**Oath For Upcoming Eclipse in 2024**

While stopping for a moment from viewing Monday’s Great American Solar Eclipse, junior rangers of the National Park Service at Assateague gave their oath to always wear protective gear when observing the eclipse in 2024 and beyond.

See more photos and story inside.

*Photos by Linda Cicoira*

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**Riverside Rehab Center Closing**

**By Linda Cicoira**

Nearly 90 people who live at Riverside Shore Rehabilitation Center (RSRC) in Parksley will be forced to find new homes and 128 nurses and support staff are looking for employment elsewhere as hospital officials announced the facility, also known locally as the Parksley nursing home, will close on Oct. 21.

Twelve other residents are expected to be discharged within the 60-day period.

Riverside made the announcement Tuesday blaming the age of the structure for the closure. Recent water problems likely aided the decision, although Peter Glagola, a spokesperson for Riverside, confirmed Tuesday that they had been resolved. A later announcement stated, “There have been no health issues due to this water situation.”

In a conference call with admin-

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Senator Kaine Visits Shore To Hear Constituent Concerns

Story and Photo by Stefanie Jackson

Fresh off a visit to Tangier Island, Sen. Tim Kaine met with constituents in Cape Charles on Aug. 17 to address a variety of local concerns.

Joan Prescott referred to the recent events in Charlottesville, saying she was “terrified about what’s going on in America today.”

Prescott was referring to the “Unite the Right” white supremacists rally and the Aug. 12 death of Heather Heyer, a counter-protester who was killed after being hit by a car which a protestor had purposely driven into the crowd. Protesters, including Neo-Nazis and Ku Klux Klan members, objected to the planned removal of a Confederate statue of Robert E. Lee from Emancipation Park.

Prescott asked Kaine how “to counteract the negativity.”

Kaine responded that we are “living in the stress test” of the Constitution, celebrating its 230th anniversary this September. He believes that our American “institutions are more powerful than the individuals – even the president,” and that the right of the people to peaceably assemble will prevail.

Cindy Diggs shared that when she lost her job after 32 years of continuous employment, she was able to obtain health insurance through the Affordable Care Act. She said her insurer, Anthem Inc., recently informed her that next year, they would no longer write individual policies.

Kaine mentioned the reinsurance bill he and Senator Tom Carper introduced in June, for which there will be congressional hearings in September. Formally titled the Individual Health Insurance Marketplace Improvement Act, its intent is to use federal funds to stabilize the health insurance marketplace and lower premiums. Kaine said if Virginia participated in the Medicaid expansion, that would provide another solution.

Al McKegg asked if Kaine would be willing to work with Lamar Alexander, a Republican senator from Tennessee, on bi-partisan efforts to reform health care; Kaine said he would.

Kevin Schwenk elaborated on the “national problem of teacher turnover,” which is “huge” on the Eastern Shore, saying, “we (teachers) feel expendable … it’s horrible.” Schwenk asserted that “standardized testing really inhibits teachers.” He is also “worried about literacy programs being cut.”

Kaine stated that the solution to teacher turnover “starts with respect.” He referred to the re-write of No Child Left Behind, called the Every Student Succeeds Act, which passed in 2016 and goes into effect in the 2017-2018 school year. It removes punishments for schools that fall behind on benchmarks. Instead, the states will redirect educational resources to programs which effectively aid school improvement. The bill de-emphasizes grading teachers based on student test scores, and gives states the authority to decide how to evaluate their teachers.

Kaine agreed that 45 years ago, when Virginia lawmakers created the composite index - a calculation which determines how much state funding each county receives for education - it “really treated Northampton unfairly.” He assured that “robust (federal) funding for K-12” would be his priority in the upcoming congressional “budget battle” in September.

John Harlow encouraged people to come out and vote on Nov. 7. Only 67 percent of registered voters participated in the 2016 presidential election, and voter turnout is reduced by half in non-presidential election years, he reported. Kaine said that in November, “Virginia’s election will be a referendum on the national mood.”

Carl Mayer was concerned about the “doubling” of the number of chicken houses in Accomack, adding that poultry houses are being built up to three times larger than previously. He said that these “industrial farms” damage the Chesapeake Bay and nearby beaches.

Kaine stated that there were three kinds of regulations that address this concern: local zoning ordinances, the state water control board and department of environmental quality, and the federal Clean Water Act.

John White had a related question which he did not get the opportunity to ask, regarding what he termed, “the dismemberment of the EPA,” of which he said the current poultry house situation was proof. White stated, “The Eastern Shore is about waterways,” and wanted to ask, “if they’re destroyed, what will happen to it?”
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By Linda Cicoira
The family of off-duty Northampton Deputy Albert T. Thomas, who was killed in a 2014 crash along Route 13 near Eastville, will get a total of $2,050,000 in settlement proceeds from a wrongful death lawsuit, according to records filed Wednesday in U. S. District Court in Norfolk.

Thomas was 50, lived in Cheriton, and worked at the Eastern Shore Regional Jail when a tractor-trailer truck rear-ended the Kubota farm tractor he was driving on the side of the road. He died at Sentara Norfolk General Hospital two days later.

The crash occurred Sept. 4, 2014, at 4:52 p.m., about 100 feet from Route 633. The 2005 Peterbilt that was involved was driven by Rodney Shepherd, of North Carolina. He worked for Earl Baynor Jr. Trucking Inc., of North Carolina. The vehicle was hauling a trailer leased by Perdue Transportation Inc.

“The court finds this settlement to be a fair and reasonable compromise of any and all claims, including but not limited to, any claim for consortium, loss of society, care, services, support or companionship, cost, expenses or compensation against the named defendants,” a final order stated.

The defendants did not “admit negligence or liability” but agreed to pay, according to the document. On behalf of the trucking company and Shepherd, Atlantic Casualty Insurance will pay $968,061. The trucking company will pay $81,939. For Perdue Farms Inc. and Perdue Transportation Inc., Broadspire will pay $1 million.

The beneficiaries were Thomas’ wife, Marilyn T. Thomas, who is also executor; his daughters, Keshauna T. Crippen, Ke’yanna D. Toy and Latasha Westbrook; and sons, Keondra D. Toy and Marcus D. Collins.

Lori Ridington, of Harborton, invited her neighbors to help themselves to a fig as they pass by.

“The free figs are from my tree that did not produce any fruit for the last two years because of bad winters,” she said. “Now the figs are coming in by the buckets, so I placed a tray on the street (Haborton Road) right in front of my house and watched walkers, joggers and folks on their bikes grab a sugary-sweet fig. At the end of the day, only a few were left along with some uninvited ants. Loving my neighbors, one fig at a time.”
Concerned Citizens Donate Funds for K9 Ballistic Vests

Submitted Article

Thanks to a local family and a Hampton Roads gym, Accomack County Sheriff’s Office (ACSO) K9s are now outfitted with bulletproof vests.

These vests, manufactured by K9 Storm, directly enhance the safety of the dogs, which in turn increases safety for the deputies and the citizens they are protecting.

Ron and Llewellyn Allison, of East Point, were inspired by CNN’s Anderson Cooper’s work through Spike’s K9 Fund and decided to donate so that a local sheriff’s office K9 could receive one of these vests. The Allisons gave generously to purchase a ballistic vest for K9 Nidas. Llewellyn Allison, who has nephews involved in law enforcement, is passionate about animals and the work that K9s and their handlers do.

“I believe in the dogs,” she said. They are incredibly smart and they make such a difference. The dogs are putting their necks on the line just like [the handlers] are.” K9 Nidas is a German Sheppard-Belgian Malinois cross, handled by Deputy Brian Misener.

Nidas is trained in patrol work and came to the United States in 2016 from Holland.

A donation from Crossfit 757, owned by Autumn and John Weiss of Norfolk, was made to Spike’s K9 Fund to purchase a vest for K9 Kraken. Spike’s K9 Fund has benefited hundreds of law enforcement and military dogs throughout the United States, and has also donated equipment to ACSO.

K9 Kraken is handled by Cpl. Bobby Taylor and is from Czechoslovakia. He was donated to the ACSO in 2012 by the Little Pungo Ruritan Club and is a dual purpose K9 trained in narcotics detection and patrol work.

Misener and Taylor are extremely thankful for the generosity and support demonstrated that allowed them to protect their K9 patrol partners.

Ron and Llewellyn Allyson with Deputy Brian Misener and K9 Nidas. The Allisons donated the funds needed to purchase a ballistic vest for Nidas.

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An Old Building With a New Lift

Accomack County Public Schools recently put a fresh coat of paint on the Bayly Hall, which sits behind to old Accomac Primary building in Accomac. A plaque has been ordered to place in front of the building.
~ Closing ~

Instructors and media, flooding problems were also mentioned as being problem “for a number of years.”

“The decision to close is based on multiple building issues primarily caused by the age of [the facility],” the prepared statement said. “Unfortunately, the old hospital [in Nassawadox] cannot be used because it is not licensed or built to code for a nursing facility.”

“RSRC infrastructure has outlived its useful life expectancy,” said Ed Heckler, Vice President of Riverside Lifelong Health Division. “Our most viable alternative is to close the facility,” he continued.

“Our top priority is to ensure the safe and appropriate transition of our residents,” said Bill Downey, President and CEO of Riverside Health System. “We also are committed to providing our team members support in this transition.” Downey continued.

Administrators said they are helping workers find employment either within the company or elsewhere. “Support will also be provided for resume writing and job interviewing skills.” In the conference call, it was stated that locally Riverside has between 25 and 30 openings. Moving costs will be paid by Riverside for those who take jobs at the company’s other locations.

“I am both shocked and disappointed with Riverside’s decision to cease operations of the Riverside Shore Rehabilitation Center,” Accomack County Administrator Mike Mason said in a prepared statement Tuesday afternoon. “It certainly leaves a vacuum in the community that I hope will be filled in the near future by other providers of long-term care services. My immediate concern is for the residents that call the center home and the impact … relocation will have on them and their families, not to mention the Riverside employees that may lose their jobs. It’s a bad situation all around.”

Chairman Robert Crockett of the Accomack Board of Supervisors had a similar prepared comment. “I am disappointed with the decision to close Riverside Rehabilitation Center. Long term care for those in need is not by choice but a necessity, and to lose one of only four such facilities on the Eastern Shore … will have a tremendous impact. Not only will it impact the residents who rely on the center’s services, it is an impact to the employees … whose jobs are in jeopardy. It is indeed unfortunate.”

“It was a very difficult decision,” Downey said during the conference call. The “team has done a phenomenal job in the last six weeks.” He said there is a regulatory process of working with residents and families “which we would do regardless.”

Heckler said although there are roughly 35 beds available locally, “It changes each day.” The state has been asked to allow residents to take their benefits to three Maryland facilities, one in Pocomoke, Md. and two in Salisbury, Md. “We are working on and hope to encourage the state,” Heckler also said. “Some patients could benefit from home health or hospice … It’s being worked with each family.”

“The building is very old, very dated. It had a severe water problem that we worked through,” Downey said. “Flooding issues, it was struck by lightning, which involved our fire panel. It was in the best interest of the residents to close that antiquated facility.”

Riverside recorded in a log that on July 16, “There was a Parksley area power fluctuation. RSRC is on 3-phase power, and when the power restored to normal, one of the three phases was lost. The partial loss of power meant that the well pump continued to run on reduced power, and combined with a power surge. When the phase was restored, the pump motor burned out. We replaced the pump, flushed the system and chlorinated the water, restoring water to the building at 3 p.m. that day. “To assure that the water is potable, regulations state we must have two tests negative for contaminants, 24 hours apart.”

On July 17, the health department “inspected the water situation and confirmed that we were doing everything properly. We have cleaned and chlorinated repeatedly; we have contracted with several local and regional resources for assistance; we have been working with the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) Office of Drinking Water and a water specialist. Tests continue to come back positive for total coliform, which is a naturally occurring bacteria in soil. Tests have been negative for e.coli and fecal coliform.”

On July 30 and 31, “We did a 24-hour disinfection of the well and have sent initial samples to two different labs for testing. We continue to follow the guidance of VDH and water specialists to restore full water function as soon as possible.”

“We notified families of residents immediately on the weekend when the problem occurred,” the log of events noted. “Riverside Health Systems owns and deployed an emergency water filtration trailer for kitchen needs and showering. This trailer can produce more than 30,000 gallons of potable water a day. We have adequate well water for fire suppression and toilet flushing. This water does not have to be potable. We have adequate bottled drinking water on hand. We have a ‘bath in a bag’ product for back-up showering needs if necessary. We are using disposable kitchen utensils, cups, plates and napkins that do not need to be washed. Linens are washed across the bay at a healthcare-specific laundry consortium, as is our normal process.”

On Aug. 16, “an electrical surge cause by lightning required a fire panel to be replaced. Heavy rains again caused significant leakage to the roof and infrastructure.” The next day, “We received notification from the Virginia Department Health Office of Drinking Water that we received two negative results to water testing and well water could be safely used. Despite now a functioning well, the ongoing infrastructure issues due to age of the facility have caused Riverside, in consultation with Office of Licensing, to make the difficult decision.”

Before these incidents, water had been tested monthly.

Once the building is closed it will be the second Riverside structure abandoned. “We’re looking at all of our options,” said Downey, adding a decision about the building’s fate has not been made.

“Riverside is committed to the care and well-being of the Eastern Shore community,” Riverside administrators said in the prepared statement Tuesday. “In the eight years we have served the region, we have recruited specialists and primary care providers, upgraded and installed new medical and information technologies and most recently opened the new Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital and Cancer Center. We are prepared to help support our residents and their loved ones within other Riverside facilities as well as working with our Shore community partners. Riverside will continue its commitment both on the Shore and in the region to support the long-term care needs of the community.”

Accomack supervisors have called a special meeting to discuss the closing. It is scheduled for Monday at 5 p.m. at Metompkin Elementary.

(Continued From Front Page)
Accomack Circuit Court

Sentences and convictions were handed down in Accomack Circuit Court last Thursday just after press time.

Nakai Orlando Kellam, 41, of Spruce Street in Melfa, pleaded guilty to possession with intent to distribute cocaine on Jan. 12, 2016. A presentence report was ordered. Unsecured bond of $3,000 was continued.

John Michael Lyons, of Stockton Avenue in Greenbackville, was given a suspended 30-day sentence for possession of marijuana on April 7.

Kiara S. Coston, of Exmore, was sentenced to three years in prison for a third offense of DUI in a 10-month period with all but seven months suspended. Coston was also sentenced to 12 months each for driving on a suspended license and failure to report a traffic accident with all but a month each suspended for a total of nine months to serve.

Laura Mackie of Onley said she was driving north with her young daughter on Lankford Highway near the former Central High School when she was hit in the rear and then sideswiped by another vehicle. She said she called 9-1-1 and then followed the vehicle for about 10 miles. Coston was stopped by police, in Onley, near the overpass. The incidents occurred Feb. 28.

Andrew Raphael Rodriguez, of Groton Town Road in Hallwood, pleaded guilty to possession of a firearm by a felon in connection with a Jan. 14, incident. A presentence report was ordered. He was remanded to jail.

Steven Kindle Morton, 34, of Dewald Circle in Newport News, pleaded guilty to stealing property belonging to Walmart in Onley on Aug. 26, 2016. He was sentenced to three years for larceny and three years for failure to appear. All but three months was suspended. He was put on good behavior for two years and nine months.

Lynchburg Man Sentenced On Drug Charges

James Elliott Murphy, 26, of Pierce Street in Lynchburg, Va., was sentenced to five years in prison each for two counts of possession of a Schedule I or II drug. All but 18 months was suspended. The incidents occurred in June 2016.

Felony Charges for Stolen Property

An Exmore man was charged last week with a felony, according to records filed in Northampton General District Court.

Alexus Dajunay Kellam, age unavailable, of Exmore, is accused of receiving stolen property on Aug. 10, 2017. He was arrested two days later. Chief Angelo DiMartino investigated.

A preliminary hearing is scheduled for late September.
Obituary:

**Will Albert Barber Jr.**

Mr. Will Albert Barber Jr., 71, a retired school teacher, passed away Aug. 13, 2017, after a courageous battle with a debilitating illness he had fought for several years. Mr. Barber was the son of Will Albert Barber and Jane T. Barber, of Accomac, who preceded him in death, as did his sister, Billie Jane Winston, of St. Petersburg, Fla. Mr. Barber was a member of Drummond-town United Methodist Church.

He grew up in Accomac and attended Accomac Primary School and Onancock High School, graduating from the latter in 1968. He attended the College of William & Mary, and after graduation, served in 1968. He attended the College of William & Mary, obtaining his Master of Education and teaching certificate. Teaching became Mr. Barber’s chosen profession and career, and his first assignments involved middle and high school science.

In his later years, Mr. Barber found his true calling in teaching elementary and middle school special education, specifically for gifted children. His teaching career spanned assignments at Northampton High School, three middle schools in New South Wales, Australia, and the Bureau of Indian (Navajo) Education in Arizona. More recently, for more than 20 years and prior to his retirement, he worked with gifted children in the Palmer-Mat-Su area in Alaska. Mr. Barber enjoyed running, cross country skiing, and most of all, reading.

Survivors include his son, Joshua; his brother, Tom; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A private graveside service was held at the Edgehill Cemetery on Aug. 24, 2017, with Rev. William Greer officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to Drummondtown United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 267, Accomac, VA 23301.

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

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**Edward C.J. McGann Sr.**

Mr. Edward C.J. McGann Sr., 86, of Harbeson, Del., formerly of Parksley, passed away at Atlantic Shores Rehabilitation and Health Center on Saturday, Aug. 12, 2017. He was born in April 1931 in New York, N.Y. He was the son of the late Thomas and Katherine (Rodden) McGann.

Mr. McGann graduated from Cardinal Hayes High School in the Bronx, N.Y., and attended Shelton College in New Jersey.

Although much of his working life was spent as an accountant, Mr. McGann met the love of his life, Dolores, while he was working for the FBI in New York. They were married in 1952. Their marriage lasted until her death 64 years later.

Mr. McGann served in the Army during the Korean War years. He was part of the Signal Corps, stationed in France. He was a proud lifetime member of VFW Post #2385, in Gratz, Pa.

He was a good husband, a loving father and a generous friend. He was loved by more people than he knew and will be missed more than he could ever believe.

In addition to his parents, Mr. McGann was preceded in death by his brother, Thomas, his sister, Theresa, and his wife, Dolores (Collins). He is survived by his sister, Helen Kanyock; and his children, Mary McGann (Linda Rosenbluth), of Harbeson, Del., James McGann, of Millersburg, Pa., Ellen Johnson (Terry), of Mears, Edward McGann Jr., of Etters, Pa., and Catherine McGann, of Orlando, Fla.

Mr. McGann also leaves behind six grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild. He was loved and will be missed by his many nieces and nephews who live across the country.

All services will be private. Arrangements are being handled by Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium, Atkins-Lodge Chapel, Lewes, Del.

Memorial contributions may be made to Vitas Hospice, 20773 Professional Park Blvd., Suite 200, Georgetown, DE 19947. Or, if preferred, send an extra donation in his memory to your favorite veteran's organization.

Please visit Mr. McGann’s life memorial webpage and sign his online guest book at www.parsellfuneralhomes.com.

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**Anita Elga Tate**

Mrs. Anita Elga Tate, 68, wife of Raymond S. Tate and a resident of Belle Haven, passed away Tuesday, Aug. 15, 2017, at her residence. A native of Chicago, she was the daughter of the late Valerijus Januskevics and the late Ina Efferts Januskevics.

She earned master's degrees from the University of Illinois and the University of Texas. She was a retired librarian from Texas and member of U.S. Latvian organizations.

In addition to her loving husband, she is survived by a brother, John Elguts, and a sister, Anna Krummrich.

Funeral services will be conducted at a later date in Riga, Latvia.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.doughtyfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements were made by Doughty Funeral Home in Exmore.

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**Emma Sue Hubbard Taylor**

Mrs. Emma Sue Hubbard Taylor, 87, wife of the late V. Deitrick Taylor Jr., of Onley, and a former longtime resident of Parksley, passed away on Tuesday, Aug. 22, 2017, at Arcadia Nursing Center in Parksley.

Born September 18, 1929, in Melfa, she was a daughter of the late Andrew Joseph Hubbard and Margaret Mathias Hubbard. Mrs. Taylor attended Longwood College, graduated from Norfolk Business College, and retired in 1991 from Acomack-Northampton Electric Cooperative following many years of service.

Survivors include her two daughters, Susan Taylor Savage and husband, Dennis, of Modest Town, and Judith Taylor Oldmixon and husband, John, of Long Valley, N.J.; five grand-
children, Benjamin E. Willis, Sara D. Willis, Lindsay T. Sawey, Emma L. Horsfield, and John R. Oldmixon; eleven great-grandchildren, Emma, Eason, and Annie Willis, Hudson Yokem, Nolan, Jensen, and Wesley Sawey, Jack and Charles Horsfield, and John and Reese Oldmixon; a sister, Dorothy Hubbard Milliner, of Onley; and a sister-in-law, Zilpha Jones, of Florida.

Following her wishes, a private family service will be held.

Memorial donations may be made to the Parksley Volunteer Fire Company, P.O. Box 14, Parksley, VA 23421.

Arrangements were made by the Williams-Parksley Funeral Home.

Memorial tributes may be shared with the family at www.williamsfuneralhomes.com

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Obituaries can be faxed to 789-7681 or emailed to editor@easternshorepost.com.
By Linda Cicoira

Virginia gave $100,000 of the $10 million spent statewide to the Eastern Shore Community Services Board (ESCSB) recently to help prevent opioid addiction, but the area got no money to fund rehabilitation needs or for treatment medication despite a high death rate per capita for overdoses.

A local 2016 study, required for the money, includes information likely to shock parents and other residents with addiction rates being highest for those in the 16 to 24 age group and police and other focus group members speaking out about drug abuse on the Shore, including sad situations at local high schools.

Meanwhile, Kelly Hill Bulin, director of program development, planning and prevention at ESCSB, discussed new outreach plans for prevention. She said Tuesday, 32 overdose deaths occurred on the Shore between 2007 and 2015. The majority, 27, were in Accomack. About 75 percent of those deaths “were the result of more than one opioid being used,” said Bulin, explaining the victims used heroin and fentanyl or heroin and other prescription drugs.

The number of people seeking treatment at the services board doubled from 2015 to 2016, she said. Of about 1,000 people seeking treatment, half were between 16 and 24 years old.

And neither of the figures are totally accurate because some “deaths get dropped off at the emergency room here or in Maryland,” Bulin said. “If they are dead on arrival, the family doesn’t necessarily have to surrender the body for an autopsy. If it appears they have died from a heart attack … it could have been caused by drug abuse. With an unattended death, it all depends on how it gets reported to the coroner.”

“The families clean up,” she said. “They’re ashamed. They think they are honoring and respecting their loved ones” by cleaning up before police arrive. “It doesn’t help us to know how to help.”

A successful medication for drug addicts is Suboxone. “It helps them get clean,” said Bulin. “Helps them go through withdrawal without side effects. It defuses the opioid response. It is expensive. People with opioid addiction have an illness. It (Suboxone) is not intended for a lifetime, but it could be,” she said, comparing it to insulin for a diabetic.

Last year’s study included a focus panel which was divided into two groups, police and the general public. “One high school kid was taken out of school after being jumped for walking into a restroom during a drug sale,” the officers’ comment block stated. “Schools are not good environments and there is a common understanding not to go into bathrooms between classes. Kids know who’s doing what drug. Pot is in regular use.”

“More school personnel” should have seen the film, “Chasing the Dragon,” a documentary about the life of an addict aimed at educating students and young adults about the dangers of addiction. It was shown for free locally, the comments continued. “We need to start talking in [the] community,” according to a police comment. “We see obituaries for young kids but the cause of death isn’t listed. People only know it was drug related after the fact. We need to talk early. This is everyone’s problem — not just law enforcement and clinical providers. We need to get the community interested in the issue through awareness and education. Parents aren’t interested in their kids’ education. How can we get them involved in kids’ lives?”

In 1996, Community Partners of the Eastern Shore (CPES) was formed by more than 20 local organizations. It works to solve regional issues by pooling resources, doing research projects to identify service gaps and by obtaining funding. Since then, ESCSB has been offering community programs, outreach, treatment and educational activities. By implementing interventions within the schools and the community, ESCSB staff is able to identify and address the risk factors ... including isolation, poverty, single and teen parenting, low literacy and domestic violence.

Bulin said the $100,000 grant will help the efforts. Plans for radio shows about homelessness, hunger, substance abuse and mental illness are coming up. There’s a forum planned for Oct. 24 at the Eastern Shore Community College with a drug task force panel and reviving training “that’s open to everyone in the community,” said Bulin. Sessions will be from 3 to 5 p.m. and from 6 to 8 p.m. with more information available closer to the date.

In addition, pharmacies are going to start education about drugs, fliers are going to be distributed, the health department and ESCSB are going to offer drug deactivation kits — foil bags with chemicals that deactivate medication. There will be doctor surveys and a safe drug storage program for patients in hospice or in other circumstances. A television program with live phones for the community will also be held to let Shore residents know more about treatment and other services.

“We’ve got a lot in the works,” Bulin said. “I’m hopeful that the money will be provided again. We’ll be reporting back to Behavioral Health ... We certainly would want treatment funds.”

“There tends to be a trend from what is available in their home medicine cabinet,” a focus group block stated in the study. “Thirty percent use on the Eastern Shore according to (the) state police because of its availability. After being cut off from pain killers, they seek street drugs. Heroin is readily available and cheaper; reasonably easy to find, usually is the last drug after marijuana and others. The use comes from feeding the addiction not the desire to use heroin, which is highly addictive.”

Officers said sometimes getting charged with a crime is the only way to get treatment. “This is a vicious cycle of getting arrested and getting clean, then being released and using again.” The key, they said, “is support. This is an isolated area, families have cut ties with users ... we need support and education for families so they know what to expect, how to support ... they need to realize that relapse is part of recovery, so don’t give up.”

Police said the chances of getting caught are “high.” They added, “First time distributors are only slapped on the wrist ... (and) dealers see no consequences.”

General population group members said the chance of getting caught is “miniscule. Only if they are careless. This is a rural area. There are plenty of places to hide.”

The officers said, “People doctor-shop and cross state lines for prescriptions. ... Doctors are starting to put a halt to that. ... Indigent care is where we’ve seen the highest number of prescriptions for pain meds.”

The others stated, people get “large prescriptions filled. Party houses where the adults give it to their kids and sell it (and) kids stealing their parents prescribed medications” were also cited.

All of the participants said they had encountered youth from 14 to 24 years old misusing alcohol, heroin, prescription drugs and marijuana on the Shore. Law enforcement identified the misused substances as alcohol, heroin,
prescriptions and marijuana. “Heroin on the rise due to cheap price.”

Juvenile probation stated, “Marijuana (is) off the charts. No heroin yet. But soon. Users getting younger and younger. Also prescriptions.”

Adult probation noted, “Seeing lots of heroin use.”

Emergency room workers said, “Many withdrawals in ER. Youth in mid-20s, 8-9 deaths heroin, overdosed at 18-24 years old.”

People in the non-officer group said they know misuses include alcohol, marijuana, crack, tobacco, cocaine, prescription drugs including Adderall, heroin, psychotropic drugs, locally distilled moonshine, wax THC (marijuana’s active ingredient) and marijuana eye drops.

The two groups were also asked why people use the drugs.

The officers said people use because there is no recreation, a lack of employment opportunities, to escape and as a coping mechanism. There is a stigma about getting help, transportation services are limited, the Shore is on a trade route between Virginia Beach and Maryland, poverty, dysfunctional families, not enough preventive services and no detox facilities are all contributing factors. “A senior high class has 80 percent of the kids smoking pot, they believe marijuana isn’t bad, need programs to find kids at risk, and the idea that prescriptions are safe. Xanax is freely shared.”

The other group agreed that boredom, the poor value system, lack of recreation, escapism, lack of maturity, bad home life and unemployment were the reasons. They also said peer pressure, group mentality, self-medication and to help with late night or intense studying were factors.

“Opiate pills seem socially acceptable while heroin seems ‘dark alley,’” the officers’ answer block stated. “Inmates … are moving to heroin because it’s more available and affordable. This is a new trend, we never used to see such use. Pills were entry drug. Cocaine is still in use on the Eastern Shore … Even ‘good kids’ are using cocaine. Seems safe like pot was before.”

The big risk factor locally is poverty, which is 20.5 percent of the population in Accomack, and 23.8 percent in Northampton, compared to 11.5 percent statewide and 15.6 percent nationally. Sixty-four percent of Accomack children get free lunch in school. In Northampton, it is 67 percent. The state average is 32 percent. Median income in Accomack is $38,400; in Northampton it is $37,600. The average in Virginia is $64,900 and nationally it is $55,775.

The number of children from single parent homes in Accomack is 40 percent, in Northampton it is 46 percent, in Virginia it is 30 percent and nationally it is 33 percent. Teen births per 1,000 from ages 15 to 19 is 54 in Accomack, 55 in Northampton, 27 statewide and 24 nationally.

The report listed the dropout rate as 6 percent in Accomack, 7 percent in Northampton, 5.3 in the state and 6.5 percent nationally. Adults who are older than 25 without a high school diploma are 21.1 percent in Accomack, 20.5 in Northampton, 11.8 percent statewide and 13.4 percent nationally. Adults with some college were listed as 43 percent in Accomack, 41 percent in Northampton, 69 percent in Virginia and 73 percent nationally.

In 2014, there were 495 students listed as homeless on the Shore, or 6.4 percent of the public school population. The state figure is 1.2 percent.

Also, both counties rank near the bottom in the 2016 health ranking for the state. “Because health influences all aspects of life, these are important risk factors to consider when addressing the root causes of dysfunction.”

The number of opiate clients served by the Eastern Shore Community Services Board has risen from 47 in 2015 to 90 in 2016. “From 2011 to 2015, the rate of substance abuse services remained higher than that of the state, indicating a higher proportion of residents … need these services.”

Between 2011 and 2015, the rate of juvenile narcotics related intakes increased significantly on the … Shore from 91.22 to 151.97 per 100,000 juveniles.

Between 2014 and 2015, the number of alcohol impaired driving deaths slightly decreased at all levels and then in the following year increased in both counties while remaining the same across the rest of Virginia. The rate of alcohol-related crashes between 2010 and 2015 per 1,000 drivers is higher on the Eastern Shore and is also higher than the rest of the state.

The rate of suicides on the Shore was lower than that of the state in 2006 to 2008, but began to exceed the state rate in 2009. Since 2006, the rate of suicides with a substance abuse problem remained higher on the Shore compared to the state rate.

“The Eastern Shore Coalition Against Domestic Violence continues to shelter families … despite the community denial that this and other social problems exist on the Shore,” the report stated.
Low Pay, High Cost of Living Contribute to Northampton Teacher Turnover

By Stefanie Jackson

Money is the main reason teachers aren’t staying in Northampton County’s public school system, according to data from two teacher surveys conducted in 2016 and 2017, recently released by school administration. Up to 88 percent of new teachers and 74 percent of all teachers said they weren’t adequately compensated.

According to a report from the Virginia Department of Education, featuring data from the National Education Association, the national average teacher salary was $56,610 for the 2013-2014 school year, the most recent period for which data were available. Virginia trailed with an average teacher salary of $49,826. Northampton County average teacher salaries were $41,427 and $41,883 in fiscal years 2014 and 2015.

Northampton budgeted an 8.32 percent raise for its teachers in 2016, increasing the average salary to $45,367. First-year teachers in Northampton make $35,523. Teachers with 10, 20, and 30 years of experience make $38,269, $44,411, and $52,826, respectively.

Sources of school funding are approximately 10 percent federal, 45 percent state, and 45 percent local. Most of the federal funds supporting schools are Title I grants, allocated to school districts based on the number of “disadvantaged students” who live there – children from low-income families. Title I funding is intended for upgrading educational programs, not teacher salaries, although many principals report spending the money on professional development programs.

The amount of state funds received by each of Virginia’s counties is determined by the composite index, a figure representing each locality’s “ability-to-pay” for education. The composite index is based 50 percent on value of real property, 40 percent on adjusted gross income, and 10 percent on taxable retail sales. The higher the score, the greater the presumed ability to pay, with a highest possible score of .8000. Based on this calculation, Northampton scores .4913, with a greater calculated ability to pay than some of the state’s largest cities. Henrico County, with Richmond as its county seat, scored .4158, Virginia Beach .3925, Norfolk .2988, and Newport News .2821.

At the local level, school districts are primarily funded by property taxes. Raising taxes may appear to be the easy answer to the county’s financial woes, but it is not the correct answer, according to Northampton board of supervisors chairman, Spencer Murray. Raising taxes does not consider “people who live on a fixed income and can’t afford their medicine” and other necessities, Murray said. The board of supervisors “gives the school board every possible penny ... it’s their job to decide how to spend it,” he continued. “My focus is on raising revenue, not taxes,” Murray stated.

Superintendent Eddie Lawrence confirmed that Northampton teachers would receive raises for the 2017-2018 school year, but rising health insurance costs would “wipe out” the pay increase. Teachers will receive a one-step pay increase of approximately 1.5 percent, plus an additional $20 per month contribution toward employee health insurance premiums. The total budget for 2016-2017 in the Northampton school district was $8,607,077.

When ranked lowest to highest, Northampton's cost of living ranked 67 of 95 Virginia counties, placing it firmly in the top third of the most expensive counties in the state. Cost of living is based on the consumer price index, which tracks monthly fluctuating costs of basic consumer goods and services, and affordable housing access, which is determined by comparing income and housing costs.

Northampton teachers face a challenging financial situation, with salaries lower than average, and a cost of living higher than average. Unless federal and state funding and county revenue increase significantly, teacher raises will presumably remain nominal. While pay is a top concern for Northampton educators, the school board will likely need to consider alternative incentives to retain their services.

Career Collaborators

ESCC Career Pathways Program Coordinator Teresa Guy (right) and Building Trades Instructor at Badger Technical Center South (Nandua High) Curtis Taylor collaborated on a presentation on the partnership between the two at the Virginia Association of Trade and Industrial Educators (VATIE) Conference in Norfolk in late July.
Stimulation by Simulation

Acomack County Public Schools division, which is fully staffed for the upcoming term, recently held a six-day “New Teacher Academy” to help recent hires become acclimated to the division and area. It included workshops, interactive presentations about classroom management and bullying prevention, and a tour of schools and communities. Local businesses donated more than $2,500 worth of merchandise and gift cards to welcome the new teachers. The photos above were taken during a poverty simulation to sensitize participants to the realities faced by low-income families and the implications for school achievement. At left, Rebecca Bellante, a teacher who started with the system mid-year last year, mimics a young student on the first day of classes. “It’s not purple. Wahhhh! I want to go home!” she said. At right, first-year teacher Tyler Warner, portrays a single father, and later says the experience gave him a deeper appreciation for what his mother went through raising him. He said he was going home to give her a big hug.
**Kids’ Puzzle Page**

**Kids’ Maze**

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**Puzzles4Kids** by Helene Hovanec

**CODED RIDDLE**

Change each letter to the one that comes immediately BEFORE it in the alphabet to find a riddle and its answer.

Here’s a copy of the alphabet to guide you:

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

XIBU IBT XJOHT, B MPOH UBDM

BOE XFBST B CPX?

B CJSUIEBZ QIFBTBOU.

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**SCRAMBLERS**

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag.

- Amusing
- TYWIT
- Rank
- RAGED
- Redeem
- NEATO
- Bottomless
- LAMBAYS

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**Snowflakes** by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.

**Puzzle Card**

5 - 2 = 4

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**Junior Whirls** by Charles Barry Townsend

**Doodle Pics!** The two pictures shown here are graphic representations of familiar words, phrases or names. You have one minute to identify both.

**Link-ups!** Here’s a list of 12 short words, divided into two columns. Turn them into six longer words by linking them together. To do this, draw a line from one word in the left column to one word in the right.

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**Difficulty This Week:** ◆◆◆

◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult
Varsity Football Previews

Story and Photos by Krystle Bono

The month of August cues not only the end of summer, but also the beginning of fall sports practices for many of the Eastern Shore teams. With the school year rapidly approaching, coaches have been preparing for the start of the regular season, which for many of our local varsity football teams, will debut tonight (Friday) on their home fields.

The Nandua Warriors lost a big chunk of their offensive line at the conclusion of last year’s season, with the departure of six seniors.

Among those was starting quarterback, Kelly Reagan, who was named to the Eastern Shore All-District first team last season and will play at the collegiate level with the Division III Shenandoah University in Winchester, Va.

Tevin Custis will move on to play with The Apprentice School in Newport News, and made the 2016-17 All-District first team as an offensive and defensive lineman.

Also leaving roster openings are Daquan Bailey, who was chosen as one of three District Athletes of the Year and first team running back, first team tight end/wide receiver Waylon White and first team defensive linemen pick Traquan Hickman.

Head Coach Tom Rotkowski, now in his third season leading the Warriors and fifth overall with the club, after serving two seasons assisting Chris Miles, said his guys did well during their two pre-season outings last week, and says he’s bumped up five new offensive starters and seven new defensive starters for the impending year.

“I liked the way we competed in those scrimmages; I think we really held our own,” reflects Rotkowski. Now led by 10 seniors, who have all had good playing time in the past, Rotkowski explained that a few have had to re-adjust to new positions, but have more than met the challenge.

“Eddie Stratton and Octaveon Butler have a lot of experience and have taken leadership roles [as captains.] Guys like Jaden Davis, William Gunter and Casey Smith, these are all seniors that have stepped up and switched positions. A lot of them are playing offense for the first time, and they are going to be big-time ball carriers; guys that handle the ball well. We’ve got a veteran offensive line led by Jacob Lloyd and Octaveon Butler that we like.”

Davis and Lloyd will also join Stratton and Butler as captains of the 2017-18 team.

Gunter was named to last season’s All-District first team as a defensive back.

The team will also be utilizing three freshmen, who will suit up with varsity for the season opener.

Nandua finished 7-4 last season, and were 3-0 in the Eastern Shore District after notching two wins over Arcadia (27-14, 35-27) and one over Northampton (50-40).

The Warriors will open the season tonight (Friday) as they host the Rappahannock Raiders, who finished 1-9 for 2016-17, at 7 p.m. in Onley. In last year’s debut game, Nandua topped the Raiders, 16-3.

On the Eastern Shore district front, Nandua will again face Arcadia twice and Northampton just once to close out the season.

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The Northampton Yellow Jackets look to extend on some of their momentum from last season’s 4-6 record. With Ty Traister passing his head coaching hat to last year’s defensive coordinator, John Edney, the team is hoping to break their dry-spell this year and make a playoff run for the first time since 2008.

“That’s the goal [playoffs], but like we’ve [the team] talked about, every day is one rep at a time. Nobody likes to talk about things too far out,” said Edney.

The team lost five seniors, including some key positions. Frederick Williams is one of the losses, who led the squad last year, rushing a total of 1,694 yards and scoring 24 touchdowns and was one of three District Athletes of the Year.

Still in tow with the Yellow Jackets is returning receiver, Tamaze Brisco, now a senior, who totaled 32 catches for 563 yards and 11 touchdowns last season and is expected to be a standout for the team this year.

Also rejoining the club in his starting position as quarterback is Devin Hill, who is in his senior year as well. Hill was named to the Eastern Shore All-District second team as quarterback and posted 1,284 yards and 18 touchdowns last season.

“We have eight seniors this year, so hopefully that will mean good things. All of them played last year and we have about 29 guys we are going to dress on Friday. Most of the offense that scored a lot of points last year are back. Our defense – we’ve been working on some things so we should hopefully be a lot better there.”

Edney also noted that although there was a coaching change, everything else stayed consistent.

“A lot of the guys have been in the weight room since January; working pretty hard. The transition from Ty to myself happened in June. We were a little worried about the transition, but it turned out to be pretty smooth. Wasn’t a lot of changes and we are hoping – we barely missed playoffs last year – as a coaching staff and as seniors, our goal is ultimately to make playoffs, since the last time Northampton got to that point was about nine years ago.”

The Yellow Jackets will meet the Mathews Blue Devils, who clinched a 3-7 record in their last go-round, tonight (Friday) for their season debut on Hamilton Field at 7 p.m., in Eastville. Northampton claimed last year’s opener over Mathews, 46-35.

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FRIDAY, AUG. 25
7 p.m.
Mathews @ Home

FRIDAY, SEPT. 1
7 p.m.
Away vs. Northumberland

FRIDAY, SEPT. 8
7 p.m.
Surry County @ Home

FRIDAY, SEPT. 15
7 p.m.
Windsor @ Home

FRIDAY, SEPT. 22
7 p.m.
West Point @ Home

FRIDAY, SEPT. 29
7 p.m.
Away vs. Middlesex

FRIDAY, OCT. 13
7 p.m.
Chincoteague @ Home

FRIDAY, OCT. 20
7 p.m.
Away vs. Colonel Richardson

FRIDAY, OCT. 27
7 p.m.
Nandua @ Home

FRIDAY, NOV. 3
7 p.m.
Away vs. Arcadia

NANDUA WARRIORS SCHEDULE
FRIDAY, AUG. 25
7 p.m.
Rappahannock @ Home

FRIDAY, SEPT. 1
7 p.m.
Away vs. Windsor

FRIDAY, SEPT. 8
7 p.m.
Away vs. Arcadia

FRIDAY, SEPT. 15
7 p.m.
James M. Bennett @ Home

FRIDAY, SEPT. 22
7 p.m.
Lancaster @ Home

FRIDAY, SEPT. 29
7 p.m.
Away vs. Cambridge South Dorchester

FRIDAY, OCT. 6
7 p.m.
Snow Hill @ Home

FRIDAY, OCT. 13
7 p.m.
Away vs. Colonel Richardson

FRIDAY, OCT. 20
7 p.m.
Arcadia @ Home

FRIDAY, OCT. 27
7 p.m.
Away vs. Northampton
LOOKING AHEAD

Friday, Aug. 25 –
9:45 a.m.: Nandua Boys Varsity Golf vs. Worcester Prep @ Glen Riddle
10 a.m.: Chincoteague Boys Varsity Golf vs. Worcester Prep
4 p.m.: Broadwater Varsity Cross Country @ Denbigh Baptist
7 p.m.: Arcadia Varsity Football vs. First Flight
Chincoteague Varsity Football vs. Windsor

Monday, Aug. 28 –
10 a.m.: Chincoteague Boys Varsity Golf vs. Nandua @ Eastern Shore Yacht and Country Club

Wednesday, Aug. 30 –
4 p.m.: Arcadia JV Football vs. Stephen Decatur
Arcadia JV Volleyball vs. Stephen Decatur
5:30 p.m.: Arcadia Varsity Volleyball vs. Stephen Decatur
5 p.m.: Chincoteague JV Volleyball vs. Worcester Prep
6 p.m.: Chincoteague Varsity Volleyball @ Worcester Prep
Northampton JV Football vs. Northumberland

Thursday, Aug. 31 –
5 p.m.: Chincoteague JV Volleyball @ King and Queen Central
6 p.m. Chincoteague Varsity Volleyball @ King and Queen Central

Friday, Sept. 1 –
7 p.m.: Broadwater Varsity Football @ Blessed Sacrament-Huguenot
Arcadia Varsity Football @ Stephen Decatur
Chincoteague Varsity Football @ Hampton Roads Academy

Tuesday, Sept. 5 –
5:15 p.m. Broadwater JV Volleyball vs. Denbigh Baptist
6:30 p.m.: Broadwater Varsity Volleyball vs. Denbigh Baptist

Wednesday, Sept. 6 –
4 p.m.: Nandua JV Volleyball @ Holly Grove
4:30 p.m.: Northampton Field Hockey @ Crisfield High School
5 p.m.: Nandua Varsity Volleyball @ Holly Grove
6 p.m.: Arcadia JV Football @ Nandua

Thursday, Sept. 7 –
4 p.m.: Arcadia JV Volleyball vs. Holly Grove
4:30 p.m.: Arcadia, Nandua, Northampton Boys & Girls Varsity Cross Country Invitational @ Nandua
5:15 p.m.: Broadwater JV Volleyball vs. Hampton Christian
5:30: Arcadia Varsity Volleyball vs. Holly Grove
Northampton JV Volleyball @ Chincoteague
6:30 p.m. Broadwater Varsity Volleyball vs. Hampton Christian
Northampton Varsity Volleyball @ Chincoteague

Friday, Sept. 8 –
7 p.m.: Broadwater Varsity Football @ Brunswick Academy
Chincoteague Varsity Football @ King and Queen Central
Arcadia Varsity Football vs. Nandua

Saturday, Sept. 9 –
10 a.m.: Broadwater Varsity CoEd Cross Country @ Lake Forest

One Largemouth Bass To Go!
J.C. Morrison poses with a 23-inch largemouth bass caught in the retention pond in front of Bojangles’ in Onley.

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**Drive for Literacy Golf Tournament**

The 21st annual Drive for Literacy Golf Tournament will be held Friday, Oct. 6, at the Eastern Shore Yacht and Country Club to benefit the learners of the Eastern Shore Literacy Council.

Shot Gun Start is at 1 p.m., immediately following a buffet luncheon starting at 11:30 a.m. The day will be wrapped up with a presentation of prizes at the social hour following the tournament.

Registration is $100/individual and $400/team. Sponsorship levels are the Pro ($2,000 includes name in the title and two-to-four person teams), Ace ($1,000 with team entry included), Greens/“Fore” Play ($500 sponsor lunch or social hour – fees paid for two golfers), “Water Hazard” ($250 beverage cart sponsor) and Hole Sponsor ($100).

All sponsorships include signage posted at the tournament and media promotion. Sponsor and registration forms are available on our website at www.shoreliteracy.org.

Prizes include a new car from Buchanan Subaru or Midway Toyota for a hole-in-one, in addition to first and second place prizes for teams with best net and gross scores – meaning four teams will win.

The biggest winner, of course, is the non-profit Eastern Shore Literacy Council, in its 31st year of providing free literacy services to adults on the Eastern Shore. Join them for a great fall day at the Country Club while helping to fulfill their mission.

Sponsorship deadline is Sept. 8, and the registration deadline is Sept. 26.

Contact the ESLC at 757-789-1761 or esliteracy@gmail.com for additional information.

**Northampton County Sheriff’s Office**

**16th Annual Charity Golf Tournament**

The Northampton County Sheriff’s Office will hold its annual charity golf tournament Friday, Sept. 29, at Bay Creek Golf Club, beginning at noon.

All proceeds will benefit the Riverside Hospice Fund and the Randy Custis Memorial Fund.

Registration deadline is Sept. 25. The fee is $440 per team/$110 per player, and includes greens fees, carts with GPS, lunch, dinner, drinks and prizes. Hole sponsors are $300 non-playing and $700 with a team.

Prizes will be given out to the first-through fourth-place teams in two flights, closest to the pin and hole-in-one prizes on all par 3s. There will also be prizes for longest drive on two holes.

Spaces will fill up fast, so mail your registration as soon as possible. Call 757-678-0440 ext. 751 or 757-678-0458 for more information and registration forms.

**27th Onancock Bay Challenge**

The Onancock Bay Challenge, sponsored by the Eastern Shore of Virginia Anglers Club, will take place on Saturday, Sept. 16.

More than $6,500 worth of prizes will be presented to registered participants in awards and drawings at the Onancock Wharf weigh-in, where there will also be entertainment by The Musical Chef Johnny Mo, plus light food from Janet’s General Store in Onancock.

There is a $25 entry fee; youth ages 15 and under fish for free. Adult plaques, youth trophies and gift certificates will be awarded for the largest and second-largest entries in eight categories: croaker, spot, bluefish, flounder, gray trout, speckled trout, sand mullet and red drum (18 to 26 inches long.) If you happen to bring in the largest oyster toad, you’ll win something for that, too.

Sponsored merchandise awards, each valued at $600, include best adult-caught fish, best Angler’s Club member fish and best junior angler-caught fish.

All participants will be entered into drawings for dozens of valuable fishing-related prizes, leading up to the Grand Prize drawing worth more than $300.

Anglers must register prior to the event, and all people fishing from the same boat must also be registered. Fishing is with rod and reel or hand line only, and begins at 6 a.m. Anglers have to present their fish to be weighed-in at the Onancock Wharf by 5:30 p.m., and are encouraged to release anything that they will not eat or enter in the event.

Performance fishing shirts featuring Thelma Peterson’s painting of a spotted seatrout will be available. Known as “Speckle Fever,” this artwork has been donated by Peterson to countless conservation and organizational fundraising efforts since its creation in 1991. These shirts, as well as Bay Challenge rules and registration forms, are available at SeaHawk Sports Center, the Onancock Harbormaster’s Office, and on the Anglers Club website.

Call 757-709-8697 for more information, or visit the events page at www.esanglersclub.org.

**ACPR Flag Football & Tackle Football Sign-ups**

Acomack Parks and Recreation is accepting registration for flag football and tackle football. Youth ages 5 – 8 are eligible to play flag football, and ages 9 – 11 and 12 – 14 are eligible to play tackle football.

Registration fee is $60 for flag football and $80 for tackle football. Practice will begin on Sept. 7. Contact the Parks and Recreation office if you are interested in coaching ACPR’s youth football. All volunteers and coaches are required to complete a criminal background check.

For additional information, contact the Parks and Recreation office at 757-787-3900 or 757-824-0314.

**NFL Flag Football League**

Northampton County Parks and Recreation is now officially registered under the NFL Flag Football League. Participants will receive official NFL Flag Football jerseys, along with official NFL Flag Football belts.

Ages 5-8, 9-12 and 13-16 will learn the fundamentals of football, and will put their skills and talent to the test during weekend games. Practices will begin on Sept. 11, and games will begin Saturday, Oct. 7. Don’t miss out on being a part of this nationally recognized league; registration deadline is Friday, Sept. 15, at 4 p.m.

The league is also looking for coaches. Each coach will receive one free scholarship, and an official NFL Flag Football gear.

For player registration, or for more information on becoming a coach, call our office at 757-678-0468.

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Fishing from the Shore

By Bill Hall

As the days begin to shorten and the night time temperatures start to drop, the fishing off the Eastern Shore typically begins to improve from its summer doldrums, and this year looks to be no exception.

Speckled trout catches continue to increase along the bayside creeks, and the late summer/early autumn run of red drum along the channel edges is well underway. The appearance of medium to large sized “yellow-bellied” spot should not be too far behind.

Although most fisheries seemed to be below expectations this year, one noticeable exception has been the lower bay cobia run. Cobia first appeared in early-mid May and are still hitting with some consistency. Contrary to what some governmental fisheries management agencies claim, the cobia population seems to be in good shape. Cobia and whiting (sea mullet, kingfish) catches have been the highlights of the summer fishing season.

Chincoteague – Donna Rae, at Captain Bob’s Marina, reported that flounder and croaker catches were slow on the inside, with the best catches coming from buoy 17 up to the town pier. Catches consisted primarily of undersized fish. Mark Joyner caught a rare limit of flounder in Chincoteague Channel, finding keeper fish in the area north of Captain Bob’s Marina, near Daisey’s Dockside. Four-inch Berkley Gulp Ripple Shad Mullet in the white body/chartreuse tail color pattern were the successful baits for the trip. Larger flounder catches continue to come from the offshore wrecks – a recent trip with Captain Glen Clausen limited out with the largest flounder weighing in at 6-8!

Kingfish (whiting) catches were still being made near the inlet. Undersized striped bass, measuring 20-21 inches, were being caught and released around the bridge pilings and just offshore of the ocean breakers. Snapper bluefish were also found around the Assateague Bridge. Black sea bass, triggers and flounder were being caught by anglers, as well as spearred by spearfishermen, on the Blackfish Banks and the boxcars. Large black sea bass were coming from the Bone, the Marine Electric and the wreck outside the Parking Lot, where a couple of nice dolphin (mahi mahi) have also been taken.

The Kid’s Croaker Tournament at Captain Steve’s Bait & Tackle attracted a field of almost 90 participants, with Ethan Willett hanging on to first place with a 13.3-ounce fish and William Davis finishing second with a 12-ounce fish. This is the second year in a row that Willett has taken the top honors in this tournament.

Wachapreague – Captain Lindsay Paul, of Trident Tackle, reported that there have not been any changes in the flounder fishing inside the inlet. Captain Paul repeated that a “few” fish continue to be caught, but they are mostly “throwbacks” under the 17-inch minimum size limit. Offshore fishing did not sound very encouraging either, with tuna catches described as “scarce.” Recent trips to the 21 Mile Hill have produced only catches of false albacore. There were reports of a few tuna being pulled from 30 fathoms and a white marlin release coming from inside the Washington Canyon.

Lower Shore – Chris Snook, of Chris’ Bait & Tackle, reported that the shop has registered red drum release citations for fish being released from the Middle Grounds all the way up to Nassawadox Creek. Spanish mackerel are hitting trolled Clark spoons, as well as Stingsilvers, that have been tossed under flocks of feeding birds. Croaker have been coming from the deeper water along the main channels. Anglers chumming for cobia are having to deal with lots of sharks and rays, but the cobia run continues.

The fourth island of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel continues to hold a population of spadefish and triggerfish. The area in front of Sunset Beach Inn up to the concrete ships off of Kiptopeke State Park is holding good numbers of sea mullet (whiting). Spot catches are starting to increase off the Kiptopeke pier. Flounder fishing remains inconsistent, with the better catches coming from anglers jigging around the bridge pilings during periods of slack tide.

Upper Shore – Tex McFadden, from the Onancock Wharf, reported that Captain Walt Charters led Pennsylvania angler Brett Dunn to a catch of four keeper speckled trout measuring up to 21 inches, as well as a number of rockfish while fishing near the mouth of Onancock Creek.

Captain Matt Abell and party released four large red drum and kept a cobia on a recent trip near off Nassawadox Creek. Red drum have also shown up further up the middle bay in the vicinity of buoy #72, where bluefish in the 18- to 22-inch size are also hitting. Speckled trout catches were reported off Tangier. Croaker catches are starting to increase in size and numbers.

Bill Hall was the first Eastern Shore resident to achieve Virginia Salt Water Master Angler Status. He has been named Virginia Saltwater Angler of the Year and Virginia Saltwater Release Angler of the Year. Bill is an I.G.F.A. International Committee Representative and a longtime member of the Virginia Saltwater Fishing Tournament Committee. He is the Virginia Recreation Fishing representative on the ASMFC Striped Bass Management Panel and is a past recipient of the CCA-VA Virginia Outdoor Writer Conservation Leadership Award.

Sean Reilly released an impressive red drum on a recent trip on the Nassawadox Creek.
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Renowned Eastern Shore Artist Willie Crockett
Having Too Much Fun To Retire

Willie Crockett, maybe the best-known artist on the Eastern Shore of Virginia, has enjoyed more than his share of fun during his 78 years.

“I’ve got some great friends,” said Crockett from his second-story studio in Onancock, where numerous paintings in various states of completion surround him. “For the last 17 years, a group of about eight of us have met on Sunday morning to tell stories and have a few laughs. It gets the week off to a good start. I also play poker with some friends each week. I don’t hunt as much as I used to since I sold my cabin, but I still take a hunting trip once a year with some old friends. I keep my boat at the dock and go fishing when they’re biting. My wife says, ‘All you do is have fun.’ The other night I was dreaming and woke up laughing at something one of my friends said. She wakes up and says, ‘Why, you even have fun in your sleep.’”

Crockett also has fun when he works. “I love coming here every day,” looking over at Chamois, a 13-year-old yellow Labrador who sleeps at his feet while he paints. “People ask me when I’m going to retire. I say, ‘Retire from what?’”

Crockett grew up on Tangier Island, the son of a waterman who also served as an elder and the minister in the church. “I found I enjoyed playing on the water more than I like working on the water. My father always said, ‘You’re too light for heavy work and too heavy for light work.’”

Crockett said his favorite memory of growing up on Tangier was listening to the stories of the old men on the docks and in the general store. “Tangiermen are great story tellers,” said Crockett of an art he is well-known for today.

When Crockett was in the fifth grade, his teacher asked the class to put their heads on their desks and close their eyes while she read “Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard,” a poem written by Thomas Gray in 1751.

“I couldn’t believe someone could write those words,” said Crockett, reciting a passage from the poem. “I loved poetry from that day on. I took to memorizing poetry on our trips across the bay to Crisfield to sell what we caught.”

After high school, Crockett attended a bible college in Columbia, S.C., and after returning to the island for a year to teach elementary school, he headed out west to Oregon and Washington, where he was a minister for seven years. “I tried to convert the hippies, and they liberated me,” said Crockett.

“When I knew I no longer wanted to be a minister, I had to learn a skill unless I wanted to join the rat race.”

While out west, he had taken art classes from an older Asian man. “I was good at drawing things, but he taught me to be an artist.”

Crockett returned to the Shore but now lived on the mainland rather than his native Tangier. His watercolors of hunting scenes, old boats and local wharves were in great demand by the public in an era when wildlife art exploded on the scene. His paintings brought unheard of prices at the time when auctioned at Ducks Unlimited banquets. He has donated to numerous non-profits over the years.

He taught art classes and produced a new wave of wildlife artists, many of whom have prospered. “Some of them are charging more than me,” said Crockett with a touch of pride.

Sometimes Crockett barters with his customers rather than charges. “I’ve traded paintings for services from doctors, lawyers, dentists, you name it.”

In many places, a mural by Crockett will span an entire wall. Recently, he has taken to painting scenes on an unfinished door, which serves as a large canvas for his work. He also works with oils and acrylics these days.

A man of many interests, Crockett has held Shakespearean readings at local venues. “Not many people have heard a Tangierman doing Shakespeare,” said Crockett with his ever-ready smile.

He’s also in the process of developing a book that will include his artwork and original poetry, reciting a poem that reflects his love of the outdoors.

Always a joker, Crockett said with dead seriousness, “I married well,” referring to his wife of 54 years, Iris, who runs a successful real-estate business on the first floor of an historic Onancock building that served as a furniture store for many years.

They have five children, including Billy Crockett, who took up carving rather than painting and has twice finished runner-up in the Ward World Carving Championship and took third two other times.

“He has talent, but he also loves what he does,” said a proud father.

“You have to love what you’re doing to be any good at it,” said Crockett. “When people tell me I’ve been blessed to have a talent, like I was chosen to do this, I say, ‘I deserve some of the credit. You should see the 10 million sheets of paper I crumpled and threw away.’”

Chamois, Crockett’s yellow lab, is his constant companion while he works in his studio.
Sea Turtle Found Christmas Eve on Fisherman Island Returned to the Wild

Photos and Story Submitted by Max Lonzanida, Special to the Post

On last year’s cold and rainy Christmas Eve, visitors on the guided tour of Fisherman Island discovered a severely cold stunned loggerhead sea turtle on the beach. Eastern Shore Master Naturalists Bob Toner and Jack Humphreys, and Park Ranger Max Lonzanida, quickly lifted the turtle from the surf and into a waiting refuge vehicle. While waiting for the Virginia Aquarium’s stranding team to arrive, visitors named the turtle Humphrey after Jack Humphrey who helped lift the turtle from the surf. The rescue triggered a long recovery that would eventually span two states.

Humphrey was released back into the sea on Aug. 8 on Point Pleasant Beach, N.J.

For the non-profit Sea Turtle Recovery, it was the first loggerhead sea turtle to be released after a long rehabilitation. For New Jersey, it was the first ever release of a sea turtle that required long-term rehabilitation. For the Eastern Shore tour group that recovered Humphrey, it was the first ever rescue of a live loggerhead. For Humphrey, it was a second chance.

Fisherman Island is host to guided eco-tours by members of the Eastern Shore Master Naturalists and Park Rangers from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service every Saturday starting in October and running through March. Loggerhead sea turtles can grow to weigh up to 250 pounds and can be as long as one meter. They are the largest hard-shelled turtle and are slightly larger than the green sea turtle and Galapagos turtle. They are named for their large heads, which house powerful jaw muscles for cracking shells and catching prey. Loggerhead can live as long as 50 years and have the largest geographical distribution of any sea turtle. The southeastern Atlantic Ocean and the Gulf of Mexico host the largest concentrations. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service classifies loggerheads as a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act, and they remain listed as an endangered species under the International Union for the Conservation of Nature.

These turtles rarely come ashore, except females, which lay eggs and, as was the case with Humphrey, after being cold stunned and stranded.

Humphrey spent December through May across the bay at the Virginia Aquarium’s stranding center. There, Humphrey was known as a picky eater, and loved to eat squid and jellyfish as opposed to herring. When the stranding center required more space in May due to an influx of new patients, Humphrey was transported to the non-profit Sea Turtle Recovery in West Orange, N.J., for further care. This facility opened in December 2016 and is inside Essex County’s Turtle Back Zoo. Humphrey was one of its first patients to receive long-term care. The facility provides food, medicine, surgery, and other treatments to sick and injured sea turtles until they can be released.

Humphrey’s release came with much fanfare. Turtle Back Zoo held a release party the day before. Humphrey’s favorite diet was increased, and a transmitter was fitted to its carapace (shell) to track its whereabouts. On release day, hundreds of people flocked to Point Pleasant beach to see Humphrey off. A segment of TLC’s show Cake Boss was filmed, and a celebrity cake was made in its honor. When release time came, Humphrey was carried past crowds of onlookers bearing well-wishing signs. Many held back tears. After nearly nine months of recovery, the once cold-stunned Humphrey flapped its flippers and slipped into the surf to start a second chance in the wild, having enjoyed a recovery that all started on a cold Christmas Eve on Fisherman Island.

Photo Courtesy of Sea Turtle Recovery

The loggerhead turtle, Humphrey, making its way to the water after being released in Point Pleasant, N.J.
Solar Eclipse 2017

Spectators gathered at the NASA Visitor Center at Wallops Island and at the Assateague Beach Visitor Center to get free glasses for viewing the solar eclipse Monday where they pledged future eye safety and had fun.

*Photos by Linda Cicoira*
Thousands Visit NASA & Parks Service To View Eclipse Safely

The lines were long for special solar glasses at NASA with some only getting one to share among their family and others getting there hours early only to learn they would have to wait for the freebies. But most seemed happy for the guidance that was being given.

At Assateague the crowd was smaller, the glasses were plentiful and participants earned badges as junior rangers while learning not to look directly at the sun without the proper wear.

Upper left, eclipse watchers wait in long line to get free, specially made solar glasses. Lower left, spectators fill the auditorum to learn about the Great American Eclipse that went in totality from Oregon to South Carolina. Above, Ranger Jason Deger, of the Parks Service at Assateague, awards a badge to a youngster who learned about the next eclipse in 2024 and promised to wear the proper gear for that viewing.

Photos by Linda Cicoira
Adrianna Rippon captured the eclipse in Belle Haven in the form of crescent-shaped leaf shadows. “Pretty cool alternative to watching the eclipse without the glasses,” she said.

At left, multi-champion show horse and “super model” Zahn gets ready for the eclipse. Above right, Post Ad Manager Troy Justis and Toby Tomlinson, 12, of Onancock, watch the eclipse through approved viewers. Below right, Northampton reporter Stefanie Jackson gets in the action.
Eclipse 2017 — *Reader Photos Continued*

Members of the Eastern Shore Emergency Medical Corps provided sunscreen, bug repellent, tick removal kits and first aid at the NASA Wallops Visitor Center Eclipse Event on Monday (right photo). Pictured at the eclipse selfie station are George Garrett, Volunteer Coordinator Ellen Archer, Anne Hall, Chris Taylor, Linda Meehan, Charlie Archer, and Steve Borgess. (Not pictured: Kaye Gaskins.) The ESMRC is made up of medical and non-medical volunteers.

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By Linda Cicoira

It’s an opportunity for kids to learn things they may need to know in life or on the job like how to change a tire, plant crops and weld steel.

“Our words — integrity, courage, commitment and respect — that’s what we try to instill in youth, and it all starts with handshakes and eye contact,” group founder “on a shoestring budget,” and retired Navy officer, Patrick Lopez said Wednesday.

The 4th Annual Eastern Shore Paradise is being held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. this Saturday, Aug. 26, at Eastern Shore Organic Farms, 26811 Redwood Rd. in Onley, by the non-profit veteran organization, Revive Warriors - Real Role Models for Youth. And it’s free.

Discovery Flights, for those ages 11 to 17, will also be available starting at 9 a.m. in various types of planes. Those participants must register ahead by calling 757-708-3848. Space is limited. “I will go over the details and we will get them in line to get on a plane,” said Lopez. He brushed off an inquiry about his career saying, “It’s not about me, it’s about what we’re doing.”

The official event will begin with raising the American flag, the national anthem and parachuters landing on the field at 11 a.m. Participants will then get ID cards that will be marked as they go through the stations of activities including Coast Guard water safety, tire changing, basic vehicle mechanics, plowing land, planting a crop, a truck touch at which cement mixer and dump truck safety will be taught, welding, and a safety course that will include putting out a fire with an extinguisher.

“These kids are old enough to drive a car,” Lopez said. “We look at being self-sufficient, being able to take care of yourself in an area where your cell phone is dead,” he said.

“Peninsula Tractor Organization will be here with tractors from the 40s and 50s,” Lopez said. Melfa Fire & Rescue has confirmed an EMS display. “Though unconfirmed, NASA may have their mobile command center here,” Lopez said. “Also unconfirmed is Nightingale, a rescue helicopter. They’ll be on call so they might not make it.”

“Youth dedicate time and do the work before getting to do the rock climb or zip line,” which “is actually a harness. It’s very safe,” Lopez noted. “The best way to shape our future is in training of real education and real things. Exposure to real basic functions to live.”

“We absolutely need to raise money,” he added. “We do have a lot of community support and we are strictly volunteer. There are no paid positions.” Hundreds of boys and girls have participated. “Right now, each youth would cost about $500 a year to participate in a program. Our foundation is absorbing all the costs ...

... We are trying to get funding ... we would use the money to buy things for the kids, books, clothing, safety equipment, boots, so when a kid comes out to our program they will be given the tools for any task from farming to giving presentations.”

The organization gave its first $500 scholarship in July to Walker Fluhart, a recent Nandua High graduate, who participated for four years. He’s going into the emergency medical/fire department fields. “It will pay for a couple of classes,” Lopez said.

“I’d like to give a ‘Thank You’ to the community for all of the support they have given. Kids have come out from around the nation, as far as Hawaii, for some of our events,” Lopez said. “We’re growing, but this is still the Eastern Shore Paradise.”

Never Pay for Your Local News
Cheriton
African Baptist Church is planning a trip to the New African American Museum in Washington, D.C., on Oct. 28. Tickets are $85 per person. There are only a few seats available. To purchase tickets, call Valencia Powell at 757-695-1277.

Craddockville
Craddockville UMC United Methodist Men will hold a BBQ Chicken Dinner on Friday, Sept. 1, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dinners are $8 and include chicken, cole slaw, baked beans and rolls.

During the worship service on Sunday, Sept. 3, at 9:30 a.m., there will be a blessing of all children and their backpacks, as well as school faculty.

The sermon series, “Rough Side of the Mountain,” will begin on Sunday, Sept. 17, at 6 p.m. Come eat ice cream sundaes and listen to live music by Real Men Sing Real Loud.

Downing’s UMC holds Prayer Time every Wednesday at 11 a.m.

Keller
Hollies Baptist Church, in Keller, announced that David Riley, shown above with wife, Peggy, has accepted the position as the new pastor.

Onancock
Church Women United will meet at the Hermitage on Tuesday, Sept. 19, at noon.

Market St. UMC, 75 Market St., will hold a Country Fair Bazaar on Saturday, Oct. 14, from 8 a.m. to noon. The event will feature a country store, bake shop, curiosity shop, crafts, apples galore, silent auction, pork barbecue, and chicken salad.

Oak Hall
Downings UMC, just south of T’s Corner, will host Songs and Sundae, on Sunday, Sept. 17, at 6 p.m.

Wachapreague
Grace Independent Methodist Church, 31383 Drummondtown Rd., will celebrate their Third Anniversary with Brother Robert Boatwright, on Saturday, Sept. 9, at 5 p.m. All gospel groups and singers are invited to perform two selections. For more information, call Boatwright at 757-709-2659.

Withams
Mt. Zion Independent Methodist Church will host Window Rally Service, on Sunday, Aug. 27, at 3 p.m. Virginia Evangelist Sandra Sheppard, of St. Matthew Christ Church United in Onancock, will be the guest.

A&N Electric Cooperative is seeking candidates for the position of District 4 Director.

District 4 extends from Nassawadox’s northern town limits to the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel. A&N Electric Cooperative members who would like to become a candidate for this position must reside within District 4, meet director qualifications, and complete the application process.

To request further information regarding the director application process or to find out if you are eligible please call 757-787-9755 or email district4director@anec.com.

Those interested in applying for District 4 Director may request an application packet from the Cooperative’s headquarters in Tasley, Va., during normal business hours 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

All applications are due by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 11, 2017.

ANEC’s director qualifications and bylaws can be found at www.anec.com.
Savage/Jones
To Wed

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Savage, of Greenbush, are pleased to announce the upcoming wedding of their daughter, Tanya M. Savage, to Lafont C. Jones, son of the late Diann Jones, of Hare Valley, and grandson of Mrs. Bessie Edwards and the late Mr. Henry Edwards, of Hare Valley.

The wedding will take place at Living Word Church of Deliverance, 18154 Lankford Hwy., Parksley, on Saturday, Sept. 2, at 2 p.m. Bishop Irvin Jackson will officiate. All are welcome. Reception will follow at the Moose Lodge, 15315 Merry Cat Ln., Belle Haven by invitation only.

Marriage Licenses Issued

- Rodolfo Roberto Zavala, 32, and Ashley Nicole Bernard, 28, both of Parksley
- Charlene Ann Nicholson, 34, and Michael Stacey Bagwell, 40, both of Greenbush
- George Bryan Applegate, 33, of Tasley, and Claire Louise Essley, 29, of Temperanceville
- Pedro Hermalindo Velazquez Morales, 22, and Yari Francisca Lopez Castellanos, 21, both of Parksley
- Dentelle Lastein Warner, 31, of Parksley, and Ceylon Glen Trader Jr., 32, of Salisbury, Md.
- Maurice Alonso Chandler Sr., 52, and Banessa Weathers, 52, both of Painter
- Brashawn Akeem Bailey, 23, and Courtney Monet Riggins, 24, both of Onancock
- Forrest Davis III, 30, and Jasmine Nicole Custis, 26, both of Painter
- Robert Earl Kinsey Sr., 63, and Rebecca Delores Beach, 55, both of Wachapreague
- Richard Alexander Lewis, 28, and Danielle Lynn Godwin, 24, both of Parksley
- Finel Gedeon, 56, and Marie Guerline Arthur, 42, both of Onancock
- Emilio Louis Cora, 36, and Elismarie Vazquez, 39, both of Chincoteague
- Edward Paige Trader Sr., 66, and Mary Ann Albano Alcones, 32, both of New Church
- Thomas Matthew Politica Jr., 32, and Anne Kathryn Hartinger, 32, both of Perkasie, Pa.
- Jean Jacques Sudne, 56, and Sainte Rose Pierre, 58, both of Parksley
- Maudilio Nery Lopez Tomas and Cenaida Morales Sajche, both 36, of Accomac
- Randell Jay Finney Sr., 51, of Windsor Mill, Md., and Lisa Michelle Duffy, 37, of Melfa
- David Lawrence Dymond, 37, and Rebecca Elizabeth Keller, both of Tunkhannock, Pa.
- Marcela Escalante, 28, of Nelsonia, and Augusto Ruvalcaba, 27, of Chula Vista, Calif.
- Aaron Kaufey Reese and Lidia Vanessa Arreola, both 20, of Accomac
- Ruben Javier Morales Morales, 47, and Ingrid Viviana Vazquez Chagala, 31, both of Wachapreague
- Clarence Mast, 73, of Tunkhannock, Pa., and Cathy Ann Deparasis, 57, of Muncy, Pa.
Marshall/Parkhurst Wedding Planned

Mr. and Mrs. J. Michael Stephens are pleased to announce the upcoming marriage of Kert Jay Parkhurst II to Elizabeth Renae Marshall. He is the son of the late Kert Jay Parkhurst & Beth Anne Stephens, of Eastville. She is the daughter of Samuel Marshall, of Machipongo, and Tammy Marshall, of Seaford, Del. Parkhurst is a 2013 graduate of Nashville Auto Diesel College. Marshall studied at Delaware Technical & Eastern Shore community colleges.

The ceremony will take place on Saturday, Sept. 23, 2017, at 3 p.m., at Cheriton United Methodist, with the Rev. Janet Allen officiating. The reception will follow at American Legion Post 56 in a country setting with music and dinner served. Invitations will be extended privately.

SU Graduates and Dean’s List

Four Accomack County students recently graduated from Salisbury University. Area residents include Kelsey Thomas, B.S., nursing, of Atlantic; Chelsea Porter, B.S., physical education, of Hallwood; Faizan Ahmad, B.S., finance, cum laude, of Mears; and Cole Fisher, B.S., geography, of Oak Hall.

Seven Accomack County area students were named to the Dean’s List at Salisbury University for the spring 2017 semester. Residents include Kinsley Hall, of Bloxom; Ryan Wright, of Craddockville; Brennan Hall, of Greenbackville; Cole Fisher, of Oak Hall; Cassie Bernard, of Parksley; Savannah Stubbs, of Chincoteague; and Victoria Stubbs, of Chincoteague.

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Shaffer Makes VT Dean’s List

Justin T. Shaffer, of Franktown, a junior majoring in BC in the College of Architecture and Urban Studies, is among the Virginia Tech students named to the Dean’s List for the spring 2017 semester.

ESCBA Presents Three Scholarships

The Eastern Shore Christian Businessmen’s Association (ESCBA) recently presented $1,000 scholarships to Stephanie Kellam and Evelyn Dunton, of Northampton High School, and Tanner Troyer, of Nandua High School. Dunton, left, and Kellam are pictured at front with their parents behind them. Troyer was unable to attend the meeting. At back (from left) are ESCBA scholarship chairman Vernon Bell, Bobbi and Robert Dunton, Annette and Chad Kellam, and ESCBA president John Konkel.

Boys and Girls Club Attend Camp Silver Beach

Approximately 75 local youth will be headed off to camp Aug. 21 to 24 through a partnership between the Boys and Girls Club, Eastern Shore Unit, and YMCA-Camp Silver Beach. Rhonda Marsh, director of development at YMCA Camp Silver Beach, and Kathy Custis, Boys and Girls Club unit director, pictured left to right in center of kids, have worked since April to raise over $25,000 to make the camp experience possible.

Marsh said the campers experienced kayaking and paddle boarding on the Chesapeake Bay as well as simply playing on the beach and bay. They also participated in archery, skateboarding, roller blading, zip lining, the 55-foot Alpine Tower, basketball and swam in the swimming pools with tube slides and a water park with giant water slides.
Cheriton

The Relay for Life Fifth Annual Sunday of Hope will be held at Cheriton UMC, on Sunday, Aug. 27, at 6:30 p.m. Luminaria bags are available for $10 each. For more information, call Cheli West at 757-646-8451.

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The SPCA Eastern Shore will host a barn dance fundraiser, “Paws Down Hoe Down,” at Mimosa Barn, 20031 Oakland Farm Rd., on Sunday, Sept. 17, from 5 to 10 p.m. This is a casual come-as-you-are event. Jerry Fitchett will be offering line-dancing lessons. There will be all-you-can-eat barbecue by Tommy Hines and trivia with Eric Hack. Local bakeries will provide dessert and there will be lots of raffle prizes from local businesses. Tickets are $45 and can be purchased at Rayfield’s in Cape Charles, the Book Bin in Onley, and the SPCA in Onley. For more information or to pay by credit card, call the shelter at 757-787-7385.

Chincoteague

The Chincoteague Island Library, 4077 Main St., will hold a Labor Day Yard Sale on Saturday, Sept. 2, and Monday, Sept. 4, from 8 a.m. to noon. The event will be held inside the library, rain or shine. There will be tools, collectibles, books, furniture and much more. Proceeds will go to the library for programs, materials and maintenance. For more information, call 757-336-3460.

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The Navy’s Morale, Welfare & Recreation will present the 1st Annual 9/11 Tribute and “Almost 1K” Memorial Walk/Run, at KOA Campground, on Saturday, Sept. 9, beginning at 8 a.m.

Schedule of Events:

• 8 a.m.-Opening Ceremony/Benediction
• 9:11 a.m.-“Almost 1K”
• 9:11 a.m.-1 p.m.-Build Your Own Water Bottle Rocket
• 11 a.m.-Kanjam & Cornhole Tournament

Tournaments
• 1 p.m.-Awards/Closing Remarks/Rocket Launch

Back-to-School Giveaways

• There will be a school supply giveaway for Arcadia Middle and High School students at Arcadia High School, in Oak Hall, on Saturday, Aug. 26, from 9 a.m. to noon. This event is sponsored by Mentoring Our Men on behalf of Harrison Savage. For more information, call 443-493-0049.
• There will be a free school supplies giveaway at Bojan-gles’, in Onley, on Tuesday, Aug. 29, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. The supplies were donated by the restaurant and community.

Snow Hill, Md.

The Furnace Town Living Heritage Village will present the Americana Music Series Concert, on Sunday, Aug. 27, from 5 to 7 p.m. This is the final concert in the series. Doors will open at 4 p.m. Tickets are $15 for adults and $7.50 for children under 16. For more information, call 410-632-2032.

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The Eastern Shore of Virginia Master Gardener Program is accepting applications for the 2017 Master Gardener Training Class, to be held at Eastern Shore Agricultural Research and Extension Center, 33446 Research Dr., beginning Oct. 4 and continuing each Wednesday through Nov. 15, from 8:45 a.m. to 3 p.m. Exams will be in January and February 2018. For more information, call 757-678-7946 x29, or email esmgv@gmail.com. A $100 fee covers materials and lectures.

There will also be a Fall Garden Symposium at the Cheriton Fire Station, 21334 S. Bayside Rd., on Saturday, Oct. 21, at 8 a.m. The daylong event includes five lectures, lunch and a raffle of local artisan items. Tickets are on sale for $65 before Sept. 15, after which the price increases to $80. For more information, call 757-678-7946 x29 and leave a message.

Painter

The Academy for Lifetime Learning Registration is underway for the fall semester of the Academy for Lifetime Learning (ALL) and now members can register and pay online. The newly crafted web site is www.alllesva.org and accepts the $25 registration fee via Pay Pal and accepts the $25 registration fee via snail mail at: ALLESVA, P.O. Box 509, Exmore, VA 23350. Classes include Kayaking, the Bite Size Book Club, Memoir Writing, Watercolor for Beginners, Fun with French, Marine Biology & Eastern Shore History.

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FRIDAY
AUG. 25
★ 8 a.m. - Breakfast at the VFW - VFW Post 2296, Tasley - donations accepted
★ 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. - Alzheimer’s Caregivers’ Support Group - Riverside Shore Rehab Center, 26181 Parksley Rd., Parksley - 665-5133 (Lori Wilson)
★ noon - AA mtg. - UMC, 75 Market St., Onancock
★ 6 p.m. - Celebrate Recovery Group mtg. - Onancock Baptist Church
★ 7 p.m. - Music at the Dock: The Blue Aces - Robert Reed Park, Chincoteague
★ 7 p.m. - Life Teach Series - Rachel/Leah Covenant Ministries Center - 787-2486
★ 7:30 p.m. - Bingo - Exmore Moose Lodge, Belle Haven

SATURDAY
AUG. 26
★ 9 a.m. - Trooper Troy D. Ashe Memorial Police Pistol Tournament - Eastern Shore Safaris, 6276 Sturgis House Dr., Jamesville - 710-8486
★ 9 a.m.-1 p.m. - Farmer and Artisan Market - Chincoteague Cultural Alliance, 6309 Church St.
★ 9:30 a.m. - Sunrise Yoga On The Beach - Kiptopeke State Park - $8/class
★ 10 a.m.-1 p.m. - Soup Kitchen - Faith Christian Tabernacle Ministries, Rt. 13, Accomac - 787-1811
★ 10 a.m.-2 p.m. - Get Outdoors Day - Hazel Outdoor Discovery Center, Eden, Md.
★ noon & 7:30 p.m. - AA mtg. - Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 66 Market St., Onancock
★ 2-4 p.m. - Empowering Girls' Group - ESTACI, Main St., Exmore
★ 7 p.m. - Music at the Dock: CAISO Steel Drum Band - Robert Reed Park, Chincoteague
★ 7:30 p.m. - Bingo - Eastville Vol. Fire Co.

MONDAY
AUG. 28
★ 1-3 p.m. - Community Bingo - Chincoteague Cultural Alliance, 6309 Church St., Chincoteague
★ 3 p.m. - Parkinson’s Disease Support Group - Hospice & Palliative Care, Onancock
★ 5-6 p.m. - Al-Anon mtg. - Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Onancock
★ 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

WEDNESDAY
AUG. 30
★ 7:45 a.m. - Kiwanis Club of Accomack County mtg. - Sage Diner, Onley
★ 10 a.m. - TOPS mtg. - Market St. UMC, Onancock - 787-4718
★ 11 a.m.-1 p.m. - Soup Kitchen - Corner Stone Seventh Day Adventist Church, 3431 Main St., Exmore
★ noon - AA mtg. - UMC, 75 Market St., Onancock
★ 5-7 p.m. - Soup Kitchen & Clothes Closet - Grace and Truth Ministries, 19 Boundary Ave., Onancock - Donations: 789-5369
★ 5:30-6:30 p.m. - Free Meals for the Hungry - Epworth UMC, 4158 Seaside Rd., Exmore - 442-6391
★ 6-7 p.m. - Prayer Line Open (St. Matthew’s Church, Onley) - Call 665-7403, 387-7021 or 894-1521 w/prayer requests
★ 7 p.m. - AA & Al-Anon mtgs. - Franktown UMC
★ 7:30 p.m. - Bingo - Painter VFC

THURSDAY
AUG. 31
★ 10:30 a.m. - Children’s Story Hour - library, Accomac
★ 10:30 a.m. - Story Time - Cape Charles Memorial Library
★ 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/wk.
★ 5:30 p.m. - TOPS VA-550 mtg. - Zion Baptist Church, Parksley - 787-7099
★ 6-8 p.m. - GED Class - ESCC, Class A-51, Melfa
★ 6:30 p.m. - Kiwanis Club mtg. - St. Andrew’s Catholic, Chincoteague
★ 7 p.m. - Movies at the Palace: Beauty and the Beast - Palace Theatre, Cape Charles
★ 7 p.m. - Celebrate Recovery Group mtg. - Chincoteague Church of God
★ 7 p.m. - NA mtg. - Painter Garrison UMC
★ 7:30 p.m. - AA mtg. - Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 66 Market St., Onancock
★ 8 p.m. - AA mtg. - Christ UMC, 6253 Church St., Chincoteague

SUNDAY
AUG. 27
★ 9:30 a.m. - AA mtg. - Cokesbury Church, 13 Market St., Onancock
★ noon - Social Luncheon - Calvary Bible Church, Accomac
★ 12:30 p.m. - Bingo - Vietnam Veterans’ Bldg., Main St., Onley
★ 7 p.m. - AA mtg. - Christ Episcopal Church, Eastville

POST TIMES
Aug. 25-31
★ 9 a.m. - Al-Anon mtg. - Refuge Inn, Chincoteague
★ 10 a.m. - Zumba - Franktown UMC
★ 10 a.m. - Bingo - Accomack Senior Village, Onancock - 787-3900
★ 11 a.m. - Duplicate Bridge - Sage Diner, Onley - 442-2474
★ 3-6 p.m. - Farmer’s Market - Cape Charles Museum, Randolph Ave.
★ 5:30 p.m. - AA mtg. - St. James’ Episcopal Church, Drummondtown Rd., Accomac
★ 6 p.m. - Rachel Leah Ministries - 787-2486 (call for location)
★ 6 p.m. - Bingo - Pocomoke Elks, next to YMCA
★ 6:30 p.m. - GE D Class - ESCC, Class A-51, Melfa
★ 6:30 p.m. - AA mtg. - Trinity UMC, 109 Plum St., Cape Charles
★ 7:30 p.m. - Bingo - Cheriton VFC - smoke free

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Eastern Shore Trading POST

Announcements

Poulson’s Cleaners, in Exmore, will be closing September 6. We will be open Monday through Friday, 10-2, up until the closing date. 757-442-7260.

Help Wanted

EASTERN SHORE RURAL HEALTH SYSTEM, INC. is currently recruiting

Nurse Manager for the Chincoteague Island Community Health Center Requires a LPN or RN with at least 2 years of office nurse experience, recent and current AHC Board certification, knowledge of specialty, proficiency with computer software, strong interpersonal and communication skills.

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If you are a mission-driven person looking to make a difference, email an application to dhr@esrh.org before noon on August 29, 2017. Applications can be obtained from www.esrh.org. Resumes may accompany the application but will not be considered if sent alone.

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REWARD For Two Missing Dogs

Hans (golden, mixed neutered male, avid chipped) and Batman (chocolate male lab). Missing since Friday, March 17, from Assawoman. If anyone has seen them, or knows of their whereabouts, please, please call 757-709-3744.

Help Wanted

DISHWASHER – Dishwasher needed, days nights. No Sundays, (757)336-5888 ajis on the creek.com

LINE COOK, NIGHTS – Line cook needed. 25-30 hrs. /wk., fry, grill, sautee, expeditor, some experience preferred ajis on the creek.com

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MUSICIAN NEEDED for Metropolitan United Methodist Church. Send resume to P.O. Box 528, Onancock, VA 23417. Call for details: 434-609-5007.

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Salary: $25 per hour. Not eligible for benefits.

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For more information on each of these vacancies please visit our web site at: www.es.vccs.edu for additional information.

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

Senior Clinician/Clinician
Developmental Disabilities Aide
MH Skill Building Specialist (new pay scale)
Substance Abuse Outpatient Clinician (CSAC required)

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

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Resumes and questions may be sent to cvtisi@verizon.net. Applications available at our office: 36106 Lankford Hwy., Belle Haven.
Applications may be obtained at the Eastern Shore of Virginia 9-1-1 Communications Center, 23201 Front St., P.O. Box 337, Acomac, Va., 23341 or by visiting www.es911.org. Completed applications are due by 3 p.m., September 5th, 2017. The ESHA 9-1-1 Commission is an equal opportunity employer.

Town of Cape Charles
Part-Time Library Assistant
The Town of Cape Charles is seeking a customer service-oriented individual with strong communication skills for a part time Library Assistant position to work 15 hours per week at the Cape Charles Memorial Library in a variety of duties including assisting customers, data entry, statistics compilation, computer instruction and shelving library materials. This position is for the afternoon shift of 2:00 to 5:00 daily. Includes some Saturday and evening hours. This is an hourly position. Requires two years of college. Must work well with children and have strong computer skills. Previous library experience a plus. Hourly wage is $11.50. Application deadline is August 31, 2017. Submit resume to Human Resources, Town of Cape Charles, 222 Lotts Ln., Cape Charles, VA 23310 or by email to clerk@capecharles.org. Submittals without a Town Employment Application will not be considered. Applications can be obtained at www.capecarhales.org under Employment Opportunities. EOE

9-1-1 Communications Officer
The Eastern Shore of Virginia 9-1-1 Commission is now accepting applications for 9-1-1 Communications Officers for immediate part-time openings and potentially for future full-time openings. The qualified applicant will work rotating shifts, including weekdays, weekends, and holidays, as well as fill in as shifts as needed. Communications Officers are responsible for answering 9-1-1 calls, verifying the callback number and address of the emergency, determining the nature of the emergency and transferring the call or dispatching the appropriate emergency response unit as required, as well as other associated duties.

Minimum qualifications include:
- High school diploma equivalent, including some experience in keyboarding or typing. Applicants must be able to speak clearly and distinctly, understand and follow detailed directions, act quickly and effectively during emergencies, and operate complex telecommunications equipment. Desirable qualifications include two years experience in law enforcement, fire, or emergency medical services, and/or public safety dispatching. Applicants selected for employment will be subject to a criminal history background investigation and drug screening.

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Family Services Supervisor
(Northampton County – Eastern Shore)
Position Number: L0002
Hiring Range: $36,886.00 – may be higher considering qualifications, experience and budget constraints
Location: Eastville, VA 23347
Application Deadline: September 1, 2017 at 5:00PM
Previous Applicants Do Not Need to Reapply

For more information on these positions, please visit https://jobs.agencies.virginia.gov. Applications for these positions must be submitted electronically through this website (https://jobs.agencies.virginia.gov). Mailed, emailed, faxed or hand-delivered applications and resumes will not be accepted.

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September 14, 2017 at 1:30 PM

improved real property, with an abbreviated legal description of Tract I All those certain tracts or parcels of real estate situate near the Village of Atlantic in Atlantic Magisterial District, Accomack County, Virginia, designated as Tract B and Tract A on a certain plat captioned “Survey of Part of Property of Dixie Lee G. Davis shown hereon as Tracts ‘A’ & ‘B’ near Atlantic, Atlantic District, Accomack County, Virginia, made for Jeffrey V. Jaras” dated 8 April 1999, made by Eastern Shore Surveyors, certified by James B. Latimer, II, Land Surveyor, said plat being attached to and made a part of a certain Certificate of Partial Satisfaction and Plat attached to being recorded in the Clerk’s Office of the Circuit Court of Accomack County immediately prior hereto. The herein conveyed tracts or parcel of land in the entirety contains 18.99 acres, more or less, and are bounded as follows: On the Northeast, by the remaining property now or formerly of Irene G. Hicks, as shown on said plat; and on the Northwest, by Parcel “G” as shown on said plat, now owned by the said Jeffrey V. Jaras. (For identification purposes only, this tract is known as Tax Map Number 042001300G00000),

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Tract 2 All that certain lot or parcel of land situate on the Southwest side of State Route No. 702 (but not binding thereon), near the Village of Atlantic in Atlantic Magisterial District, Accomack County, Virginia, designated as Parcel “G” containing 3,620 acres, as shown on a certain plat captioned ‘Subdivision of Pine Grove, D.B. 397, P. 94, D.B. 321, P. 262, ‘Greta’, Atlantic District, Accomack County, Va.” dated 16 July, 1991, made by Eastern Shore Surveyors, LTD., certified by Bruce B. Gallup, C.L.S., said plat being attached to and made a part of a certain Declaration of Restrictions dated the 29th day of May, 1992, made by Lawrence B. Davis and Dixie Lee G. Davis, his wife, said Declaration being of record in the Clerk’s Office of the Circuit Court of Accomack County in Deed Book 620, at page 292, and said plat being of record in Plat Book 92, at page 57, reference to said plat is hereby expressly made for a more particular description of the lot herein conveyed. The herein conveyed Parcel “G” is bounded as follows: On the Northeast, by a certain 50 foot street or road shown as Lawrence Drive on said plat; on the Southeast, for a distance of 626.86 feet, by the remaining lands now or formerly of Lawrence Davis et us, as shown on said plat; on the Southwest, of a distance of 328.41 feet, by the land now or formerly of Irene G. Hicks, as shown on said plat, and on the Northwest, for a distance of 686.29 feet, by Parcel “H”, as shown on said plat. Said lot is conveyed together with all rights, privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining, specifically including the right to use, in common with all other persons, who may now or hereafter have the like right, the 50 foot outlet designated as “Lawrence Drive”, on said plat, and the cul-de-sac which is a part thereof on said plat and the 50 foot outlet designated as “Dixie Lane”, as shown on said plat, and the right to use the 50 foot right-of-way which leads from Parcel ‘A’ and Parcel ‘C’ on said plat for a distance of 200 feet to the southwestern side of State Route No. 702. (For identification purposes only, this tract is known as Tax Map Number 042001300G00000), and as more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

TERMS OF SALE: The property will be sold “AS IS,” WITHOUT REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY OF ANY KIND AND SUBJECT TO conditions, restrictions, reservations, easements, rights of way, and all other matters of record taking priority over the Deed of Trust to be announced at the time of sale. A deposit of $20,000.00, or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, in cash or cashier’s check payable to the SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE will be required at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price, with interest at the rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date said funds are received in the office of the SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE, will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale. In the event of default by the successful bidder, the entire deposit shall be forfeited and applied to the costs and expenses of sale and Substitute Trustee’s fee. All other public charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges, whether incurred prior to or after the sale, and all other costs incident to settlement to be paid by the purchaser. In the event taxes, any other public charges have been advanced, a credit will be due to the seller, to be adjusted from the date of sale at the time of settlement. Purchaser agrees to pay the seller’s attorneys at settlement, a fee of $445.00 for review of the settlement documents.

Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustees a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Rosenberg & Associates, LLC (Attorney for the Secured Party) 4340 East West Highway, Suite 600 Bethesda, MD 20814 301-907-8000

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Notice is hereby given that the Town Council for the Town of Keller, Virginia, will hold a public hearing beginning at 7:00 p.m. on September 6, 2017, in the Town Office located at 18248 N.R. North Street, Keller, Virginia, on a proposed ordinance to repeal and replace the Town's existing Vehicle License Tax. The proposed ordinance will update how the tax is collected, change due dates and processing fees, and adopt the DMV STOP program. A copy of the ordinance is available for inspection at the Town Office during its regular business hours.

Kenny L. Lewis
Zoning Administrator

TRUSTEE’S SALE OF
6276 Downing Beach Drive
Jamesville, VA 23398

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of $152,582.00, dated November 30, 2004, recorded among the land records of the Circuit Court for Northampton County on March 7, 2005, as Instrument Number 0500000909, the undersigned appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction, at the main entrance of the courthouse for the Circuit Court of Northampton County, 5229 The Hornes, Eastville, VA on September 21, 2017 at 1:00 PM, the property described in said deed of trust, located at the above address and briefly described as: PARCEL E AS SHOWN ON A CERTAIN MAP OR PLAT ENTITLED “SURVEY OF PARCELS D, E & F PROPERTY OF DOWNING, REID & ASHBY NEAR SILVER BEACH OCCOHANNOCK NECK, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA,” MADE BY CHEWNING, HOGGARD & ASSOCIATES, INC., ENGINEERS-PLANNERS, SURVEYORS, TO WHICH REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE; PLAT BEING OF RECORD IN THE CLERK’S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA IN DEED BOOK 176, PAGE 427. Tax ID: 0012A-01-00-00-A2.

TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder’s deposit of $10,000.00 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required in the form of a certified or cashier’s check. Cash will not be accepted as a deposit. Settlement within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Trustee may forfeit deposit. Additional terms of sale to be announced at sale. This is a communication from a debt collector. This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Loan Type: Conv/Conv (Trustee # 578174)
Substitute Trustee: ALG Trustee, LLC, C/O Orleans PC, PO Box 2548, Leesburg, VA 20177, (703) 777-7101, website: http://www.orleans.com
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NOTICE: ABANDONED WATERCRAFT

Notice is hereby given that the following watercraft has been abandoned for more than 60 DAYS on the property of Zachary Thornton, 34268 Bradfords Neck Rd., Quinby, VA 23423. His phone number is 757-787-1852.

Description of watercraft: 1996 23’ White Maycraft, HIN: MBL02347D696, VA 550 AS.

Application for Watercraft Registration/Title will be made in accordance with Section 29.1-733.25 of the Code of Virginia if this watercraft is not claimed and removed within 30 days of first publication of this notice. Please contact the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries with questions.

Legal Notice Regarding Dangerous Structures

PURSUANT TO COUNTY CODE SECTION 94.03, Northampton County has determined that a structure at 8103 Sylvan Scene Drive, Tax Map Number 40-0A-37, deeded to Harris Family Real Estate Holdings LLC, endangers the public health and safety of other residents of the locality and that said structure must be removed, repaired or secured within thirty days of this publication. If the owner(s) of this parcel fail to remove, repair or secure the structure, within 30 days of this publication, the County will remove the structure and the cost of the removal shall be chargeable to the owner(s) of the structure and shall be collected as taxes are collected. Inquiries may be directed to Susan McGhee at smcghee@co.northampton.va.us or 757 678-0440 Ext.541.

FORECLOSURE SALE OF REAL ESTATE IN TRAIL’S END

September 2, 2017, 10:00 AM
To be held at the Pavilion in Chincoteague Bay Trail’s End Subdivision, 5360 Trails End Dr., Horntown, VA 23395.

The following properties will be auctioned:

Property Address: 36026 Limpet Ct.
Tax Map No. 029A20300008800
Assessed Value: $6,300.00
Unit/Sheet/Lot: 3/3/38

Property Address: 6027 Periwinkle Dr.
Tax Map No. 029A20500017100
Assessed Value: $7,300.00
Unit/Sheet/Lot: 3/5/171

Property Address: 6123 Wallops Dr.
Tax Map No. 029A10200019400
Assessed Value: $10,800.00
Unit/Sheet/Lot: 3/7/194

Property Address: 6087 Wallops Dr.
Tax Map No. 029A10200020300
Assessed Value: $6,300.00
Unit/Sheet/Lot: 3/7/203

TERMS: Minimum Bids will be announced prior to the start of the auction on the date of sale. Announcements made at auction time take precedence over any print, electronic, or verbal information, including but not limited to the Minimum Bid. Successful bidder will be required to deposit with Trustee a deposit (non-refundable) in an amount equal to 10% of successful bid in cash or certified funds at time of sale, with the closing to occur within thirty days of the date of said sale or within such time set by Trustee in Trustee’s sole discretion. Written one-price bids will be accepted for any of the properties pursuant to the terms set forth in Va. Code § 55-516. There is no warranty relating to right, title, interest, or the like in this disposition. Property is being sold pursuant to Va. Code § 55-516, and title will be conveyed pursuant to the deeds set forth in said statute and subject to all liens or encumbrances as provided in said statute. All information for review by appointment only. Notwithstanding the Minimum Bids announced at the time of sale, the Trustee reserves the right to accept and/or reject all offers. Time is of the essence. Other conditions may be announced at the sale.

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No Prosperity in Chicken Economy

Dear Editor:

Paris has its Eiffel Tower, and Pisa has the leaning tower. The latest “must see” sight in Accomack County is the first 12 of 24 mega chicken houses marching across the field between Keller and Pungoteague. You must drive slowly as the work is hidden behind piles of sand excavated last year.

You will especially want to drive by if you live near cropland currently planted in corn, soybeans, etc. When you see the 12 of 24 houses, and if you think, “Wow, this is great. I can’t wait to have a dozen or two built next to my home!,” tell your supervisor that they have done a wonderful job. If you are dismayed or horrified at the prospect, tell your supervisor that you want meaningful and enforceable density limits now!

The supervisors defend the “excessive” expansion of corporate meat as a bringer of jobs and prosperity. But jobs and prosperity for whom?

Here are some figures from the 2010 U.S. Census for Springdale, Arkansas, the home of Tyson. Of a population of 69,797, 18,160 persons were born in a foreign country, coming from several parts of the world. The Hispanic/Latino population was 27,213. These figures include immigrants and persons born in the U.S.A. The five-year American Community Survey (2011 - 2015) calculated that the number of individuals living below the poverty level in Springdale was 23.3 percent.

The expansion of corporate meat is not a bringer of prosperity for the homeowners next door. The important question is, “Who will compensate the nearby neighbors for the equity value in their homes?”

Accomack County needs a diversified economy.

Pat Heggoy
Pungoteague

Help on the Way for Cemetery Road?

Dear Editor:

My wife and I were born and raised in Willis Wharf. (Actually, she was born at Broadwater on Hog Island Bay, and her family moved, with house, to Willis Wharf in 1938.) Three generations of our families are buried in the cemetery at Belle Haven. As you might surmise, this has entailed many, many trips down Cemetery Road. One thing that is difficult not to note is that road has been in rough shape for as far back as our memory goes. Since we were both born in 1936, that is quite a ways back.

We were visiting with friends who were also born and raised on the Shore and who, like us, talk about the deplorable condition of that road. That is a regular occurrence, every trip, without fail. They also have family buried there. And there are people who live along that road. Imagine how much they would like to see a better road.

It is obvious that my turn, and my wife’s, is bound to occur sooner than later. I can only hope that the ride will be much smoother by that time. Guy Dougherty is a fairly good driver, but even he cannot work miracles. (I would like to think that I’m getting my money’s worth on the last ride. It costs enough.) He won’t be able to smooth out the road even if he tries. And he certainly won’t be able to compensate for the hard lean to the right that happens when meeting a vehicle coming from the opposite direction. Much like the Willis Wharf Road used to be, it is so rounded (not to mention narrow) that a driver must move right to the edge of the road, ensuring that there will be a good lean to the hearse. I certainly would not like to feel like I was rolling over.

I heard a rumor that Cemetery Road is scheduled for repair or updating some time in the near future. Could that be true? I sure hope so!

Alfred T. Miles
Heathsville

Relief Needed From Ambulance Costs

Dear Editor:

Did you know if you call an ambulance it will not or may not deliver you to the hospital of your choice and you may be denied the doctor you want to see in Salisbury or Berlin, Md.?

Did you know the Accomack County emergency medical services (EMS) system is required, or at least suggesting, the local ambulance companies take you to the nearest hospital, regardless of your demand to go to the hospital of your choice?

Did you know the ambulance attendants have the right to override your decision for medical treatment by the doctor of your choice, at the hospital of your choice, therefore you have no choice?

Did you know the EMT is licensed in conjunction with, and under the supervision of, the doctor at the Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital, and his license can be revoked if he does not follow that doctor’s orders to take you to Riverside Memorial Hospital, if instructed to do so?

Did you know 30 percent of our county tax budget goes toward the county emergency services (fire and rescue), and that amounts to $18,000,000 a year?

Did you know that Accomack County is the second highest in the state for appropriating funds for the emergency medical services?

Did you know each fire and rescue company gets $120,000 dollars of your county tax money each year?

Did you know the state makes available grant money to the local qualifying ambulance companies for the purchase of a new ambulance or needed equipment at a rate of 80 percent state and 20 percent local funding for hardship companies and that’s more of your tax monies spent for EMS?

Did you know the EMTs are paid separately from the $120,000 dollars county allotment and they can decide where you go for medical treatment?

Did you know you will be billed as much as $800-$1,500 to be transported to a hospital that you did not want to go to in the first place, and if you are transferred to another facility, you will be billed a second time?

There needs to be some relief somewhere for patients. Accomack County EMS rules and regulations need to be modified to accommodate a special need or a reasonable request from the patient or his or her family, and the charges need to be less or more reasonable for transportation to a hospital.

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