.6 percent per game and blocked three.

With a successful first varsity stint under his belt, Yarrell admits there are still things he would like to improve for next season and he does not feel pressure, despite where he has set the bar.

“[I’d like] to improve my shooting and dribbling the most,” says Yarrell, “[There’s] no pressure. My teammates want me to be myself and keep doing what I have been doing.”

Yarrell expressed that his love of the sport is more than just personal; he enjoys the team effort.

“Playing with other people that enjoy the game as much as I do [is why I love basketball] and just having fun,” explains the Viking.

He also reflected back on the moment he received his All-Conference nod, explaining he was, “really excited when they called my name.”

One day, he hopes to attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, which is also home to his favorite collegiate basketball team, the Tar Heels. Professionally, he roots for the Cleveland Cavaliers and his favorite player, Lebron James.

Yarrell was also a member of the Vikings’ track and field team last year, participating in the long and triple jump, and was a member of the 2016 Co-Championship team, finishing seventh in the state in the triple jump event. He will rejoin the team this coming season.

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2017 Nandua Softball Camp

Last Saturday, the Nandua High School softball team held its annual camp at Nandua High School for players aged 8-12, of all abilities and skill levels, under the direction of head softball coach, Lynn Williams. Over 25 girls came out to participate in the training event, with all proceeds benefiting the Nandua girls’ softball club. Pictured are the participants, Coach Williams and members of the Warriors softball team.

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NASCAR POSTings

By Troy & J.J. Justis
As is most often the case, the Daytona 500 proved to be an exciting finish with lots of action throughout. When all was said and done, it was Kurt Busch and Stewart-Hass Racing taking the checkered flag. It was the first race with the new three-stage format.

After the first 60-lap stage, Kyle Busch grabbed the playoff point with the lead. The second stage saw Kevin Harvick at the front. Unfortunately, neither of those drivers were able to avoid the garage. On lap 105, Kyle Busch lost a tire, spun, and contacted several other cars, including fan-favorite, Dale Earnhardt Jr.

Earnhardt Jr. was returning to his first race after ending last season early with a concussion. Harvick got caught up in “the big one” on the backstretch that involved 17 cars. Eventual winner, Kurt Busch, received damage in that collision, but pulled enough of the car back together to avoid the garage and continue on pace.

The end of the race proved to have several contenders, including pole-sitter, Chase Elliott. It was not meant to be for the young gun, as fuel proved to be a factor for several cars. Over half of the 11-car lead pack ran out of fuel in the ending laps. That opened the door for Kurt Busch to move to the outside and take over.

The final caution of the day came on lap 153 and that was the last opportunity for cars to pit for fuel and not lose valuable position. Busch’s crew chief calculated him to be a half-lap short on fuel. Somehow, somewhere, the #41 driver was able to conserve just enough to put him across the finish line in first. He did lose his rearview mirror about 30 laps out. Maybe that was a sign that he didn’t need to look in the rearview at all and just focus on what was in front of him.

His View: Really? Why didn’t Kyle Larson stay with Elliott until the last lap and then try to make a pass! It’s where you are and who goes with you on these restrictor plate races. Off to Atlanta we go this week, and I’m hoping the #24 has a chance.

Come on Elliott get that WIN.
Her View: My man, Hamlin, finished in the top 10 this week. I am hoping that he will keep in the clear at Atlanta and have no mechanical issues. So far, the three stage format is working well. I think it gives incentive to the drivers to push harder throughout the race and not just come on strong at the end. As with most restrictor plate races, there is a lot of skill involved in dodging the wrecks and not getting collected. Sometimes, it is all about who is left – or who is left with enough fuel!

Driver Standings:
Kurt Busch 51 points
Ryan Blaney 44 points
Joey Logano 43 points
Kevin Harvick 42 points
AJ Allmendinger 39 points
Aric Almirola 37 points
Kyle Larson 36 points
Chase Elliott 33 points
Denny Hamlin 33 points
Paul Menard 32 points

Next Race:
Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series at Atlanta – Sunday, March 5, 2:30 p.m. at Atlanta Motor Speedway. Broadcasted on Fox.

Sportfishing Report
Mild Temperatures Stur More Fishing Activity

By Julie Ball, IGFA Representative
The rare treat of mild temperatures in February has prompted a flurry of activity on the fishing front this past week. Some back water and open water opportunities are rewarding anglers with some decent results, but this could be short-lived with a more typical shot of winter headed this way.

Most interest is still centered around the more predictable tautog fishery. Even with the stingy bag limit of three fish per person at a minimum of 16 inches, a few boats are making the run to both deep water and mid-range wrecks off our coast. Anglers are reporting good catches of decent fish, with several tog ranging to over 10 pounds boated this week.

Be prepared to weed through a good share of nice seabass, but you must toss them back since they are out of season. But with water temperatures getting a nudge into a more optimal range for inshore activity, folks may not have to travel so far to get in on a tog bite. Many are heading into Bay waters, hoping for an early spring tog surge on the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel.

A phenomenon that I do not even recall, since the last good run of Boston mackerel off our coast was over 20 years ago, is inspiring some anglers to give it a try. I asked Captain Steve Wray at Long Bay Bait and Tackle for some advice (since he does remember when this fishery thrived years ago). Boats are marking these large schools of Boston mackerel from Cape Henry, out to the Light Tower often near schools of whales or followed by working birds. Dropping a mackerel rig into the school will quickly verify your hunch. These fish are caught using a jigging action, with multiple hook-ups common. These fish are edible, and trying them out in a smoker could be a good move.

On the backwater scene, anglers continue to pick away at some steady speckled trout action in both Rudee and Lynnhaven Inlets, with most trout averaging around 18 inches. Puppy drum are also biting in these same locations.

Although the bluefin tuna passed us by for the winter, a few boats are still getting in on the big Bluefin action by making the long run to North Carolina, with some nice hauls reported recently.

Deep dropping is always a good this time of year when the weather allows boats to get to deeper water. Nice blueline tilefish are still the staple species along the 50-fathom curve, with plenty of fish available weighing in over the 10-pound minimum for a state citation. Deeper areas along the canyon edges are showing more activity with black-bellied rosefish and scattered golden tilefish, but dogfish are making fishing for these deep-water species a challenge. A by-catch of black seabass is almost a given in these areas, but remember they are illegal to keep right now.

For more information, go to www.drjball.com
Two-Day Basketball Clinic at Nandua High School

A weekend basketball clinic will be held at Nandua High School Saturday, March 25, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, March 26, from 9 a.m. to noon. The camp is facilitated by Keith McLawhorn, coach of John Paul II Prep in Greensboro, N.C. and founder of Outwork Performance. McLawhorn is a renowned skill-trainer for many high school, college and professional basketball players.

The camp, intended for boys and girls ages 8 - 11, will help young players learn offensive and defensive skills and they will be evaluated by the coaches in order to help with individual development.

Lunch will be provided on Saturday only. Cost is $20 per person and must be paid in advance. Only cash or money orders will be accepted. A waiver form will be provided and is required for all participants. Athletes are asked to bring a good pair of shoes.

For more information, contact Coach Philip Smith by email, philiphartleyson@gmail.com or Coach Gary Yarrell at 302-494-2758, or by email garycarolina@yahoo.com.

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.

Sports Shorts

Hoops Benefit Games at Arcadia High School

Accomack County Parks and Recreation will sponsor benefit games on March 11, beginning at 10 a.m., at Arcadia High School. Donation for adults is $4 and $2 for youth ages six and up. All proceeds will benefit the Eastern Shore Center for Independent Living.

10 a.m. - ACPR All-Stars vs. NCPR All-Stars (ages 16-17)
11 a.m. - ACPR All-Stars vs. NCPR All-Stars (ages 9-12)
Noon - ACPR All-Stars vs. NCPR All-Stars (ages 13-15)
1 p.m. - ACPR All-Stars vs. NCPR All-Stars (ages 8-12)
2 p.m. & 3 p.m. - Perdue Farms vs. Perdue Farms
4 p.m. & 5 p.m. - Perdue Farms vs. Tyson Foods
6 p.m. - Championship Game

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://friendsofssl.org

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 exciting 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

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 Café, Atlantic Animals Hospital, Greenbush Veterinary Clinic, The Law Office of Anita Johnson, or at www.RunForTheAnimals.com

NCPR Spring Soccer

Northampton County Parks and Recreation is now accepting spring soccer registration for ages 5 through 18. All games will be held at Indiantown Park on Saturdays, beginning April 15 and practices will begin March 20.

Registration fees are currently $35 per player, after Friday, March 31, the registration fee will go up to $40 per player. We are looking for volunteer coaches; anyone interested in becoming a volunteer coach will receive one free scholarship to give to a player of their choice.

For more information about this program, call our office at 757-678-0468. We look forward to seeing you on the field.

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.
JaQuagia Tull is a senior at Arcadia. She is a basketball player of ten years playing three years in middle school and four years at Arcadia. With the help of Uncle Paul, Brent and James, she has succeeded abundantly.

JaQuagia plans to attend the University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES) pursuing criminal justice in the fall.

She is a great role model, has a great amount of respect, is a fully dedicated, hardworking young lady. We give thanks to God and all her supporters throughout they years.

From Mommy, Whammy, and her awesome Family!
Kids’ Puzzle Page

Puzzles4Kids

Riddle
Why can’t you play hide-and-seek with baby chickens?
Because they are always peeping!

Kids’ Maze

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Puzzles4Kids by Helene Hovanec

WORD FUN
Study the two words on each line to find the ONE letter in the left column that is NOT in the word in the right column. Write the extra letter on the blank space. Then read DOWN to answer this riddle:
WHAT IS AS LARGE AS AN ELEPHANT BUT WEIGHS NOTHING?

| REVISE __ VEERS       | RECAST __ REACT |
| LIFTED __ FILED       | TRASHY __ STRAY |
| PASSER __ REAPS       | SHARON __ HORNS |
| DEXTER __ EXERT       | HOARSE __ SHEAR |
| WALTER __ LATER       |                |

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Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

AN EYE TEST! Look at the above drawing and count the number of cubes. Are there six, or seven?

CHAIN REACTION! Take the seven letters printed below our diagram and place them in the circles so that eight four-letter words can be read, top to bottom, along the connecting lines. All the words will begin with the letter in the top circle.

Opticals

by John H. Pangle

HOCUS-FOCUS

by Henry Boltinoff

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

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Broom  Dustpan  Pail  Suitcase
Bucket  Hammer  Pitcher  Teapot
Crank  Hoe  Screwdriver

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Last Week's Answers

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 3x3 box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ***

Moderate  Challenging  HOO BOY!

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By Sen. Lynwood Lewis

We are winding down our General Assembly session, and I wanted to provide you with some insights on what I’ve been working on in Richmond during the fast-paced 45 days.

Legislation

I introduced an ambitious 19 bills this year, on issues ranging from working waterfronts to non-partisan redistricting. A number of these bills have reached the governor’s desk.

I put forth a trifecta of bills based upon recommendations of the Working Waterfronts Comprehensive Study released by several planning districts. SB1203, would permit localities to establish and enhance working waterfront developments, passed both the Senate and the House unanimously. SB1205 also passed both bodies overwhelmingly, and provide personal property tax breaks to working watermen. I also introduced a study involving working waterfronts, but decided to strike the bill due to the tight budget environment.

My legislation revamping the Commercial Space Flight Authority, SB1202, requiring the application of business-oriented planning for the SpacePort passed, as did my bill requiring the automatic suspension of public officials convicted of a felony (SB1487). I believe it is a matter of maintaining public trust in our elected officials and the integrity of our system.

Additionally, I was able to get through a constitutional amendment that would allow localities to give property tax abatements to all residents who take certain flood remediation measures on their personal properties. This amendment, SJ331, was a recommendation from our joint subcommittee on coastal and recurrent flooding and will have to pass again next year in order to be taken to a referendum in 2018.

I did encounter roadblocks to some of the legislation I put forth, as is to be expected, but disappointing nonetheless. My effort to create a cabinet-level position for coastal protection and flooding adaptation, encapsulated in SB 1349, passed out of two committees with bipartisan votes, but failed to pass the full Senate on a party line vote. Del. Stolle, my Republican colleague in the lower chamber who introduced a companion bill, and I will continue to push for this next year. In the off-season, we will both work with the governor’s office to better consolidate our flood management efforts.

I was also disappointed that my non-partisan redistricting bill, which became a part of Sen. Emmett Hanger’s redistricting bill again this year, did not make it through the House. I firmly believe that passing this legislation is the most critical democratic priority facing our commonwealth. We must find a way to break the lock of partisan redistricting or we will become increasingly like Washington in our inability to deal with important issues.

Two bills that did not pass initiated discussions which will be ongoing between now and the next General Assembly session in January 2018. I filed a bill that would have given a state income tax credit for child care for teachers working in economically-challenged school districts. This bill did not pass this year, but it was referred to the Tax Preference Study Committee for review during the interim. In addition, I had a bill to encourage recycling and to provide an additional source of material for manufacturers. While this bill piqued the interest of many, it was a larger concept than could be handled in the short session. A number of stakeholders will be meeting in the off-season to discuss this bill and how to improve it before next General Assembly session.

Finally, at the request of companion animal advocates, I submitted SB1204, a bill empowering local governments to enact ordinances cracking down on pet stores which have avoided our tight anti-puppy mill legislation passed several years ago. The bill made it through the Senate unanimously, but became bogged down in the House Agriculture Subcommittee and failed to make it to the House floor for a vote.

If you’d like to view all of the legislation that was introduced this session, please check out the General Assembly website: https://lis.virginia.gov/

The Budget

I wanted to make note of a few line items in the approved budget that are of importance to Senate District 6. The capital outlay provides for full funding of the Virginia Institute of Marine Sciences build-out in Wachapreague. Additionally, I advocated on behalf of a critical inflation adjustment for the general and matching funds for the Children’s Hospital of the Kings Daughters. I was pleased this was in the final budget. The budget also includes funds for our cost-share best management agricultural practices program. While not as fully funded as requested in the budget amendment I submitted, the funds granted by the proposed budget will allow us to sustain the cost-share program, which has been tremendously successful and has resulted in Virginia meeting its mid-term Bay cleanup goals.

To view the budget put forth after conference in its entirety, please go here: https://budget.lis.virginia.gov/amendments/2017/1/HB1500/Introduced/CR/

I am proud to represent the constituents of the 6th District of Virginia, and I always welcome your questions, comments, and input. The Senate adjourns tomorrow, and after that you can reach my district office at (757) 787-1094 or send us an email at district06@senate.virginia.gov with any concerns or questions.

By Del. Rob Bloscomb

This week’s report is on the budget. The short session drew to a close as we accepted a 107 billion dollar budget for the year starting July 1. Here are the highlights of the amended 2016-2018 state budget:

- The budget does not contain any tax or fee increases on hardworking Virginians.
- There will be a 3 percent salary increase for state employees and faculty and a 2 percent salary adjustment for all state-supported local employees.
- We are investing over $18 million in new funding for K-12, which is more than Gov. McAuliffe proposed. Our funding also gives local school divisions added flexibility to spend the money as best fits them.
- We have secured $32 million for a 2 percent teacher pay raise, with no local match required, effective February 2018.
- We are providing over $20 million in new funding for higher education to reduce tuition costs for Virginia’s families.
- We are making strategic investments in economic development, but adding additional oversight to ensure that taxpayer dollars are spent wisely.
- The budget does not include Affordable Care Act Medicaid expansion. Instead, we continue to work on our work to strengthen the healthcare safety net and expand domestic violence prevention and counseling as well as additional funds for local community service boards for help with the opioid crisis.

This was much better than expected when the forecast in November was a 1.2 billion dollar shortfall. One needs to ask how we could accomplish such a feat of financial wizardry. One such measure was my HB2460, capping historic rehabilitation tax credits. It limits the amount one taxpayer may claim in one year to $5 million. If an individual has more credits to claim, he can claim his credits in the following years. Measures such as these limit the state’s exposure to expenses so that other priorities may be focused upon.

The most exciting news from the budget is the support the Eastern Shore will receive. One such project is the Virginia Institute of Marine Science campus in Wachapreague. My position is that the scheduled new hatchery at Gloucester Point is not properly located because of its low salinity river environment. The Eastern Shore is where 95 percent of Virginia’s aquaculture clam production occurs and is also where the high value, high salinity aquaculture oyster production happens. This $50 million-a-year industry needs the state to support it with research and expertise. The Appropriations Committee agreed and will rebuild the campus and hatchery to the tune of $17.3 million.

The second project that is of great importance to the Eastern Shore is the additional support for the Mid-Atlantic Regional Spaceport. Additional money is appropriated over a four year period to expand our unmanned aircraft capability as well as underwater drone access. The plan includes a multi-use satellite assembly building and a loading dock for rocket deliveries. These two investments by the state will help secure a brighter future for the Eastern Shore.

As always, I welcome your feedback, comments and concerns. Please do not hesitate to contact my office in Richmond at (804) 698-1000 or email me at delrbloxom@house.virginia.gov. You may also call my district office in Mappsville at (757) 824-3456.
Madelle Hastings has seen a lot of change in her 81 years, many of them as an RN on the Eastern Shore of Virginia. She may be one of few people who have worked at all three hospitals.

“The technology from that time to now has changed a great deal, with the new procedures, medical testing equipment and the drugs. So many more lives are saved, more people are kept alive with serious illness, and people in general are much healthier now,” she said.

Born a twin in Hunting Creek, she attended grammar through high school in Parksley, graduating in 1954. Hastings went on to graduate from the Bessie B. Anderson School of Nursing in 1957, which was located next to the old hospital in Nassawadox, and still stands behind the recently vacated Cancer Center building.

She married Bill Hastings, had two children and began her career working in the old Northampton-Accomack Memorial, which opened around 1928. She started out there as a staff nurse and was promoted to operating room supervisor, which was her job for the next 31 years. She said medicine and treatment of the sick has changed a great deal from those days.

Back in the 50s and early 60s, people didn’t go to the doctor as often as we do now, so when patients ended up in the hospital they were usu-
By Connie Morrison

At 7 a.m. Saturday, workers removed the coverings over signs on the emergency room bay at the new Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital in Onley, ushering in a new era of medical care on the Eastern Shore, according to both hospital and local officials.

“This new hospital will be the most up-to-date and modern hospital in Virginia,” said Accomack Board of Supervisors Chairman Robert Crockett, who is also vice chairman of the local hospital board of directors. “Every time I walk through those doors, I’m in awe.”

During a Jan. 30 pre-opening media tour, Hospital Administrator John Peterman said the state of medical practice was very different when the Nassawadox hospital was opened in 1971. “We didn’t even have CT scanners,” he said. The newly opened hospital was “designed to get us well into the future.”

Even though the official opening was 7 a.m., the first patient arrived in the emergency room at 6:10 a.m. Around 7:30 the first ambulances — from Bloxom and Exmore — arrived with emergency room patients. As of 4:45 p.m. on February 25, 34 patients had been received in the emergency department, including one trauma patient.

Earlier in the week, the patient count hovered around 45, but by move-in day only 11 patients were left to be relocated from Nassawadox to Onley. At 8:23 a.m., a Shore Transport Services ambulance rolled up to the MRI bay in Onley carrying intensive care unit (ICU) patient Samuel Bradford, who had left Nassawadox at 7:57 a.m. Subsequent ambulances arrived approximately every 10 minutes until all inpatients had been relocated and settled into their rooms. Four were ICU patients and the other seven were medical/surgical patients. So as to not run afoul of HIPAA requirements, patients who agreed to be photographed were identified for the press by the color of blanket on their gurneys.

A cadre of volunteers were on hand to greet family members of transport patients and escort them to meet loved ones in their new surroundings.

Jessie Ball, of Cape Charles, was getting used to her new room in the ICU. She smiled and said the room was “much bigger and nicer” than the one she vacated in Nassawadox. Her daughter, Lavern Wyatt, sat at her bedside. “Everything here is nice,” she said.

The last patient to be discharged from Nassawadox was Robert Sniadach who was discharged to home at 11:30 a.m.

“Today is a special day for our Riverside Shore team and the entire Eastern Shore community. Our dream of a new hospital for the Shore is coming true, and we are proud to know that this new hospital was built on a legacy of deep community involvement and on our team’s tradition of providing outstanding healthcare,” said John Peterman, vice president and administrator for Riverside on the Eastern Shore.
Patient Care Is Paramount as Move to New Hospital Unfolds

Photos by Jay Diem

Riverside Shore Health Services employees check on patient Samuel Bradford before he is transported from the former hospital location in Nassawadox to the new facility in Onley.

In the two photos above Patient Jessie Ball is escorted through the halls of the hospital in Nassawadox in preparation for transport to the new hospital in Onley.

Riverside Shore Health Services employees check on patient Samuel Bradford, right, before he is transported to the new hospital location in Onley.

Kelly Leighton, director of quality for Riverside Shore Health Services, waves as the first ambulance leaves the former Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital to transport a patient to the new hospital in Onley.
Arriving and Getting Settled in Rooms

Photos by Jay Diem

Above, Shore Health Services waits for Patient Robert Sullivan to be delivered to the new Riverside Shore Health Services hospital in Onley. Below, Sullivan, after arrival, being transferred to a patient room.

A barricade blocks access to the site of the former Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital in Nassawadox. Until its closure, there hospital in Nassawadox since 1928.
The year was 1928. The first hospital on the Eastern Shore of Virginia opened that summer, bringing a new era of medical care to Northampton and Accomack counties. But by November, nary a baby had been born at the new facility in Nassawadox. In those times, most babies were born at home with the help of the family doctor or a midwife. And even with the new hospital, Shore families were continuing that tradition.

Then the hospital announced that as an incentive, it would offer $5 or a baby blanket to the first mother who had her baby at the hospital. And on Nov. 17, Philip Bernard Tankard was born to Edward B. and Hyla Bagley Tankard of Franktown. He would be their only child.

Asked this week if he still had the baby blanket, with thoughts of a great photo of Tankard, now 88, with that memento, Tankard laughed and said, “My mother took the $5.”

The hospital did usher in a new level of care for the area. Babies soon were born at Northampton-Accomack Memorial Hospital with regularity, including years later, all four of Tankard’s children with his wife, Jane, who died in 2004 after suffering from cancer.

In 1928, the life expectancy of a man was 55 years. Tankard has not only outlived that standard by 33 years, he has lived a rich life based on contributing to the community where he was born. And though he served as the superintendent of schools in Accomack County for 20 years after being principal at three Northampton County schools, sometimes he is still known as “the first baby born at the old hospital.”

“It comes up every once in a while,” said Tankard, with a chuckle that marks his conversation. “It seems it is commonly known, although I am not exactly sure why. It’s interesting, but I really had nothing to do with it,” he said, adding that he’s not sure if it will be part of his obituary.

What should come first in that obituary is the life of service that has extended far beyond his educational career. Tankard grew up in Franktown and attended the combined Franktown-Nassawadox School through the fifth grade before consolidation closed that school. After graduation from Northampton High School in Eastville, he earned a degree in math and physics at Randolph Macon College. His first teaching job was at Atlantic High School. He then taught science at Cape Charles High School. After earning a master’s degree in school administration from William and Mary College, he served as principal of Birdsnest Elementary, Exmore-Willis Wharf Elementary and Northampton High schools before being named superintendent of Accomack County Schools in 1965.

Tankard retired from education in 1985 before joining Tankard’s Nursery, serving in a variety of roles there until he retired as the chief financial officer in 2005 at the age 77. “I have the same name and sit in the same pew at church with Tankards who run the nursery, but I am not part of the ownership group,” explained Tankard.

Tankard was a member of the Eastern Shore Community College Foundation board, the Northampton County Planning Commission, and the Eastern Shore Public Library board, and served as an officer in the local National Guard unit.

Tankard slowed his civic duties after being diagnosed 15 years ago with macular degeneration. The condition has affected his vision in both eyes. “I made a decision on my own in 2002 to stop driving when I began to think of the consequences of having an accident,” he said. “It wasn't easy because I like to be active, but I've had a lifeline of support from family members and friends who help me get around.”

Tankard enjoys genealogy and works at an office on the grounds of Tankard’s Nursery, researching his family tree with the aid of a Merlin reading.

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Jorden Christopher Daley, the last baby born at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital in Nassawadox, had quite a trip before entering the world on Wednesday, Feb. 22, at 11:33 a.m.

His parents, Erica Parks Daley and Christopher Lance Daley, live on Tangier and were there when she first went into labor. Their trip to the hospital included crossing the Chesapeake Bay by ferry and traveling by car from Crisfield, Md., to Nassawadox.

“The baby was due on Feb. 25, so I was nervous about which hospital I would be going to,” said Erica, 23, and a 2012 graduate of Tangier High School.

“Then I was nervous about just getting to the hospital.”

The first child for the Daleys, Jorden weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces and was delivered by Dr. Cathy Riopel, according to Erica.

When the hospital closed four days later without another baby delivered there, he became the last baby born in the Nassawadox hospital.

As a lifelong resident of Northampton County, Tankard was disappointed when he first learned the hospital was leaving Nassawadox after 88 years there, with the second facility built in 1971, but he remains a strong supporter of the local hospital.

“I have seen the new hospital (in Onley) and was very impressed. It is a beautiful facility, and I hope it serves the Shore well for many decades. We are fortunate Riverside has made such a great investment in our community,” said the first baby born at the first hospital on the Eastern Shore of Virginia.

Kia Spady said her family and friends were telling her in the last weeks of her pregnancy to “hold on so your baby can be the first baby born in the new hospital.”

Her baby was due March 4, so she felt she would be going to the new Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital. Born to Spady, of Painter, a 2008 Nandua graduate, and Charles Kellam Jr., Christon weighed 7 pounds and 15 ounces and was born via Caesarean section, making Spady the first surgical patient at the new hospital.

“They told me when I arrived at the hospital I was the only mother there expecting a baby, so I knew then he would be the first baby born at the new hospital,” said Spady Tuesday, still at the hospital but due to go home that day with her first child.

“We are doing fine. He is a healthy baby boy,” said Spady, 26.

Certified nurse midwife Marissa Blair and obstetrician Dr. H. John Reason delivered the baby.
Lyme disease is a tick-borne illness caused by infection with the bacteria Borrelia burgdorferi.

Who can get Lyme disease?
People of any age can get Lyme disease, particularly those who spend a significant amount of time in outdoor activities. It occurs most commonly during the late spring and early summer months, but can occur during the fall and winter. Dogs, cats and horses also can get Lyme disease.

How is Lyme disease spread?
The bacteria that causes Lyme disease are transmitted through the bites of infected ticks. In the Eastern U.S., the only tick known to spread Lyme disease is the blacklegged tick (formerly called the “deer tick”). Spread of the Lyme disease bacteria from an infected tick to a person is not likely to occur unless the tick has been attached to the person’s body for at least 36 hours. Lyme disease is not known to be spread to humans from other insects or animals, or from one person to another.

How soon after exposure do symptoms appear?
The EM rash may appear within 3 to 32 days (usually 1 to 2 weeks) after exposure. Some patients never have early symptoms of Lyme disease, but become sick with more severe symptoms from weeks to months after tick exposure.

How is Lyme disease diagnosed and treated?
The diagnosis of Lyme disease is based primarily on signs and symptoms of illness. Laboratory tests for Lyme disease may be done on a patient’s blood to help confirm the diagnosis. When Lyme disease is detected early, it is treated with oral antibiotics such as doxycycline or amoxicillin and treatment usually lasts for 10 to 21 days. In the later stages of Lyme disease, antibiotic treatment lasts longer, is more complicated and patient response to treatment is slower.

Is there a vaccine for Lyme disease?
There is currently no vaccine for Lyme disease.

How can Lyme disease be prevented?
Avoid tick infested areas, such as tall grass and dense vegetation in forests and along forest margins. When in potential tick habitats, tick-specific repellants may be used according to manufacturer’s instructions, such as those containing DEET (up to 50% DEET for adults, and less than 30% DEET for children) and/or permethrin (apply permethrin to shoes and clothing only, not skin). Be sure to follow the label’s instructions when using any repellent. Wear light-colored clothing so that ticks are easier to see and remove. Tuck pant legs into socks to prevent ticks from crawling up under the pants. Wear long-sleeved shirts buttoned at the wrists. Conduct tick checks on yourself, your children and pets within a few hours of exposure to a tick-infested area. Remove any attached ticks promptly by gripping the tick with tweezers as close to the skin as possible and using a gentle steady pulling action. Protect hands with gloves, cloth or tissue when removing ticks from people or animals.

Where can I get more information about Lyme disease?
More information about Lyme disease is available on the Virginia Department of Health website at www.vdh.virginia.gov or through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website at www.cdc.gov
Community Notes

Chincoteague
The Chincoteague Cultural Alliance will host a community art show at the newly renovated gallery on Church St., on Sunday, March 5, through Saturday, March 26, with a Sunday Soiree Opening Reception on Sunday March 5, from 3 to 5 p.m.

Kiptopeke
The Rotary Club of Cape Charles will host an oyster roast at Sunset Beach Resort, on Saturday, March 25, from 3 to 6 p.m. Tickets are $50 each and includes unlimited steamed & roasted oysters, steamed clams, clam chowder and two drink tickets. Tickets are available at Sunset Beach Resort, Rayfield's Pharmacy and from local Rotary Club members.

Oak Hall
The Beta Club of Kegotank Elementary School will hold a craft show fundraiser at Arcadia High School, on Saturday, March 4, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will also be a silent auction, concessions and much more.

Exmore
The E.S.V.A. Habitat for Humanity will host its Juleps by the Bay fundraiser at the home of Dave and Lisa Tankard, 2316 Old Neck Rd., on Saturday, May 6, from 4 to 7 p.m. Doors will open at 3 p.m. Tickets are $20 in advance and $25 at the door, with a limit of 150 tickets sold. Twenty regular games are included with the ticket, along with a blackout game and a chance to win one of five door prizes. Tickets are available at H&H Pharmacy, Xenith Bank, Chincoteague Combined School and Headquarters Salon.

Pocomoke, Md.
The Worcester County Library Board of Trustees is seeking a Worcester County resident to volunteer for a board vacancy to represent Pocomoke City and areas beyond the town limits. Members will be appointed by the Worcester County Commissioners to a five-year term with a two-term limit.

For more information, contact Jennifer Ranck at 410-632-2600.

Temperanceville
Acts the Apostolic Church will hold a free clothing event at 9431 Jerusalem Rd., on Saturday, March 18, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Clothing is available for all ages. Light refreshments will be served.

For more information, call 757-894-8715.

Onancock
The Run for the Animals, to support local animal organizations, will be held at the Historic Onancock School, on Sunday, April 2, at 8:30 a.m. Registration/Check-in is from 6:45 to 7:45 a.m.; pre-race meeting is at 8 a.m.; gun time is at 8:30 a.m.; awards are at 11:30 a.m.; a luncheon is at noon.

Early registration for adults is $40 ($50 after March 31). Early registration for full-time students is $20 ($25 after March 31).

Runners can choose from the half-marathon (13.1 miles), the 10K (6.2 miles), or the 5K (3.1-mile non-competitive walk).

For more information, call 757-999-4999.

Parksley
The E.S. Literacy Council will hold its annual meeting and awards ceremony at Metompkin Elementary School, on Friday, March 24, from 6 to 8 p.m. The Council is also looking for additional spelling teams for the Annual Spell Rite event, held at the E.S. Yacht and County Club in Melfa, on Friday, April 7, at 5:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Carletha Ayres at 757-789-1795.

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A&N Electric Announces Power Costs Reduction:
As of Jan. 1, A&N Electric Cooperative (ANEC) member/owners began benefitting from a reduction in power costs through its wholesale power supplier, Old Dominion Electric Cooperative. Along with the “Beat the Peak” program success, a typical residential member will see a reduction of $2.44 per 1,000 kWh. The actual amount will vary depending on each member’s electric usage.

To receive “Beat the Peak” alerts, go to www.anec.com or call the local office at 757-787-9750. Notifications to conserve or limit energy usage during peak times are sent via email and/or text message. They are also posted on the ANEC Facebook page and on local radio stations.
New Education Board Members

The Northampton County Education Foundation (NCEF) welcomed five new members to its board of directors: Andrew Bucholz, Darlene Burton, Faye Wilfong, Kristin Webb and Sharon Renner (photos at right).

NCEF was founded in 2006 by a group of community volunteers interested in supporting the county’s public school system. To learn more, go to ncedufoundation.com

Ground Water Award Winner

The E.S.V.A. Ground Water Committee 2016 Ground Water Award was given to the Commonwealth Chesapeake Company, LLC on Thursday, Feb. 16, during a visit to the New Church plant.

Britt McMillon, the consulting hydrogeologist, said “Commonwealth Chesapeake Company, LLC actively pursued development of the water table and was the first industry that the Ground Water Committee worked with to use the more sustainable Columbia Aquifer as their source of water supply over 17 years ago.”

Pictured from left: Ground Water Committee Vice Chairman Paul Mulloy, Ground Water Committee Chairman Granville Hogg, Tyr Energy Asset Manager Terri Beermann, Commonwealth Chesapeake Company, LLC Plant Manager Dan Runde, Tyr Energy SVP Business Operations Brock Shealy, and Commonwealth Chesapeake Company, LLC Plant Superintendent Paul Bernard.

Marriage Licenses Issued

• Christopher Dale Holston, 34, of Crisfield, Md., and Brittany Lee Crockett, 22, of Onancock
• Keith Charles Kates, 48, and Tanya Inez Johnson, 49, both of Birdsnest
• George Junior Custis, 66, and Maggie Washington Custis, 73, both of Machipongo
• John Alfred McClamy, 66, of Norfolk, and Phyllis Anita Dowdy, 53, of Suffolk
• Robert Richard Rivers Connolly, 23, of Stuart, Fla., and Julia Katherine Wagner, 22, of Rapid City, S.D.
• Peter Thomas Daniels, 72, of Painter, and Gloria Ann Robinson, 54, of Eastville
• Bryan Keith Lewis, 30, and Marcia Renee Bowden, 45, both of Snow Hill, Md.
• Elroy Davis, 59, and Linda Ann Hook, 61, both of Aldan, Pa.
• Kwimenta Lamar Satchell, 24, and Antoinette Waneta West, 22, both of Parkside
• Scot Andrew Wessels, 47, and Carolann Cole Adkins, 35, both of Snow Hill, Md.
• Robert DeWitt Bolding, 55, and Penny Sue Barr, 55, both of Chincoteague
• Jesus Armando Suarez, 28, and Ostelinda Escalante, 36, both of Cape Charles
• Timothy R. Hampton, 21, and Karrisa Suzanne Nichols, 20, both of Brick, N.J.
• Carlos Rocha, 29, and Sonia Maldonado Rosalas, 32, both of Cape Charles
• Michael Matthew Bogdon, 64, and Michelle Emilie Harder, 63, both of Annapolis, Md.

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### FRIDAY MARCH 3
- **3:30 p.m. - Winter Gardening Lab** - Pocomoke Public Library - age 8 and up
- **5-8 p.m. - Station 1 Pizza Night** - 4264 Firehouse St., New Church - $12/cheese, Pepperoni or Sausage $13/Combination Pizza
- **6 p.m. - Celebrate Recovery Group mtg.** - Onancock Baptist Church
- **6-7 p.m. - Winter Lecture Series: The Changing Face of the Eastern Flyaway** - Onancock Baptist Church
- **7 p.m. - The Emperor’s New Clothew** - The Palace Theatre, Cape Charles
- **7 p.m. - Life Teach Series - Rachel/Leah** - Covenant Ministries Center - 787-2486
- **8 p.m. - Bingo** - Eastville Volunteer Fire Co.

### SATURDAY MARCH 4
- **8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. - Beginning Beekeeping Class - VA Tech Agricultural Research & Extension Center, Painter**
- **1 p.m. - Two More Gospel Celebration** - St. Mary’s Baptist Church, Jamesville
- **3-6 p.m. - Three Women Art Show Reception** - E.S. Art League Gallery, 59 Market St., Onancock
- **7 p.m. - E.S. Community Gospel Banquet** - ESCL, Melfa
- **7:30 p.m. - Bingo** - Eastville Volunteer Fire Co.

### MONDAY MARCH 6
- **11 a.m. - Northampton Chap. AARP mtg.** - Cheriton Rescue Squad
- **11 a.m. - Children’s Story Hour** - library, Nassawadox
- **2 p.m. - E.S. Public Library Board of Trustees’ mtg.** - main library, children’s room, 23610 Front St., Accomack
- **3:30 p.m. - Geoboard Activity** - Pocomoke Public Library - age 12 and up
- **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. - Central Shore Lions Club mtg.** - Sage Diner, Onley
- **6 p.m. - Bingo** - Elk’s Lodge, Tasley
- **6:30 p.m. - Cub Scout Pack 300 mtg.** - Grace UMC, Parksley
- **7 p.m. - AA mtg.** - Christ Episcopal Church, Eastville

### TUESDAY MARCH 7
- **9 a.m. - Al-Anon mtg.** - Refuge Inn, Chincoteague
- **9:30 a.m. - MOMS mtg.** - Onancock Baptist Church, upstairs - 709-9351 - bring a snack & your kids
- **10 a.m. - Bingo** - Accomack Senior Village, Onancock
- **10:30 a.m. - Dinosaur Activity** - Pocomoke Public Library - age 3 to 7
- **11 a.m. - Duplicate Bridge** - Sage Diner, Onley - 442-2474
- **3 p.m. - Kids’ Movie at the Library** - main library, children’s room, 23610 Front St., Accomac - Call 787-3400 for movie info.
- **5:30 p.m. - AA mtg.** - St. James’ Episcopal Church, Accomac
- **5:30 p.m. - Onancock Business & Civic Assn. mtg.** - Naomi Makemie Presbyterian Church, Onancock
- **6 p.m. - Rachel Leah Ministries** - 787-2486
- **6 p.m. - Bingo** - Pocomoke Elks, next to YMCA
- **6:30 p.m. - GED Class** - ESCC, Class A-51, Melfa
- **6:30 p.m. - Vietnam Veterans’ E.S. Chapter 614 mtg.** - Chapter Bldg., 25534 Main St., Onley
- **7:15 p.m. - Disabled American Veterans’ mtg.** - Chapter Bldg., 25534 Main St., Onley
- **7:30 p.m. - Bingo** - smoke free - Cheriton VFC
- **7:30 p.m. - AA mtg.** - Atlantic UMC
- **7:30 p.m. - Central Masonic Lodge mtg.**

### WEDNESDAY MARCH 8
- **7:45 a.m. - Kiwanis Club of Accomack County mtg.** - Sage Diner, Onley
- **9 a.m.-1 p.m. - Veterans’ Employment Representative Avail.** - Northampton Cnty. Dept. of Social Services - no appt. needed
- **10 a.m. - TOPS mtg.** - Market St. UMC, Onancock - 787-4718
- **10 a.m.-noon - Medicaid Waiver Workshop** - E.S. Behavioral Healthcare Center, Parksley - 2nd class: 4-6 p.m., Prevention Services, Belle Haven
- **11 a.m.-1 p.m. - Waste Watchers’ mtg.** - Chamber of Commerce, Melfa
- **11 a.m.-1 p.m. - Soup Kitchen** - Corner Stone Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 3431 Main St., Exmore
- **2 p.m. - Children’s Story Hour** - E.S. Public Library, Accomac
- **5 p.m. - E.S. Soil & Water Conservation District Board mtg.** - USDA Service Center, 22545 Center Pkwy., Accomac
- **5-7 p.m. - Soup Kitchen & Clothes Closet** - Grace and Truth Ministries, 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. - March Madness** - Shiloh Baptist Church, Boston
- **7 p.m. - Drinking Liberally mtg.** - Charlotte Hotel, Onancock
- **7 p.m. - AA & Al-Anon. mtgs.** - Franktown UMC
- **7:30 p.m. - Bingo** - Painter VFC

### THURSDAY MARCH 9
- **10:30 a.m. - Children’s Story Hour** - library, Accomac
- **10:30 a.m. - Story Time** - Cape Charles Memorial Library
- **2 p.m. - Crab Dip Demonstration** - Pocomoke Public 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, Parksley - 787-7099
- **6:30 p.m. - Kiwanis Club mtg.** - St. Andrew’s Catholic Church, Chincoteague
- **6:30 p.m. - Kiwanis Club mtg.** - St. Andrew’s Catholic Church, Chincoteague
- **6-8:30 p.m. - GED Class** - ESCC, Melfa
- **7 p.m. - E.S. Tea Party mtg.** - Market St. Grill, Onancock
- **7 p.m. - Celebrate Recovery Group mtg.** - Chincoteague Church of God
- **7 p.m. - NA mtg.** - Painter Garrison UMC
- **8 p.m. - Onancock Int’l Films Presents “Trumane”** - Roseland Theatre, Onancock
EMLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

POSITION: Hourly Toll Collector
POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT #2017-1-2021

The Chesapeake Bay Bridge and Tunnel District will be accepting applications for an Hourly Toll Collector until March 10, 2017 @ 2:00 p.m. Applicant must have general knowledge of the methods and procedures of cashier duties; ability to make arithmetical calculations and to count and handle monies with speed and accuracy; ability to serve the public courteously; and the ability to follow oral and written directions. Applicant must have any combination of education and experience equivalent to graduation from high school and some clerical experience of a responsible nature, including the handling of monies. The hourly rate of pay is $11.45. Applications may be obtained from the District’s personnel office from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, by telephone (757) 331-2960, or online at www.cbbt.com/employment.html.

Primary schedule is all weekends and holidays, but flexible work schedule is required.

APPLICANTS FOR EMPLOYMENT WITH THE CHESAPEAKE BAY BRIDGE AND TUNNEL DISTRICT SHALL BE AFFORDED EQUAL OPPORTUNITY IN ALL ASPECTS OF EMPLOYMENT WITHOUT REGARD TO RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, POLITICAL AFFILIATION, NATIONAL ORIGIN, HANDICAP, SEX OR AGE.

Help Wanted

YARD WORKER – Pun-goteague, part time, $8/hr. Hand-weeding & general work on wooded lot. No experience needed. 414-0074.

WORKER NEEDED FOR POULTRY FARM OUTSIDE OF POCOMOKE – Must have own transportation. Call 410-796-6686.

VETERINARY ASSISTANT NEEDED for Veterinary Hospital. Applicant must have good communication & computer skills. Applications available at Accomack Animal Hospital, Onley, Va.

Arcadia Nursing & Rehab Center—CNAs PT POSITIONS & PRN cover-age needed 8-11, 11-7; RN/LPN – PRN cover-age. Contact Info: Apply in person or download application from website www.aafshealth.org (757-665-5555) ANRC is an EOE.

MECHANIC NEEDED IN NORTHAMPTON COUNTY – Pay based on experience. 757-678-3655.

The Matthew Hart Corporation is looking to hire highly motivated real estate agents to work for its firm. If you’re interested in joining the team, please call 757-710-4145 or email hartmattd@hotmail.com.

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COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

FT position with benefits & employment contract Salary: Negotiable, based on experience

The County of Accomack is seeking qualified applicants for the full-time County Administrator position. This position is responsible for the overall management of the County’s operations and reports directly to the Board of Supervisors. The Administrator supervises a leadership team of County department directors and administrative support staff.

The position is responsible for interacting with citizens, elected and appointed officials, staff and vendors to ensure compliance with established County practices, applicable state and federal laws and regulations. This position interprets the Board of Supervisors’ policies and directives.

Minimum qualifications include: Bachelor’s degree in public administration or related degree supplemented by a minimum of 5 years of experience in public management as a chief or deputy chief administrative officer. Related experience at a director or senior level in a municipal organization will be considered. Preferred qualifications: Experience in rural or agricultural areas balancing sound environmental practices with controlled growth and development is highly desirable. Master’s degree in public administration, finance, business administration or closely related field; supplemented by 7 or more years related experience; or an equivalent combination of education, training, and experience.

Special Requirements: Employment history must demonstrate proficiency in public administration, finance, organizational development, public relations/communications, emergency management, and economic development. Satisfactory completion of criminal, financial, and civil litigation background checks, as well as verification of education credentials prior to employment. Satisfactory completion of a Department of Motor Vehicles record check prior to employment and pre-employment drug screening.

Interested applicants should visit the County’s employment website for complete details and to complete an online application, with an attached resume, cover letter as well as salary requirements. Deadline to submit an application is: Tuesday, March 14th, 4:00 p.m. EST. No exceptions.

The County of Accomack is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
HELP WANTED
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH’S ATTORNEY’S OFFICE FOR NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, VA:
The Northampton County Commonwealth’s Attorney’s office is accepting applications for the full-time position of Administrative Assistant. Primary responsibilities include assisting the Commonwealth’s Attorney and Deputy Commonwealth’s Attorney with all criminal cases prosecuted, setting the docket for Circuit Court, compiling reports for the Compensation Board, running the office of the Commonwealth’s Attorney by opening new cases, answering telephone calls from attorneys, witnesses and law enforcement, completing annual budgets for the county and the Compensation Board, and working closely with the General District Court, the Juvenile & Domestic Relations Court and the Circuit Court. Must possess knowledge of and abilities in general office procedures. Minimum starting salary is $36,450.72 for this position. Please refer to Northampton County’s website online for further job descriptions, requirements and county’s application form. Please submit completed County application form with cover letter to Human Resources, P. O. Box 66, Eastville, VA 23347 by March 21, 2017. Northampton County is an EOE.

The Eastern Shore Community Services Board is seeking candidates for the following positions:

- Clinician
- Intellectual Disability Aide
- MH Skill Building Specialist (new pay scale)
- Substance Abuse Outpatient Clinician (CSAC required)
- MH/SA Case Manager
- Part-time Driver

For more information or to apply, please visit ESCSB’s website at www.escsb.org

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For Immediate Placement
The County of Accomack, “An Equal Opportunity Employer”, has an opening for the following part-time position:

Johnsongrass Technician

Must possess valid Category 6-Right-of-Way Pest Control Commercial Pesticide Applicators License or be able to obtain within 30 days of hire date.

This position is a part-time position for 2-3 days per week from April through September yearly. Duties include locating and identifying Johnsongrass and Gypsy Moth throughout the county, assisting farmers and operators in determining best control procedures, enforcement of the Johnsongrass Control Ordinance and gypsy moth banding, trapping, and conducting egg mass surveys. The employee will also assist the Agricultural Extension Agent with various agricultural education programs. Farm or farm-related background and/or previous work with regulations and enforcement helpful. Use of a personal vehicle for official travel will be required and reimbursed at 53 1/2 cents per mile or current county rate.

To apply online: http://www.co.accomack.va.us/residents/job-opportunities

Paper copies of the application are available at the Virginia Cooperative Extension office, 22302 Front Street, Accomack, VA 23301.

Initial review of applications will begin on March 22, 2017, however position is open until filled. Applicants desiring special services or accommodations should contact the Accomack County Human Resources Director at least five days prior to the application review date.

BROADWATER ACADEMY

Broadwater Academy is seeking applications for the Director of Academic Affairs. The position will be responsible for the totality of the instructional program Pre-K through Grade 12. These responsibilities will entail leadership, implementation, and evaluation of instructional personnel and programs in conjunction with the Head of School. Qualifications include: A Master’s degree in education specializing in curriculum, supervision, or management is required. A doctoral degree with a specialization in curriculum development and management of educational programs is preferred. A minimum of five years of teaching experience is required. A minimum of three years of experience in school administration and supervision of instructional programs is preferred. Demonstrated equivalent combination of training and experience providing the requisite skills, knowledge, and abilities will be considered. Interested individuals should submit a cover letter and resume with three references to ispagnolo@broadwateracademy.org. Deadline to apply for this position is March 13, 2017.

MAINTENANCE WORKER

The County of Northampton is accepting applications for a (part time) Maintenance Worker in its Public Works & Operations Department. The selected candidate will maintain all County facilities and the essential function of this position is to maintain grounds including mowing/trimming, weeding, planting shrubs and plants, picking up debris and trash and perform repairs and maintenance work as assigned. A valid Virginia drivers’ license is required. The hourly rate for this position is $11.86/hr.

Job descriptions and applications are available online at www.co.northampton.va.us or at Northampton County Human Resources, 16404 Courthouse Road, P. O. Box 66, Eastville, Virginia 23347 (phone: 757/678-0440 x 551). Accepting applications until March 17, 2017. EOE.

POSITION VACANCY

The County of Northampton is accepting applications for a County Administrator. A bachelor’s degree in public administration or a related field is required; a master’s degree highly desirable. A minimum of five years of public-management experience as chief administrative officer or in a responsible local-government position required. Past experience of the individual must demonstrate familiarity in areas that include planning, public administration, finance, human-resources management and public relations. Experience in successfully balancing commercial and residential growth in a rural area is an important consideration.

Please refer to Northampton County’s website for further job descriptions and requirements www.co.northampton.va.us/jobs.html. Please submit completed resume with cover letter to Human Resources, P. O. Box 66, Eastville, VA 23347, by March 31, 2017. Northampton County is an EOE.

Large landscaping company looking to expand and gain team players in multiple areas. Minimum of 3 years experience in each field, must have valid driver’s license, and pass drug screening. Lawn maintenance worker for mowing and trimming; Mechanic for equipment/vehicles; Tractor Driver; Operators Manager for field work; Power washer for overnight shift to service commercial properties. Hours vary depending on work load. To fill out an application call 757-665-5085.

For Classified Advertising CALL Angie at 757-789-POST.

Boats, Etc.

14-FT. POLAR KRAFT
JON BOAT + 2014 Yamaha 9.9 h.p. for sale. Good to excellent condition, $1,950 for both. Call 757-710-1287.


16-FT. ROBINSON SAILBOAT – Meteor, 22', 75 h.p. Mercury Optimax, live well, Bimini Top w/side curtains, Evinrude 225 h.p. trailer, $15,000. Call 757-710-0070.


MERCURY OUTBOARD PROPELLER SS 22-PITCH - Like new $450. 757-710-0070.

02 CATAMARAN – 18’, 75 h.p. Mercury eng. & trailer. Bought new in 2002. Low engine hours & exc. cond. $8,000 OBO. 331-1319


1972-22’ Marshall Catboat Lg. cockpit; Yammar 2GM20 inboard engine w/lower hrs. Fully equipped, sails in exc. shape, shallow draft 2.5 ft., sleeps 3; depth sounder, VHF radio, compass, cushions inside & out, boat lift kept. A sweet sailing boat that can be seen at K & E Marine, 16204 Tidewater Drive w/galvanized inboard engine w/lower hrs. Fully equipped, sails in exc. shape, shallow draft 2.5 ft., sleeps 3; depth sounder, VHF radio, compass, cushions inside & out, boat lift kept. A sweet sailing boat that can be seen at K & E Marine, 16204 Tidewater Drive.

RE-POWER Cat 3208T (757) - $4,800. Call 757-894-9422.

‘86 FAMILY CRUISER – 23-ft. 8-in., Inboard runs exc., galley: fully equipped/sleeps 6, bath/shower, w/propulsion out, ready to go w/trailer and new tires. Must see at $4,800 REDUCED: $3,900 OBO. Call 757-894-9422.

‘84 21-FT. KEN CRAFT - Pilot house, fresh water cooled, V8 inboard, pocket drive w/galvanized trailer, $10,500. 757-665-6564.


LARGE BIMINI TOP - 82’ w/6’X 8’. With cover and hardware for installation. New cond. $350 OBO. 804-403-3443 or 757-331-3028.

(2) 18-FT. BOATS AND (1) TRAILER - One boat is an Imperial. $700 OBO. Call 709-9456.

‘01 18’ TROPHY - Very good cond. + extras. Can be seen at K & E Marine, across from Perdue plant. $11K. 757-678-3622.


‘98 26’ BAYLINER 2655 – 275 h.p. w/trailer. $11,500. Call 757-894-9422.

54’ DELTAVILLE DEAD-RISE Type: 28,500 OBO - Charter Fishing Boat. 2012 Re-Power Cat 3208T (757) 678-3718. dat556@verizon.net www.wtbycharter.com

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CHARTER BOAT
$15,000 OBO - 34’ Delta-vine Dead-Rise $15,000 obo - Charter Fishing Boat. 2012 Re-Power Cat 320 HT (757) 678-3718.

1994 GRACI WHITE GULFSTREAM - Two 175- Johnson Outboards, hard-top, full elec., trailer, w/elec. winch, $7,500 OBO. 757-894-8988.

BOSTON WHALER - 60 h.p. Mercury motor, just overhauled, teak console & bench, always kept inside, $16,000 firm. 410-957-3259.

1955 ANNIVERSARY JUBILEE 600 FORD TRACTOR - $3,500. 442-7507.

5-HYDRAULIC SUBMERSIBLE WATER PUMP - Includes electrical box. Use less than 30 hrs. $950. 442-7677 & leave msg.

HORSE HAY - $5 per bale.

STRAW - $3.50 per bale. Call 757-824-9330 or call 757-894-1339 (cell).

HOLLAND HILL RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY 29279 Tyler Drive New Church, VA 23415


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WHIRLPOOL 30” GAS RANGE - Self-cleaning. $165. 757-894-0136.

RESIDENTIAL HEATING BOILER - Columbia FTC30C, 96K BTU output, runs on propane. Call 757-694-8524.

LARK ENCLOSED TRAILER 5’x8’ - Like new, built-in shelf, used 1 time. 665-4424. $1,700.

BEIGE NUBUCK LEATHER BERKLINE RECLINER, LOVESEAT - Paid $1,700. Asking $400. 757-944-8577.

10-SPD VINTAGE SCHWINN Le Tour Bicycle - Tire pump, backpocket, saddlebag, security chain, tire pressure gauge all included, $130. 757-990-1095.

BRAZILIAN REDWOOD/MASSARANDUBA FLOORING - Never been installed. 687 sq. ft. Custom milled w/tongue & groove. On pallets inside a building in Nassawadox, $2,500 OBO. 757-710-8215.

754 Taylor Triple-head SOFT-SERVE ICE CREAM MACHINE - Bought new; only used 6 times. MAKE ME AN OFFER! Water cooled. REDUCED: $2,000. Call 757-387-7678.

2012 TRANE AIR CONDITIONING XR13 - 3-ton, in service for 2 years. Call 757-894-0136.

QUANTITY 2-B TANKS FILLED WITH ACETYLENE - $220. Call 757-894-0136.

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


1927 26-FOOT CAROLINA SKIFF - 115-4-stroke Yamaha (100+ hrs.), T-top, fully loaded, $14,500. Call 757-589-8901.

Tracker 17’7” Aluminum Boat - w/full canvas cover, 75 HP 4-stroke Yamahas w/93 hrs. Flats jack, hyd. steer, stainless prop, cover, trailer w/elec. winch, $7,500 firm, orig. owner. 787-2539 (b) or 338-3514 (c).

73 GRADY WHITE - Good cond. Boat & trailer included. No rigging, no engine, unsinkable. $1,500 OBO. Call 442-7511 after 5 p.m.

902 22’ DRAKE BOAT - - Orig. owner; w/150 h.p. 4-stroke Honda still under warranty (less than 50 hrs.) Alum. trailer, T-top, 2-GPS/sonar units, 22,000 firm. Will take older 15 to 17 ft. BW for trade. 543-821-9027 or 434-465-9260.

Real Estate

BOSTON ROAD, PUNTOGATEG - 912-ACRE LOT FOR SALE - $29,000. Well & septic, partially cleared, 1 block below Big Pine Rd. 757-710-7349.

WE BUY LAND - Call Clayton Holmes for more information: 302-846-9100.

1.7-ACRE BUILDING LOT IN MELFA Includes well & septic. Zero Down. $450/mo. Call Larry at 302-222-2064.

FOR SALE: CRADDOCKVILLE - House w/3BR, 1.5BA, on 1.2 acre lot w/ rung workshop & outbuilding. Enclosed den & screened porch. Lg living & dining rooms. WOW: only $125,000. Call 442-9436.

Whoa Granny!! We didn't hire the other guy... we hired the best: John C. Miller!!


Just Call Site Work Specialist John C. Miller at 757-665-4026.
'89 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LAREDO - Only 59K mi., leather, power seats, 4WD, keyless entry, trailer hitch, cruise, sunroof, cell charger, new tires, $5,000. 757-710-9576.

'84 CORVETTE - T-top, gold, 51K mi., $5,500. Runs great. 757-7428.


'96 GEO METRO 5-SPD. - Automatic, 4-door, loaded, factory warranty, like new. 32K mi., $14,995. Reduced to: $13,495. 757-894-1664.

'01 VOLUSIA INTRUDER SUZUKI MOTORCYCLE - 800cc, like new. $2,900. Call 757-824-3147.

'88 BMW MOTORCYCLE K100RS, 52K miles. Has black, highchair, crib, toddler bed, twin bed, rocking horse, baby clothes, odd and ends.

'04 HARLEY FAT BOY APEHANGERS, Triple Exhaust, 6,773 mi., $9,500. Call 757-709-1112 or 709-4963.

'90 CHEVROLET VAN - Heavy duty, extremely well equipped with extra $10K worth of handicap features. $8,000. 422-0669.

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

'98 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LAREDO - Only 59K mi., leather, power seats, 4WD, keyless entry, trailer hitch, cruise, sunroof, cell charger, new tires, $5,000. 757-710-9576.

'84 CORVETTE - T-top, gold, 51K mi., $5,500. Runs great. 757-7428.

'13 TOYOTA CAMRY LE - 4-door, 4-cyl., auto, A/C, cruise, full pwr. warranty, exc. cond., 35 m.p.g., 1 owner. $13K. 757-351-5611.

'81 CADILLAC EL DOVER, $13K. 757-351-5611.


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01 F150 XLT 4X4 FORD - All options, only 24K mi., one owner, garage kept, $23,000 OBO. Call Charlie at 757-894-0136.


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12 HONDA ACCORD LX - 4-cyl., automatic, 4-door, loaded, factory warranty, like new. 32K mi., $14,995. Reduced to: $13,495. 757-894-1664.


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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED BOUNDARY LINE ADJUSTMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON AND THE TOWN OF EASTVILLE

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 15.2-3107 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, that the Board of Supervisors of Northampton County, Virginia ("Board of Supervisors") and the Town Council of the Town Of Eastville, Virginia ("Town Council") (together, "Parties") will hold a joint public hearing on a proposed Boundary Line Adjustment Agreement Between The County Of Northampton And The Town Of Eastville ("Agreement"). Following the public hearing, the Board of Supervisors and the Town Council each intend to adopt a resolution approving the Agreement. The public hearing and meeting at which each governing body intends to take such action will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 14, 2017, in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, 16404 Courthouse Road, Eastville, Virginia.

The Agreement is authorized by Section 15.2-3106 et seq. of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, and provides that the Town's boundary line will be voluntarily adjusted (i) by incorporating into the Town all or portions of 148 parcels of land and adjacent public roads and rights-of-way that currently lie within the unincorporated portion of the County and (ii) by relocating from the Town to the unincorporated portion of the County two parcels of land. A survey plat attached to the Agreement depicts the modified boundary line of the Town as proposed by the Board of Supervisors and the Town Council.

The territory to be incorporated into the Town consists of four areas. One area lies to the north of the existing boundary of the Town and includes parcels along Selma Estates, Church Street, and Fox Court and adjacent with the Perison property. A second area lies to the south of the existing boundary of the Town and includes the parcels ending north of the properties along Stump Town Drive. A third area lies to the east of the existing boundary of the Town and includes the parcels along Selma Estates, Church Street, and Fox Court and adjacent with the Perison property. A second area lies to the south of the existing boundary of the Town and includes the parcels along its existing southeastern boundary and include the parcels of Eastern Shore Associates, II and Robert P. Nottingham.

The proposed Agreement provides that the Parties, after approving the Agreement, shall promptly petition the Circuit Court of Northampton County to relocate and establish the boundary line as agreed upon, and that the new boundary line shall become effective at midnight on June 30, 2017. In the event a final court order has not been entered by that date, the new boundary line shall become effective at midnight on December 31st or at midnight on June 30th following entry of the final court order, whichever date occurs first. The Agreement further provides that the Board of Supervisors and the Town Council shall each bear one-half of the costs of newspaper publication.

A copy of the proposed Agreement, including the survey plat, and a map depicting the modified boundary line of the Town as proposed by the Board of Supervisors and the Town Council is on file in the office of the Clerk of the County Board of Supervisors located in the County Administration Building, 16404 Courthouse Road, Eastville, Virginia and in the office of the Clerk of the Town Council of the Town of Eastville, located in the Town Municipal Building, 5248 Willow Oak, Eastville, Virginia. Any person interested in the proposed Agreement may appear at the public hearing and present his or her views.


department of defense
department of the navy

notice of availability of a draft environmental assessment for the installation & operation of air & missile defense radar an/spy-6 system at wallops flight facility at wallops island, virginia

Pursuant to Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations, the U.S. Department of the Navy gives notice that a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared to evaluate the potential environmental impacts that may result from the Navy’s proposal to install & operate an AN/SPY-6 air & missile defense radar system to enable the integration & testing of the AN/SPY-6 system with the other components of the Aegis Weapons System Advanced Capability Build 20 & fulfill specific testing objectives. The proposed action would be sited on Wallops Island, which is part of the National Aeronautics & Space Administration’s (NASA’s) Wallops Flight Facility (WFF) in Accomac County, Virginia. As the landowner, NASA has served as a cooperating agency in the development of this document. The Draft EA evaluates the potential environmental impacts associated with 2 action alternatives, & the No-Action Alternative on the following resource areas: air quality, water resources, geological resources, biological resources, land use & coastal zone management, noise, infrastructure, public health & safety, & hazardous materials & wastes. The Draft EA concludes that the implementation of the alternatives would not result in significant direct, indirect, or cumulative impacts to the quality of the human environment.

The Draft EA is available electronically at: https://www.navsea.navy.mil/Portals/103/Documents/SCSC/OE/20SPY6%20Radar%20SCSC%20SCSC%20%20V5%20Dec16_Optimized.pdf

The Draft EA is also available in hardcopy for public review at the following repositories:

- NASA WFF Visitor Center at Building J-20, Wallops Island, VA 23337
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The Draft EA is available electronically at: https://www.navsea.navy.mil/Portals/103/Documents/SCSC/OE/20SPY6%20Radar%20SCSC%20SCSC%20%20V5%20Dec16_Optimized.pdf

The Draft EA is also available in hardcopy for public review at the following repositories:

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There are events in our lives that are so significant they divide time. We measure our lives by these mileposts. Did it happen before we graduated? After the first child was born? While our parents were still alive?

Saturday was one of those days in the life of our community when the Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital relocated from Nassawadox to Onley. When trying to place events on our collective timelines, we'll use the where the hospital was as a waymarker. There will be “when the hospital was in Nassawadox” and “after the hospital moved to Onley.”

A well-known mid-20th century Washington, D.C. bureaucrat by the name of Rufus E. Miles Jr. coined a phrase that, paraphrased, says where you sit will determine where you stand on a given issue. The maxim holds true regard to the hospital’s relocation.

Last week we ran a story written by Bill Sterling about Rayfield’s Pharmacy. Owners Tommy and Francie Rayfield made an investment across the street from the Nassawadox hospital 35 years ago with no expectation that the hospital would someday move. Hospitals are, generally speaking, fixed features. But when the last ambulance pulled away Saturday, Nassawadox waved goodbye to not only the security of knowing that help is just around the corner, but the area’s economic engine for the last 45-plus years.

“It’s eerie,” Tommy Rayfield said on Thursday of the quiet that had descended on the town, accompanied by boarded windows at the former hospital. To a whole generation, there has always been a hospital there until now. “We’ve never known Nassawadox as anything but synonymous with hospital,” he said.

Like many of us in the Onley-Onancock area, Supervisor Laura-Belle Gordy, in whose district the newly opened hospital is located, welcomes the convenience and health care advancements of the new facility, but wary of extra traffic in the Four Corners area. Some of us are noticing an uptick in wait times of our favorite restaurants and parking crunches during lunchtime errands.

Onley Mayor Jack Pierson, on the other hand, couldn’t be more upbeat. “Only good things — that’s all I see.”

What’s done is done, and time moves on. I received a letter from George McMath who was asked to chair the fundraising campaign for the future Eastern Shore Rural Health center in Eastville. While it won’t have the emergency services of hospital, it will bring consolidated, expanded medical services to the lower Eastern Shore, a large step in improving care.

As time progresses, “what is” becomes the new normal. New residents will know only “the hospital”; no new or old hospital — except when they ask for directions to Rayfield's Pharmacy in Nassawadox.

See It, Say It: Musings of a Spunky Old Broad on the Power of Visualization

By Carla Savage-Wells
Special to the Eastern Shore Post

Why, Yes! The month of February was a short, but busy, month for many of us. A pastor recently reminded our congregation that during the shortest month of the year, the country is occupied by days of recognition, and celebrations of greatness: The Super Bowl, Valentine's Day, President's Day, Black History Month, The Grammys, The NBA All Star Game, The Oscars, and the lesser known Spunky Old Broads Month. I'm all for taking any opportunity to recognize and promote greatness around us and within us.

A video of Olympian Michael Phelps came to my attention recently. In it, he shared advice he was given during a low point in his life: “Think about how many doorways you walk through during the day — the bathroom door, your bedroom door, the door to your job, in and out. Every time you go through a doorway you have to say something positive to yourself. You end up saying 400 or 500 things. It’s pretty incredible how fast you see things that you say (manifest themselves) inside of you. And that’s something that was pretty incredible for me.”

I was introduced to the power of visualization as a teenager, when training as a martial artist. As a parent, teacher, coach and all around optimistic person, I have witnessed, read about and promoted the power of positive self-talk and visualization. Seeing and saying something good in and about ourselves, could improve our outlook and maximize our output as well.

To build mental strength and confidence, positive self-talk should dominate the thoughts we have about ourselves. There are certainly enough people in the world who could find something negative to say about any of us. So why pepper our inner and outer monologue with, “I’m too fat.” “I’m so tired.” “I’m getting too old for that,” or near constant tales of our aches and anxieties about the future. Try a simple phrase or praise when walking through a door: "Yes, I can." Hallelujah! "I am loved and healed," or "I can do all things." These short, universal affirmations are just the right length for crossing a threshold and standing straighter on the other side. Tailor your mantra to meet your needs.

The phrase “Only perfect practice makes perfect” is a variation of "coach/teacher speak" from long ago. But the only way to ensure perfect practice is through the perfect visualization of the task or skill before us. A free throw, a downhill run, a speech, or gymnastic routine can be perfectly practiced in the mind. It’s even suggested that mistakes made during mental practice be rewound and corrected. Michael Phelps and Tiger Woods are just two champions who prepared for major match-ups, mishaps and mistakes in their minds. Broken goggles, sand traps and elite opponents never made these champions sweat because they’ve already perfectly practiced what to do to overcome inevitable eventualities. Remember Phelps’ focus, despite his preening opponent, Chad LeClos, at the 2016 games in Rio? In his prime, no traps, hazards or challengers psyched out Woods. Confidence comes from preparation and practice; perfect practice.

Spring has sprung and I’ve been visualizing myself 15 pounds thinner for my upcoming class reunion, and crossing the stage for one more team trophy. My big goal is to (self) talk half as much because my darling husband now hears everything I say, the first time. A spunky old broad can dream, can’t she?

Carla Savage-Wells, founder of Why, Yes! Consulting, is a teacher and professional communicator who specializes in effective and impactful messaging.
Dear Editor:

Her name is April. She is very tall, very beautiful. A quiet sort, yet she has attracted the attention of folks from around the world.

I am one of those.

April is a resident of Animal Adventure Park in upstate New York. Last week, believing the birth of her fourth calf was near at hand, the park folks set up a live feed from her birthing room. The feed via YouTube soon went viral and a star was born.

Since that time, thousands of folks have been glued to their devices, watching intently for any sign that April is about to deliver. The thing is, giraffes go through a lengthy pre-labor of sorts that can last for days and don’t really go into active labor until the birth is imminent. The “real” labor then only lasts from 30 minutes to an hour (lucky them). Thus, fearful of missing the main event, thousands of the viewers have stayed with the broadcast, day in and day out - for eight days now (as of this writing).

I really believed last night was going to be it. In fact I stayed awake checking April's backside until after 2 a.m. (It’s the most late night excitement I’ve had in years). But, alas, nothing further developed, and when I checked back in at 7 a.m., dear April was still pacing around her stall, nibbling on alfalfa and enjoying the regular treats of lettuce and carrots the caretakers provide.

Now, if this seems really boring, you need to understand that not only are people around the world watching, many are also commenting, and this is where the real entertainment has come in. Some who comment are all business and insist on force feeding facts. I'll admit I’ve learned a lot about this magnificent species thanks to them.

For example, giraffes used to be known as “camel leopards” because they are tall like camels but spotted like leopards. In fact, the scientific name today has not changed – Camelopardalis.

Some say the name was given to these creatures by Julius Caesar, who received a giraffe as a gift. It is said after showing it off to the people of Rome, he ended up feeding it to the lions. Lions are the giraffe’s natural predator in the wild so the giraffe is always on guard. They rarely lie down so it’s really good that they only require about two hours of sleep each day, most of which they get in small increments while standing up. They also eat standing up – about 75 pounds of food each day.

There’s a whole bunch more I’ve learned from these zoological wizards online, but they are not the only ones commenting. Apparently, about two days into the baby watch, some bored person commented that they were getting tired waiting for April to “lay her egg.” Now, while this was obviously a joke (since April is a mammal and the only mammals to lay eggs are the platypus and echidna) some of the scientist types took exception to the misleading information. By day four, thousands of viewers had taken up sides – the Eggsperts vs. the Baby Believers. Just to show you the power of the internet, by day eight, every conceivable egg pun had been posted and the sales of #TeamEgg merchandise had become a profitable venture. It was now more interesting to read all the posts than to watch April’s posterior.

Meanwhile, at last check, poor April was still pacing through her pre-labor labor, stopping by baby daddy Oliver's stall from time to time (probably to share with him in giraffe language that if he ever comes near her again she’ll break every one of the seven huge vertebra in his neck).

Actually, April has been doing such a great job that rumor (aka fake news) has it that the President nominated her for Secretary of Labor. Word is she declined since she has her hooves full at the moment. Speaking of hooves, that is the first part of the baby giraffe which will appear, with momma still standing. Within an hour, baby will drop over five feet to the ground. (Now I don't feel so bad about that time I dropped my son.) The drop will cause the sac to break, the umbilical cord to sever and the six-foot-tall baby to gasp for air. (That is according to the scientist types. TeamEgg members insist the egg will emerge and Oliver will place it in his pouch for incubation.)

I’m going to stick my neck out on this one and predict the zoologist guys have this right. (After all, a five-foot drop would surely result in a scrambled egg.)

You can check it out for yourself at aprilthegiraffe.com, but be forewarned, the site is very eggdicting.

Claire Poole

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Solar Panels Are Natural

Dear Editor:

It has recently come to my attention that Accomack County is considering a plan to block solar panels within a half mile of Route 13. Part of the rationale is that solar panels negatively affect the “viewshed.” In other words, they are unsightly for tourists.

The tourism slogan for the Eastern Shore is “You’ll Love Our Nature.” What better way to demonstrate that we love it, too, than to visibly support alternative energy sources and clean energy jobs? If folks are simply zooming through, they probably won’t care one way or another about what’s in our “viewshed.” Anyone who might possibly visit the Shore because they either will, or might, “Love Our Nature” will almost surely be inspired, rather than repelled, by solar panels. And if eyesores on 13 are such a compelling issue for tourism, why is the county not more vigorously addressing litter and derelict buildings along the roadside?

Norma H. Hurst

Arcadia Performance Worthy of Broadway Material

Dear Editor:

On Feb. 3, 2017, I was invited to attend the performance at Arcadia High School, “100 Years of Broadway.” Since my niece was a participant, I decided to attend. I am so glad I did.

The drama group, led and directed by Mel Walker and Hannah Ayres, and composed of students, entertained by performing Broadway hits from more than 25 shows and plays.

What talent was exhibited that evening! The songs, appropriate apparel for the respective shows, the music, lighting, stage, etc., were most exciting and most enjoyable.

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