Northrop Grumman Makes $9.2B Deal To Purchase Orbital

By Linda Cicoira

Orbital ATK Inc., the company that launches rockets from Wallops Island to the International Space Station (ISS), is being sold to Northrop Grumman Corp. for $9.2 billion, the two companies announced this week.

The next local launch is slated for just after 8 a.m., Nov. 10. It is the ninth Cygnus cargo freighter on the eighth operational cargo delivery flight to the ISS. The mission is known as OA-8. It will fly in the Antares 230 with two RD-181 first stage engines and a Castor 30XL second stage. Crew supplies and science experiments will be among the several tons of items transported.

The agreement with Northrop Grumman was broken down to $7.8 billion in cash, plus the assumption of $1.4 billion in net debt. “Orbital shareholders will receive all-cash consideration of $134.50 per share.” The agreement was approved unanimously by the boards of directors of both companies. Closing was set for 2018 and is subject to conditions, including regulatory and Orbital shareholder approval.

“The acquisition of Orbital ATK is an exciting strategic step as we continue to invest for profitable growth,” said Wes Bush, chairman, chief executive officer and president of Northrop Grumman. “Through our combination, customers will benefit from expanded capabilities, accelerated innovation and greater competition in critical global security domains. Our complementary portfolios and technologies will be a model for other facilities to emulate.”

Speakers emphasized the CCBT costs less per mile than other bridges and tunnels along the east coast. The continued operation, maintenance, and expansion of this lifeline across the Chesapeake Bay would not be possible if the 1964 toll cost of $4 had never been raised. The original bridge and two-tunnel system cost around $100 million to complete in 1964; the third tunnel, undergoing construction next month, will cost $756 million. The parallel tunnel will relieve traffic congestion near Virginia Beach during the busy summer tourist season, and will serve as redundancy to the original tunnels in case of an emergency.

When the new Thimble Shoal tunnel opens, it will serve southbound traffic, with the old tunnel serving northbound traffic.

The ceremony was the uniquely Virginian foundation on which the CBBT’s success is built and maintained, with commissioners and politicians working closely together. Virginia Secretary of Transportation Aubrey Layne said the CBBT “has been successful because the commission took the politics out.” Del. Robert Bloxom Jr. called the CBBT “a government entity run like a business.” Lt. Gov. Ralph Northam said, “We do things the Virginia way … we put partisanship aside … and do what’s best for Virginia.” Sen. Lynwood Lewis said the CBBT “has been run in a very Virginian fashion … a model for other facilities to emulate.”

Monday’s groundbreaking was the first of four ceremonies celebrating milestones of the CBBT parallel tunnel project. The second will occur in approximately 12 months, after manufacture of the tunnel boring machine is completed in Germany and the finished product is transferred in sections to the CBBT worksite. The third, when construction reaches the opposite end of the tunnel, is scheduled for 2020, with the final ribbon-cutting set for 2022.
Northampton School Board Rejects Recommendations for Teacher Retention

By Stefanie Jackson

The Northampton County school board effectively rejected recommendations made by the district’s teacher retention committee at a Sept. 14 work session. Following the committee’s presentation, a motion to accept the committee’s recommendation died when it failed to garner a second. A motion was then made to disband the committee, which carried.

No reason was given by the school board for rejecting the recommendations. Chairman William Oakley said the “committee will no longer be in use at this time” because they have “done the job they were assigned to do.” The teacher retention committee may be re-established with different people at a later date, Oakley added.

The teacher retention committee’s presentation was the culmination of two years of work administering surveys to teachers across the district and researching strategies to increase teacher retention rates.

Among the committee’s recommendations were review and revision of an action plan to be completed in September and presented to the school board in October. The action plan would have been monitored for effectiveness beginning in January 2018, with a progress report presented in May. A new teacher retention survey would have been administered in January or February 2018.

Instead, the school board requested that Lawrence select a school climate survey from the Virginia Department of Education or other educational resource and present his choice at an upcoming school board meeting, possibly in October. The survey likely will not be conducted until spring.

The committee’s Sept. 14 presentation relied heavily on information from a Virginia School Boards Association conference held May 3, 2017, specifically about teacher retention. The presentation stated that teachers receive low compensation, considering their job responsibilities, including “high stakes testing,” “teaching kids in poverty,” and “special needs.” Seventy-four percent of Northampton teachers surveyed believe they are inadequately compensated.

Teachers often feel isolated, with few opportunities in small districts for collaboration with other educators, the presentation continued. Collaboration across districts was recommended. One-third of Northampton educators reported on the teacher retention survey that they want more “outside district opportunities” for professional development.

There is a shortage of teachers in general, and especially of teachers who represent the student population whom they teach. A “Grow Your Own” program was recommended, providing members of the community with pathways to teacher certification and employment as educators within their school district.

The school superintendent should be “aligned with the culture and values of the community,” consider “input from all stakeholders,” and have both a “good five year plan” and “clear annual goals,” the presentation stated.

Although compensation is a factor, the top recommendation to school boards was to “create staff value.” Districts should “create a sense of school family” and “support staff in difficult times.” Teacher duties should be aligned with their strengths, and they should be recognized for their accomplishments. “Little things make a difference,” the presentation emphasized, suggesting simple strategies for making teachers feel appreciated, such as writing notes of encouragement or allowing “duty free” lunch periods.

The presentation closed with a final thought from Dr. Jeff Perry, named 2017 Region 7 School Superintendent of the Year, in Southwest Virginia, by the Virginia Association of School Superintendents: “If you asked a lot of people why they leave a particular profession, compensation is going to be one. They’ve got to be able to turn on the lights and make a living, but the other part is feeling valued. They have got to feel like their opinions matter and that they have input on what’s happening and that people do respect them and value their input.”

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Town of Saxis - Budget 2017/2018

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There will be a public hearing at the Saxis Town Office on October 2, @ 7 PM. The purpose of this meeting is to adopt the 2017-2018 budget for the Town of Saxis. A copy of the proposed budget can be viewed at the Town Office during normal business hours. All Town Residents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

There will be a public hearing on October 2, 2017, at the Saxis Town Office @ 7 PM. We would like to invite all public input on a proposed increase to the trash tax. A copy of the proposed changes to the trash tax ordinance can be viewed at the Town Office during regular business hours. All Town Residents are welcome to attend.

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ANOTHER BITE ... OF A VERY ROTTEN APPLE!!

Anyone who read this fine newspaper over the last several years has to be familiar with the epic zoning fight waged in Northampton County from 2013-2016. Citizens fighting for the sustainable future of our unique quality of life, thanks to new Board of Supervisors members and legal challenges, staved off a horrific assault from a small handful of industrialists, poultry advocates, and real estate interests who wanted to develop this county into an Ocean City or Virginia Beach model with a twist of the poultry expansion being waged in Accomack County.

The 2015 Board of Supervisors election settled the debate over who was the "vocal minority" or "the silent majority" and those pushing the exit from the stated will of the people as embodied in our 2009 Comprehensive Plan were rejected in a landslide victory for those wishing to save this county from the same mistakes being made in many other localities throughout Virginia and the nation.

But now, that small handful is at it again....and are attempting to rewrite our protective 2009 Comprehensive Plan to accomplish the same goals of their 2014 zoning which would have left us with incinerators, poultry houses, industrial uses "by right" (no notice to neighbors) and a full scale commercial development of the Route 13 corridor (the only permeable soils that recharge our drinking water).

This new attempt to regurgitate and then gnaw at the core of a very rotten zoning apple is being orchestrated by the "Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee" and you can read who they are and what they plan by reading the "CPAC FINAL REPORT" on the county's Planning Department's website. It is also being choreographed by Jacque Chatmon's Planning Commission (PC).

Last week, a small handful of players hand-picked by the PC met in a private work session to finalize a draft 2017 Comprehensive Plan to replace the one we all helped write, also available in Part I and Part II on the Planning Department website.

Over a dozen citizens, finding out at the last minute about this closed meeting, attended and asked to be a part of shaping their own land use future. They were denied. We had to watch and keep quiet. We were given no worksheets, could not partake in the discussion, and were basically relegated to fishbowl status.

What we learned was that Bill Parr's (CPAC chairman) and Bill Payne's(co-chair) vision for US is exactly the same disaster they were promoting in 2012-13. To try to garner support for this attempt, they have embarked on one of the most disgusting and vile dissertations regarding the current state of this county that one could imagine. Read it in both the CPAC Report and the draft Comp Plan.

It is imperative that we rise up again, demand that this unilateral attack on our future be stopped, and the process of manipulating our 2009 Comprehensive Plan without our knowledge or approval be halted until we all have our say. After all, we did not hear the majority demand that it be rewritten. We are encouraging you to get involved and call for this folly to be halted now. Email: jwilliams@co.northampton.va.us and ask that your comments be shared with the Planning Commission the County Administrator, the BoS, and be included in the record of this ill-fated proceeding that, frankly, should never have been started.

For a more balanced approach to sustainable growth see the Competitiveness Assessment Study available on Northampton County's website. For more information: easternshorecog@gmail.com

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Arcadia Nursing and Rehab Rated “Above Average” by Medicare.Gov

By Linda Cicoira

Arcadia Nursing & Rehab Center on Lankford Highway in Nelsonia, is rated above average, according to medicare.gov

The ratings have become of more interest in recent weeks following an announcement of the closure of Riverside Shore Rehabilitation Center, also known as Parksley nursing home, set for Oct. 21. Talks between Riverside, local officials and companies interested in taking over and possibly building a new home, are in progress because of the need. See story page 12.

The Arcadia Center goes by the legal business name of American Family Services Inc. and is a non-profit corporation. It got 4 of 5 stars on the Medicare site for its overall rating; 3 of 5 for health inspection rating, which is average; and 4 of 5 for staff rating and for quality measures, both of which are above average. It has 60 beds.

Under health safety, it had 2 quality care deficiencies, 2 resident rights, 1 nutrition and dietary, 1 pharmacy services and 4 environment deficiencies found for a total of 10 deficiencies, compared to an average of 8.9 statewide and 7.3 nationally during an inspection Feb. 24, 2017. The range is 0 to 40. There were no deficiencies in mistreatment, resident assessment or administration found. No fire safety inspections or building inspections were reported.

The home “failed to provide necessary care and services to maintain the highest well being of each resident” and “failed to give residents proper treatment to prevent new bed pressure sores or heal existing bed sores.” Those were listed as “minimal harm or potential for actual harm” or 2 on a scale of 1-4 and had “few” residents affected.

During the same inspection, it was determined that the nursing home failed to allow residents to easily view the results of the nursing home’s most recent survey and “to determine if it is safe for the resident to self-administer drugs.” The first was listed as a 1 or potential for minimal harm and affected “many” residents. The latter was listed as 2 and affected “few.”

Inspectors also determined “the nursing home failed to maintain drug records and properly mark/label drugs and other similar products according to accepted professional standards,” which was listed as a 2, affecting “few.”

Environmentally, it was found “the nursing home failed to provide a safe, clean, comfortable and homelike environment,” which was listed as 2, with “some” residents being affected. It also failed “to have a program that investigates, controls and keeps infection from spreading,” which was rated 2 with “few” being affected. It “failed to make sure” the home was “safe, easy to use, clean and comfortable for residents, staff and the public,” with a rating of 2 with “many” affected. Arcadia also failed in the inspection “to put firmly secured handrails on each side of hallways.”

All deficiencies were corrected by April 6, 2017.

The home has an average of 49 residents, although that has likely changed since the report was filed, compared to an average of nearly 97 statewide and 85.6 nationally. The number of licensed nurse staff hours per resident per day is 1 hour, 20 minutes for Arcadia; 1 hour, 52 minutes for the state; and 1 hour, 41 minutes nationally. Registered nurse hours per resident per day was 33 minutes at Arcadia, 46 minutes statewide and 51 minutes nationally. LPN/LVN hours per resident per day was 46 minutes for Arcadia, 51 minutes statewide and 51 minutes nationally. For CNAs per resident per day, it was 2 hours, 44 minutes at Arcadia; 2 hours, 16 minutes statewide; and 2 hours, 27 minutes nationally. Physical therapy staff hours per resident per day was an average of 6 minutes at Arcadia and nationally compared to 7 minutes statewide. The percent of residents from Arcadia who were successfully discharged back into the community was not available. It was about 60 percent for Virginia and 57 percent for the nation.

For short-stay residents or those who spent less than 100 days at the home, more than 62 percent improved in their ability to move around on their own compared to 68 percent statewide and 65.5 percent nationally. Those who were rehospitalized after a nursing home ad-
mission were 24.7 percent at Arcadia and about 21 percent statewide and nationally. Those who had an outpatient emergency department visit were 12.8 percent at Arcadia, and nearly 15 percent in the state and nation. None of the short-stay residents at Arcadia had pressure ulcers that were new or worsened compared to 1 percent statewide and nationally. More than 89 percent of Arcadia residents needed and got a flu shot compared to nearly 94 percent statewide and 7.1 percent nationally. None of the Arcadia residents who were physically restrained were 4 percent at Arcadia, and .5 percent statewide and nationally. Those long-stay residents who lost too much weight were 6.9 percent at Arcadia, 7.6 percent statewide and 7.1 percent nationally.

Short-stay residents who reported moderate to severe pain were nearly 16 percent at Arcadia, and nearly 15 percent in the state and nation. None of the short-stay residents at Arcadia had pressure ulcers that were new or worsened compared to 1 percent statewide and nationally. More than 89 percent of Arcadia residents needed and got a flu shot compared to about 82 percent statewide and 80 percent nationally. More than 95 percent got a pneumonia shot compared to almost 85 percent statewide and 82.5 percent nationally. None of the Arcadia residents got antipsychotic medication for the first time compared to 1.8 percent statewide and 2 percent nationally.

Nearly 2 percent of long-stay Arcadia residents experienced one or more falls with major injury compared to 3.5 percent statewide and 3.4 percent nationally. Those with urinary tract infections were 10.3 percent at Arcadia, 4.6 percent in Virginia and 4 percent in the country. At Arcadia, more than 5 percent of long-stay residents reported moderate to severe pain compared to 7.2 percent in Virginia and 6.3 percent nationally. Less than 1 percent of high-risk long-stay Arcadia residents had pressure ulcers compared to 6 percent statewide and 5.7 percent nationally.

Low-risk long-stay residents who lost control of their bowels or bladder were 54.5 percent at Arcadia, 53.3 percent for Virginia and 47.4 percent nationally. Long-stay residents who had a catheter inserted and left in were 2 percent at Arcadia, 1.6 percent statewide and 2.2 percent nationally. Those long-stay residents who were physically restrained were 4 percent at Arcadia, and .5 percent statewide and nationally. Those whose need for help with daily activities increased were nearly 25 percent at Arcadia, 20.6 percent statewide and 18.3 percent nationally. Those whose ability to move independently worsened was 8.2 percent at Arcadia, 20.6 percent statewide and 18.3 percent nationally. Those whose activities increased were nearly 25 percent at Arcadia, 16.1 percent statewide and about 15 percent nationally.

Long-stay residents who lost too much weight were 6.9 percent at Arcadia, 7.6 percent statewide and 7.1 percent nationally. Those who had symptoms of depression were 2.4 percent at Arcadia, 2.7 percent statewide and about 5 percent nationally. Residents who got an anti-anxiety or hypnotic medication were 18.4 percent at Arcadia, and around 23 percent statewide and nationally. Those who needed and got a flu shot were 99.4 percent at Arcadia, 94.6 percent statewide and 94.7 percent nationally. All the long-stay residents who needed a pneumonia shot got one at Arcadia compared to nearly 94 percent statewide and nationally. Those who got an antipsychotic medication were 10.2 percent at Arcadia, 15.8 percent statewide and about 16 percent nationally.

The nursing home has not received any fines in the last three years and it has not been denied Medicare payments in that time.

On March 10, 2016, during an inspection, 1 deficiency was found compared to 9 statewide and 7.3 nationally with a range of 0 to 66. The home “failed to set up an ongoing quality assessment and assurance group to review quality deficiencies quarterly, and develop corrective plans of action.” It was corrected the next day and had a potential for “minimal harm” to “many.”

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mission offered by this transaction will allow us to maintain strong operational performance on existing programs while we pursue new opportunities that require the enhanced technical and financial resources of a larger organization,” he continued. “Our employees will also benefit from greater development and career opportunities as members of a larger, more diverse aerospace and defense enterprise.”

The Ionospheric Connection Explorer (ICON) is scheduled to study the frontier of space described as “the dynamic zone high in our atmosphere where Earth weather and space weather meet,” with a launch from Kwajalein Atoll in the Republic of the Marshall Islands, aboard an Orbital ATK Pegasus, on Dec. 8, 2017.
Accomack Board Removes Onley From County Fire Protection Ordinance

By Linda Cicoira

Accomack supervisors took what appeared to be a final step in dissolving the Onley Fire Company Wednesday. By unanimous vote, the board removed the unit from the county’s fire protection and prevention ordinance by repealing the section that mentions it.

Supervisor Donald Hart, who is also the emergency services director, warned officials of the possibility of Hurricane Maria hitting the Shore in the middle of next week or Hurricane Jose changing course and coming back this way. “Please be aware of that,” he said. “I’ll keep the board informed. It’s worrying us a little bit the way our models are right now.”

Hart also mentioned on Nov. 5 the area is expected to have “very, very high tides” on both the sea and bay sides.

Hart noted that he was waiting to hear from an unnamed candidate regarding appointment to the Economic Development Authority. John LeCato, of Quinby, who has been EDA chairman for many years, resigned in August, a day after the commission elected officers and Wesley Edwards, of the Craddockville area, became chairman. A letter of resignation was not available at press time Thursday.

Before the EDA was renamed, LeCato was chairman of the Industrial Development Authority that oversees the county’s industrial park in Melfa.

The supervisors also voted to endorse Hart in his quest for another term as secretary/treasurer of the Virginia Association of Counties. He reported that he has been on the VACO budget committee for 26 years.

Rich Morrison, the county’s director of planning and community development, said work is moving forward on a derelict structure removal program funded with $100,000 from the solar panel project in northern Accomack. “Hope to get some work done this fall. May spill over into the first of the year,” he reported. The first structures will be those that create a public hazard. Demolition will only be done with the owner’s permission. “This is not a government action program,” Morrison said.

The supervisors appointed: David Montgomery to the Accomack Wetland’s Board to replace Michael Patti, who resigned; William McCready to the Eastern Shore 9-1-1 Commission to replace William Mariner, who died; Ricky Ross to the Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission to replace Bryan Smith, who did not wish to be reappointed; and Angelica Garcia Randall to the Eastern Shore Resource Conservation and Development Council to replace former Supervisor Sandy Hart Mears, who resigned.

The supervisors agreed to ask VDOT to do a traffic study in the area of Nan- dua High and Middle schools as the school board cannot make such a request and a school board member, who was not named, wants the review. Parents have complained of congestion in the area.

Eastern Shore Tourism Grows

By Linda Cicoira

Tourist spending on the Eastern Shore increased 4.8 percent in 2016 compared to the prior year, according to figures released recently by the Virginia Tourism Corporation.

The area was the state’s fastest growing region for three of the last four years and is one of 10 tracked. More than 50 new tourism-related businesses sprouted up here since 2013, major improvements have been made to existing businesses and two microbreweries and a waterpark are slated to open in the next year.

In 2016, Shore visitors spent $273.6 million at restaurants, B&Bs, hotels, campgrounds, shops, galleries, museums and other attractions. The daily average was $749,797.

In addition, sales, meals and lodging taxes were collected. Tourism-related taxes in Accomack and Northampton grew the fastest statewide, bringing in $7.5 million, or 7.2 percent more than in 2015 and a 31 percent increase since 2010. The Shore also took the top spot in state tax receipts, payroll and employment, other key indicators of tourism growth.

“We have things here that are, increasingly, in short supply in the rest of the world: Pristine and wild outdoor places, a slower pace, a deep humanity, plus we’re a short drive from millions and millions of Americans on the Eastern seaboard,” said Kerry Allison, the commission’s executive director.

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WATERFRONT
Rape Charges Dropped Against Man

A charge of rape by a daughter against her father was dismissed with Judge W. Revell Lewis urging the man to get mental help.

A 19-year-old woman testified last week in Accomack Circuit Court that she was going to spend a recent summer on the Shore working at a potato-grading shed. The rising high school senior said her father got her the job and she had been staying with him and other family in Oak Hall for about two days, when he tried to rape her.

Samantha Johnson was 18 when she accused her father, Samuel Henry Johnson, who goes by both Jr. and III, 57, of Horsey Road, of the sex crime. She gave the Eastern Shore Post permission to tell her story.

“This is a very serious charge and it requires proof beyond the reasonable doubt,” said Lewis. “Being in bed with your daughter and being sexually gratified by her, that is very disturbing. Mr. Johnson. You need help, whether you know it or not.”

Still, Lewis did not convict the defendant, saying he was not convinced he committed attempted rape. Johnson had been out on bond, but was freed that day.

Samantha Johnson testified she was awake at dawn on July 12, but was still lying down when her father got in bed with her. She had lived with her mother and her aunt and uncle, but never with her father.

“I just felt something behind me … he was just rubbing it against [me],” she said.

She got out of bed and went in to the bathroom and locked the door to take a shower before going to work. “He was knocking on the door” and somehow he got in. “He picked me up (she was wrapped in a towel) and took me to the bed. ... He was trying to [rape] me, but I kept my legs closed … he wound up ejaculating on [me].” She got dressed. No one else was home.

Her half sister and brother and stepmother also lived at the house. “I went in the living room to sit down,” she continued. “It still wasn’t time to go to work yet.” Eventually she went to her job, which was close by. “I couldn’t think straight. I walked out of the building and called the police. I just started walking, just towards the highway.” She said officers met her at Arcadia High School.

Investigator Patrick Coulter of the Accomack County Sheriff’s Office, now with the Onley Police Department, said he took Samantha Johnson to the hospital. He later talked to Samuel Johnson, who denied the accusation.

Jennifer Knowlton, a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE), recovered evidence from the victim. “She cried throughout the exam,” Knowlton testified. Samantha Johnson then went to her uncle’s house in Salisbury. She told the judge she remembered going to the sheriff’s office but couldn’t remember where else she went.

Commonwealth’s Attorney Spencer Morgan presented results of medical collection showing Samuel Johnson’s sperm had been collected. He was arrested in October. Once the test results came back, Coulter again talked to the defendant, who continued to deny the charge and asked for a copy of the test results.

Samantha Johnson’s sister, who was 14 in July 2016, was visiting her mother in Delaware when the incident occurred. But she told police she was home and saw her father rubbing himself on her sister. She recanted in court and said it was all a scheme she cooked up so she could live with her mother permanently. She admitted to loving her father and doesn’t want him to go to prison.

The defendant testified Samantha Johnson told him she needed money that day. “I gave her $25. I didn’t think that was enough … she had a towel … pretty much enticing me. ... I got caught up in the mood, I guess. ... I took a bath and I took her to work.” He said he denied it because “it’s supposed to be my daughter and I’m embarrassed about it.”

Defense lawyer Garrett Dunham called the case “fairly disturbing … it’s out of a Lifetime movie. Mr. Johnson obviously is ashamed and should be … he was weak and did it … That’s not right. Incest laws … I think there actually has to be sex … it’s not pretty but it’s legal.”

“Ms. Johnson is a real person and this incident is supported by the evidence,” said Morgan. “While not covered in bruises and cuts, she was tearful and crying. One heck of an act to continue,” he said.

According to court records, Samuel Johnson was convicted of battery in 1985 and offensive touching in 1999. He was acquitted of rape in 2003.

In other cases, Raven Lee Mason, 19, of Main Street on Chincoteague was sentenced to three years in prison with all but time served suspended for stealing a firearm belonging to Mark Giovanni between Sept. 22 and 29, 2016.

Miranda Lyn Gibbons, 19, of Lee Street in Melfa, was given a three-month suspended sentence for shoplifting from Walmart and three months with all but 10 days suspended for petty larceny of property that belonged to Frank Havens. The incidents occurred in October 2016. Unsupervised probation and restitution of $679 was ordered.

Jesse Alan Vayo, 18, of Paige Fisher Road in Oak Hall, was sentenced to seven years each for three counts of credit card forgery in Sept. 2016, to run concurrently with all but two years suspended. Good behavior was ordered for 10 years.

Austin Daniel Watson, 21, of Wayne Road on Chincoteague, was sentenced to three years in prison with all but time served suspended for possessing cocaine on July 3, 2017. He was also put on three years of supervised probation and five years of good behavior.

Roger Lee Savage Jr., 26, of Metompkin Road in Parkley, was sentenced to three years with all but three months suspended for stealing a vehicle belonging to Alise Bailey. Savage was also put on three years probation.

Cocaine Sentencing

Pierre Jamal Brickhouse, 32, of Exmore, was sentenced in Northampton Circuit Court to 10 years with all but three suspended for a count of possession with intent to distribute cocaine on May 29, 2014. He got 15 years with 10 suspended for an identical offense Aug. 14, 2014. Brickhouse pleaded guilty to the charges in August 2016. The terms were set to run consecutively.

In addition, it was ordered that his driver’s license be suspended for six months and he be on probation for three years. His probation was also revoked from a previous conviction and Brickhouse was ordered to serve eight years with all but two years and 10 months suspended.

Freddy Davis, 33, of Brooklyn, N.Y., was sentenced to 24 years in prison for 12 counts of credit card theft with 21 years suspended. He was ordered to be on good behavior for 21 years.

Alexis Carter, 24, of Linden, N.J., and Ashley Lawrence, 26, of Edison, N.J., were given two years each for five counts of credit card theft with all suspended. Good behavior was ordered for 10 years.

Maryland Man Charged

Charges of fraud were listed recently in Northampton General District Court against a Maryland man.

Kevin E. Taylor, 41, of Pocomoke City, is accused of committing two counts of construction fraud in connection with Aug. 15, 2016, incidents. He was arrested Aug. 30, 2017, and is free on his own recognizance, according to records.

In another case, Kadeem Andrew Carpenter, 21, of Cape Charles, was charged with failing to register as a sex offender on Jan. 31, and July 30, 2017. He is being held in the Eastern Shore Regional Jail.

Curtis Earl Heath, 28, of Eastville was charged with failing to register as a sex offender on May 14, and Aug. 12, 2017. He is free on his own recognizance.

Trooper Terry Albright investigated both sex offender cases. The suspects were arrested Sept. 8. October preliminary hearings were scheduled.

Victim No-Show Frees Two

Two Onancock men, charged with abducting and sexually assaulting a woman in August, were freed Monday when the victim did not show up for a hearing in Accomack General District Court and the defendants refused to waive a preliminary hearing.

Commonwealth’s Attorney Spencer Morgan said an effort will be made to bring the victim back to Virginia. At that time, he will seek to have the grand jury indict Kendall Darrell Stewart, 25, and Gary Lee Tyler, 48, both neighbors on Watson Street. The next time the panel meets is Oct. 2.

Both men were charged with holding the woman against her will on Aug. 1. They were arrested the next day. Stewart was also charged with rape. Tyler was charged with sexual battery, which is a misdemeanor.

The Eastern Shore Post does not print the names of victims of sex crimes without their permission. She was reported to be living in a shelter in another state.

Stewart was previously convicted of drug distribution, a domestic violation, contempt, resisting arrest, assault of an officer and shoplifting.

In another case, Judge Gordon Vincent found probable cause to certify a charge of robbery to a grand jury. The suspect, Vincent Lavette Stoudmire, 18, of Mappsville trailer park, is accused of robbing a Roma Pizza (in Nelsonia) delivery worker of cash and food on June 18. The victim said he was held at gunpoint, while the food was taken by an accomplice. Stoudmire patted him down, robbed him of about $550 and hit him in the head. Investigator C.A. McPherson of the Accomack County Sheriff’s Office linked the phone number that was gained when the food was ordered, with the suspect. McPherson then found a picture of Stoudmire with a gun in a picture on Facebook. The weapon matched a description given by the victim.
Edward L. Bowden

Mr. Edward L. Bowden, 86, of Chincoteague Island, passed away on Sept. 16, 2017, at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital in Onley.

He was born on Chincoteague on Aug. 1, 1931, to the late Paul Bowden and Roie Birch Bowden.

He owned and operated Bowden trucking alongside his father, Paul. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather and will be dearly missed. He loved to garden and take care of his animals, especially Sparky.

Mr. Bowden is survived by his loving wife, Annie Mae Collins; his children, John Merritt and her fiance, Paul Chambleard, of Pocomoke City; two great-grandsons, Paul Chamberland and Joshua Chamberland, both of Pocomoke; two brothers, Tucker Bowden and his wife Ethel, of Pocomoke, and Larry Bowden, of Chincoteague; a sister, Shirley Scarborough, of Chincoteague; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, Sept. 20, 2017, at the Union Baptist Church on Chincoteague, with Rev. Kevin Eley officiating.

Burial was in the Daisey Cemetery on Church Street on Chincoteague.

Flowers accepted or donations may be made to the charity of your choice. Condolences may be made online at www.salverfh.com.

Billy Ward Collins

Mr. Billy Ward Collins, 71, entered his eternal rest Aug. 30, 2017, at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital. He was born Feb. 3, 1946, a son of the late Charles Collins Sr. and Virginia Willis Collins.

Mr. Collins received his education in the public schools of Northampton County. Upon graduation, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served as a rifle marksman, receiving the Good Conduct, National Defense Service and Vietnam Service medals. He was honorably discharged in 1967.

After his duty in the U.S. Army, he became employed by Gillgold Plastics Company as a factory worker, Holly Farms as a line lead, and Bayshore Concrete as a foreman. He was employed by Bayshore Concrete for 30 years.

In 1967, while walking the Weirwood fairgrounds, he met the love of his life and was later united in Holy Matrimony to Annie Mae Manuel. He was a member of New Allen AME Church, but decided to follow his wife to Bethel Baptist and served as a deacon, a member of WFT Gospel Choir and Bethel Baptist Male Chorus. He enjoyed watching “Sanford & Son,” “Good Times” and “Walker, Texas Ranger.”

Some of his other hobbies were playing spades, dominoes, fishing and hunting. He also played baseball in his earlier days. His favorite songs were “Sending up My Timber”, “He’s There All the Time” and “All in My Room.”

Mr. Collins was predeceased by six brothers, two sisters, and sisters-in-law, Ida Collins and Mary Helen Upshur.

He leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Annie Mae Collins; his children, Katina (Kendrick) Hope, Maive (Calvin) Fisher, Kentrell Collins, Latroy Collins, and goddaughter Tiffany Garris; four brothers, Charles Collins Jr. and Jerry (Corrine) Collins, of Nassawadox, and James (Josephine) Collins and Leon (Gloria) of Hare Valley; two sisters, Virginia Fisher, of Pocomoke, and Rebecca Becket, of Exmore; grandchildren, Travon, Kendrick Jr., Calvin, Kateasha, Maniya, Davion, and Daviontae; two uncles, Renzie Collins Sr. and Matthew Collins, of Nassawadox; one aunt, Celestine Starchia, of Nassawadox; seven sisters-in-law, Mable Collins, Margarette Manuel, Shirley Manuel, Lucille Manuel, Evangeline (Calvin) Berryhill; Betty (Irving) Borden, and Elizabeth (Alfred) Harmon; two brothers-in-law, Andrew Manuel III and Daniel Smith; two special people, Kevin Manuel and Jarvis Colona, whom he accepted as his own sons; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives and friends.

A funeral service was held on Sept. 9, 2017, at Bethel Baptist Church in Franktown, with Rev. Wilbert Adams presiding. Interment was at Bethel Memorial Gardens, Franktown.

Arthur John Goble

Mr. Arthur John Goble, 88, husband of the late Esther Thomas Goble and a resident of Townsend, passed away Thursday, Sept. 14, 2017, at his residence. A native of Ontario, Canada, he was the son of the late John William Goble and the late Pearl Edwards Goble. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran, retired from NASA, Cheriton Troop #306 Scout Leader, and member of Capeville United Methodist Church and Capeville Masonic Lodge #107.

He is survived by two sons, John “Eddie” Goble, of Townsend, and Danny A. Goble and his wife, JoAnn, of Harleyville, Pa.; three grandchildren, Ashley Marie Goble, Joshua Michael Goble, and Jacob Fisher Goble; and a great-granddaughter, Jaelyn Rose Goble.

A graveside service with Masonic Rites and Air Force Military Honors will be conducted Saturday, Sept. 23, 2017, at 1 p.m. at Capeville Masonic Cemetery with Rev. Linda Lowe officiating. Flowers will be accepted.

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

Edna Virginia Parker Kellam

Mrs. Edna Virginia Parker Kellam, 70, wife of the late George L. Kellam and a resident of Cape Charles, passed away Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2017, at her residence. A native of Oyster, she was the daughter of the late Ernest Parker and the late Helen Brady Parker.

Mrs. Kellam is survived by a son, Wayne Parker, of Seaview; a daughter, Tammy Parker, of Cape Charles; and five...
Wilma Blanche Sarrotte

Mrs. Blanche Sarrotte, 93, of Smith’s Beach and Belle Haven, passed peacefully in her home on Sunday morning, Sept. 17, 2017. She was predeceased by her husband, Jean Sarrotte, her mother, Blanche Brignard, and her father, Maurice Brignard.

Those whom she also loved as family include Bonnie Baker Drewer (deceased) and her children Craig and Michelle Drewer (daughters Alexis and Hannah), Kelly Drewer and Terry Langley, and Bill and Holly Erwin (sons Wade and Craig). They treasure her love of life, her eye toward flowers, her taste toward fine food, her kindness toward her charges (to include cats and dogs) and her love toward all.

A graveside service was conducted Sept. 20, 2017, at Cape Charles Cemetery, with Pastor Mary Jimenez officiating.

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

Mr. Edmond Arthur Underhill Jr.

Mr. Edmond Arthur Underhill Jr., 86, passed away on Saturday, Sept. 9, 2017, at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital in Onancock. An Eastern Shore native, he was a resident of Wilsonia Neck, near Machipongo, and was the son of the late Edmond Arthur Underhill and the late Lucille Chandler Underhill Gibb.

As a lifelong farmer, Mr. Underhill was hard working and dedicated to his passion. He took pride in farming the land on which he was raised along with other parcels throughout Northampton County. Mr. Underhill was a conscientious farmer who cared for his crops and maintained his equipment. Despite physical ailments in recent years, he continued to work, hauling himself up in the tractor, truck or combine and even now, there is a crop of soybeans in the field.

Mr. Underhill is remembered as saying he never wanted to retire to sit in a rocking chair or to have a “garden” to tend. On many occasions, he would tell his doctors he was going to retire at the end of the year, yet he never specified which year, or decade, he intended to do so.

Mr. Underhill was a good provider for his family, immediate and extended. He was known for his patience, kindness, generosity and quiet manner. He loved his wife dearly along with his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was a member of Johnson’s United Methodist Church where he is best remembered for his generosity and quiet manner. He loved his wife dearly along with his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was a member of Johnson’s United Methodist Church where he is best remembered for the Christmas trees he supplied and maintained every holiday season for almost 18 years. He enjoyed outdoor activities, watching NASCAR, and rarely ever turned down a Hardee’s biscuit.

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RIVERSIDE NEGOTIATING WITH VIRGINIA FIRM TO SELL PARKSLEY REHABILITATION CENTER

By Linda Cicoira

Four nursing home companies were in the audience of about 200 when Riverside came to talk to the Accomack Board of Supervisors about closing Riverside Shore Rehabilitation Center, also known as the Parksley nursing home, on Aug. 28, Supervisor Ron Wolff disclosed at his district meeting Monday.

And while Riverside announced Smith/Packett Med-Com LLC signed a letter of intent to buy the center late last week, the deadline of Oct. 21 for closure still looms. Wolff said the home is down to about 60 residents, compared to the previous 90, and Riverside is trying not to transfer anymore. Among those residents is his mother-in-law.

Supervisor Paul Muhly, who was also at the district session, said he had heard 18 to 20 people had found new places to live.

At first Riverside thought they might be able to partner with the county, Wolff said. Then it “ran some more numbers and said they did not think they could build another facility at the new campus” near the hospital.

The owners of Heritage Hall, another nursing home in Northampton, also showed an interest, but have “fell by the wayside,” the supervisor said.

Smith/Packett is “very, very interested in doing something here,” he continued. “They too want to build another facility — keep this one open until they can build another one.”

In an announcement made last week, Riverside said it continues to talk to the state “regarding the closure plan. This letter of intent is not binding; it simply opens a discussion between our organizations. Additional information will be shared as both parties complete the due diligence of this agreement.”

“We are excited about this potential development and what it could mean for the community,” Ed Hecker, vice president of Riverside Health System Lifelong Health Division, said in the announcement. “I am cautiously optimistic that the parties will be able to reach a definitive agreement.”

According to the announcement, Smith/Packett was founded in 1982 by James R. Smith as a development and care communities, active adult housing, independent living, assisted living, nursing homes, medical/office buildings and mixed use facilities.

“Smith/Packett has been consistently successful because it provides high-quality, affordable long-term care solutions to senior living and care communities, providers, and operators,” according to the prepared statement. “This success is attributable to Smith/Packett’s commitment to work closely with local community leaders, hospitals, civic groups, and families to provide quality care compatible with all sources of income and reimbursement systems.”

“Got my fingers crossed, hope it works out,” Muhly said. “If you look at the population trends … maybe 500 more people in the next few years” will be on the Shore. “We’re aging. The market is going to be there for these types of facilities. I wish I could give you a done deal but I can’t. Our chairman (Robert Crockett) has been working really hard.”

“He’s just trying to bring all the players together,” Wolff agreed.

Crockett appointed a committee of supervisors and other local officials. But the group has not yet met. However, Muhly and Wolff said numerous conference calls about the issue have been conducted.

“As long as there are ongoing discussions with Riverside and/or a third party regarding the continued operation of the Parksley facility, the task force will not be meeting,” County Administrator Mike Mason reported.

“The county continues to meet with Riverside and/or interested third parties” regarding the home, Mason said “I have signed a confidentiality and non-disclosure agreement, which prohibits staff from disclosing certain details of these conversations. What I can say … is that none of these discussions involve the county acquiring and managing the facility. That simply is not a viable option given the county’s existing resources and the short-time frame to resolve this issue. The county’s goal … continues to be to keep the facility open” so residents can remain on the Shore. “We are aware of the recent letter of intent … and have already met with a representative of Smith/Packett to convey our goal and offer our assistance.”
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Supporters of an elected Accomack School Board geared up this week at the Constitution Day Parade in Parksley and at (Supervisor Ron) Wolff’s Sandwich Shoppe in Atlantic to encourage voters to mark “Yes” on their ballots in the November General Election.

During the Atlantic session, complaints about nepotism in the school division and alleged disrespect regarding a request from the Coast Guard surfaced. Later in the week, Superintendent Chris Holland boasted about the division to the supervisors.

“We got organized and we got almost 5,000 signatures to get the referendum,” said Janet Turner of the Accomac area, a former school board member who wasn’t picked a second time by the school board selection commission, the court-appointed panel that currently makes those decisions.

“People were waiting in line to sign their names,” she said. “I met a lot of really nice people. … We’re just hoping to make our school system a little better … There are just a few places in Virginia that still do it this way,” she said of the selection panel.

Last November, activists gathered signatures, addresses and the last four digits of social security numbers on petitions outside the polling places so a referendum could be had. The list was turned into the voter registrar office, where the lists were checked to make sure all were registered voters. About 2,500 signatures were needed.

“This year will be a lot easier,” said Turner. “I’ll just be hollering at people to vote yes.”

Supervisor Paul Muhly was among those who gathered in Atlantic this week to talk about the issue. “There’s no accountability,” he said. “Ron and I, we have to stand on our record.” He and Commonwealth’s Attorney Spencer Morgan also walked in the parade with a banner of support for the referendum.

School advocate Connie Burford, of Bloxom, said the school day has been cut by more than two hours for pre-kindergarten special education students at Kegotank and Pungoteague schools to accommodate a busing schedule despite that all students “from ages 2 to 21 years” have the same legal rights.

Hortco Garden Center, which is owned by School Board Selection Commission Member Dreux Alvare, was recently paid more than $800 by the school system for mulch, cleaning and spraying and other operating supplies, she said. A review of school vouchers confirmed the transaction. She said she has also seen School Board Member George Waldenmaier driving one of Alvare’s business vehicles.

Burford told the others starting pay with the school division is inconsistent. “We have people who are professionals in the school, and administrators’ secretaries who have been in the system 20 years, making barely enough to get by … one with a master’s degree … just now made $30,000,” she said. “They brought in someone who doesn’t have a degree and makes $12,000 more than her. That’s what makes people in the schools get aggravated … teachers who haven’t seen a pay raise in a few years and have an $800 health insurance payment” per month.

Burford said a woman with a doctorate and a home on the Shore tried twice to get a job here in special education years, making barely enough to get by…
“and was turned down.”

“We’re going to fix that,” Muhly said.

When Wolff was a board officer, he met with school representatives. At one of those sessions, he said, then-Chairwoman Margaret Miles said, “if she had to run she wouldn’t do it. She said she didn’t have enough money to run a campaign. That was a pretty flimsy excuse.” Wolff added.

Muhly agreed they didn’t have to spend much to win. He also brought up the Coast Guard’s request for a waiver to allow students who are sent to Kegotank Elementary to go to Chincoteague Elementary as the bus passes where they are housed.

“When they have to be deployed … they like to see their kids in one place,” said Muhly. “I don’t think that’s a lot to ask.”

“Chincoteague schools are not at capacity,” said Turner. “But Kegotank is slammed full.”

That was confirmed by the division Wednesday. The total enrollment for Accomac Schools was 5,087 in a count taken at capacity and a waiver is granted, you can refer to the division for the waiver which involves fewer than 10 students.

An email that circulated among county officials stated Holland said, “There are racial reasons behind the decision. The captain asked him to explain them as the Coast Guard is a multi-cultural service and race has not nor will it ever play a part in why we are seeking this change/waiver. Mr. Holland stated it was very clearly laid out in the civil rights movement in the 1970s and no explanation was needed.”

Holland also said “he has a Coast Guard friend in Florida who told him that Coast Guard families are not forced to live in housing. The captain explained to him that it is true when housing is not available and available housing is at capacity and a waiver is granted, you can also be granted a waiver if you intend to purchase a house in the areas you have orders to. That’s not very likely in … Chincoteague, great place but most aren’t looking to stay or retire here unless (they are) from the area.”

At a supervisors’ session Wednesday, Supervisor Grayson Chesser asked Holland to provide a report on students attending out of district. “It doesn’t concern me so much about kids in the county crossing lines. But when you’re going from another county to our county, our taxpayers are paying for it … I want them to pay their fair share or stay where they are,” Chesser said. “We have to turn a lot of kids down,” Holland said. “We relocate them. Our enrollment is growing. I’ll have some numbers for you.”

“The rules have never been followed,” Wolff said Monday. “Right here in … Atlantic, students who should be going to Arcadia Middle, Arcadia High and Kegotank Elementary … are going to Chincoteague … they (are) probably … driven there by parents or grandparents. They don’t go to school where they’re supposed to go.”

Complaints have been rampant over the years regarding students not going to school in their designated districts and parents giving addresses of relatives so their children could go to out of district schools.

“We’re very proud of these schools,” Holland told the supervisors. “High schools are all accredited … we’re putting a lot of hours in parent engagement … we’re excited about the future of our school system. It all depends on our leadership and our growth.”

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The Removal of Confederate Flags and Monuments

What’s to be gained by it? Only more division and racial tensions. Also erasing part of our history as a nation. The removal of some of the statues was done by night in secrecy. It makes you believe they knew what they were doing was not entirely right. Since when does the majority of the people have no say in such matters of such a drastic change on our history?

I think it was Franklin D. Roosevelt who claimed Robert E. Lee as one of the greatest generals who ever lived at that time.

About two years ago, the opponents started removing all Confederate flags from government and state properties. What have they accomplished by that? It did not ease racial tensions; only made it worse. Both sides of these issues will receive no satisfaction in the end. Their souls will still remain bitter.

The removal of the flags and monuments will not satisfy this group. The more they destroy of any traditional values will only encourage them to continue with their narrative. They seem to be losing all sense of good values and what one country stood for. We must realize it’s a minority, not majority, of people that strike out against our constitution and our God-given moral standards.

We ask ourselves where does all this hatred stop? I guess all books, names, etc., related to the Confederacy are to be eliminated. And finally, the vandalism and destruction of the Civil War graves.

Once again, what good would you have accomplished by your acts of indifference towards our past history? Let the past have its own history (leave it be) and think of our present and future history. You will never change what is dead and that is the past.

If you disagree with someone or something, there’s no need to be violent. You must have compassion enough to debate the issues in a civil manner.

If this movement of destruction by so many forces such as the socialist progressive left, with its rich and elite counterparts, and the liberal media continue to promote divisions and violence and immoral decisions in the country. Whereas evil tries to outweigh the good of the country, the good must overcome evil or I am afraid we are doomed as a country we once cherished and knew.

In recent years we have had weak leaders and the nation reflects it now. We are beginning to reap what has been sown. It’s being demonstrated in our society as a whole; not only in our streets with violent acts of evil, but our universities and colleges and even our local schools. The greatest impact on the drastic changes we are witnessing is due to our government’s failing us for so many years. It had changed from being for the people, by the people to big government (by the government and for the government). Our country will only be as good as its leaders.

And today, I pray to God that we have a good and strong leader in President Trump and his administration. May God guide and bless them. I believe our president truly loves this country and its people and he only wants the best life can offer for all. But for this to happen, all people must come together for this country. We must honor and respect one another. And please honor and respect a president that is trying so hard for this country to be successful. He has sacrificed so much of his life and time to bring America back and make our country great and respected once again.

I would like to conclude by saying, “Remember, America, where you came from? Where you have been? And where you are headed? WAKE UP AMERICA BEFORE IT’S TOO LATE TO CHANGE.”

Faith, love and full credit to God, and only then we will have God’s protection.

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Coker and Schwenk Announce Candidacies in Northampton

From Submitted Releases

Two Northampton candidates are asking voters for consideration Nov. 7.

John Coker is running for District 1 Supervisor, seeking to replace Granville Hogg, who is retiring. A former college mathematic and computer science teacher, Coker has more than 30 years of experience in financial management with major companies such as Fidelity Investments and Mellon Bank. He holds bachelor’s and master’s degrees in mathematics from Emory University.

Coker has previously contributed to the Northampton community by serving on the Ad Hoc Tax Study Committee in 2014, which generated a report detailing strategies to enhance and assure fairness within the county’s tax structure. He currently is a board member and treasurer for the Northampton Medical Services Foundation, which aims to preserve the availability of medical and emergency services to county citizens.

Coker’s priorities as a Northampton county supervisor would be the financial challenges of building a new high school and making broadband access available to thousands of citizens who currently have inadequate internet service. He proposes to accomplish these goals without large tax increases. Coker looks forwards to assisting new businesses in Cape Charles and throughout the county, and supports all businesses which are not detrimental to natural resources or property values.

Coker and his wife, Martina, have been part of the Northampton community for nearly 20 years; they have two daughters and four grandchildren. Coker enjoys fishing, kayaking, golfing, and attending community events in Cape Charles and throughout the county.

Kevin Schwenk is a write-in candidate for the at-large representative on the Northampton County school board. Schwenk taught music at Kiptopeke Elementary and at Northampton High and Middle School, where he also was Director of Bands, Theatre and Choral Activities. Schwenk holds bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Radford University.

After teaching at Kiptopeke for one year, Schwenk was granted his transfer request to Northampton High and Middle School, where he revitalized the diminishing music program. Schwenk built strong relationships with students, families, staff, and community, enabling him to recruit 30 new band members and create two new choral groups. He revived the theatre arts program, producing and directing two successful public performances.

The Northampton high and middle school band and chorus participated in the Fiesta-Val competition in Williamsburg in 2016; under Schwenk’s guidance, both groups placed first in their respective divisions. Schwenk then spearheaded a massive fundraising effort to support the band and chorus in participation at the World Strides Heritage Music Festival in New York City, where the chorus placed second and the band placed third. He says the festival allowed students the opportunity to see a world much bigger than the Eastern Shore, inspiring them to further excel in their studies.

Northampton public school parent Meghan Neville says Schwenk’s “attention to detail and ability to follow through on difficult projects is truly amazing … he is here to help each of us become our best self.”

Schwenk served in the Northampton County Education Association as Building Representative, advocating for teachers and staff. He was a member of the Northampton High School Building Leadership Team, and Northampton High School’s Performing Arts Department Chair.

“I believe that retaining quality educators, focusing on the needs of the students, increasing parent and community engagement, and exercising fiscal responsibility are the best ways to bring about positive change,” Schwenk said.

Schwenk has lived on the Eastern Shore for five years and is proud to call it home; though he may be a “come here,” he feels like a “belong here.”
Northampton Supervisors Grill Riverside Over Plans for County, Long-term Care

By Stefanie Jackson

John Peterman, administrator of Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital, got more than he bargained for when he met with Northampton County supervisors Sept. 12 to announce plans to convert the former cancer center in Nassawadox into a primary care office, and to discuss further Riverside health care improvements on the Eastern Shore.

The barrage of health care questions and concerns aimed at Peterman occurred in the aftermath of what Chairman Spencer Murray termed a “bombshell”: the announcement made about three weeks prior of the impending closure of Riverside Shore Rehabilitation Center in Parksley.

The Parksley nursing home closing would compound health care issues for Northampton residents already experiencing the negative implications of RSMH moving to Accomack. Since the hospital relocated from Nassawadox to Onancock in February, Northampton supervisors have voiced concern over increased burdens on EMS services and the need for an urgent care center.

District 5 Supervisor Robert Duer in particular was “concerned about access of health care,” not just for emergency and urgent care, but for long-term care and specialists. The Exmore town manager stated that the average yearly income for residents there is $15,800, and those residents cannot afford to travel to Newport News to visit their loved ones in a nursing home, or to see a specialist. “You’re going to stay home, you’re going to get sick, you’re going to call the ambulance, and Northampton taxpayers are going to fork out $800 to carry you to the hospital,” he said.

The Aug. 23, 2017, Riverside said in a press release, “In the eight years we have served the region, we have recruited specialists and primary care providers.” This was a source of contention for Duer, who questioned Peterman about what specialists were recruited. Peterman listed ER doctors, a radiation oncologist, and a medical oncologist had been recruited, but these were all replacements.

“Gastroenterology – we had full time,” Duer said, referring to Dr. Daniel Ridout. Peterman said Riverside has been “actively recruiting for two years” for the position. One candidate “decided the rural lifestyle wasn’t for her.”

“Orthopedics – we have full time orthopedics?” Duer asked. Peterman said that Dr. Steven Weissfeld joined Riverside last year, and is on call 10 nights per month. “So if a young man breaks his humerus down here playing football at 6:30 at night, he has a one in three chance of getting it fixed,” Duer speculated. The patient would likely be admitted and Weissfeld would see him in the morning, Peterman responded.

“Urology used to come over here 20 days a month; do we have urology now?” Duer asked. “We do not,” Peterman answered.

“We had three external internists when you all came here – there’s none,” Duer continued. He named several Riverside doctors on the Shore nearing retirement, “Dr. Daniels, 66 … Dr. Kellam, 64 … your neurologist is 65, and no plans to replace these guys. You’re going to have any empty hospital.”

“Can you help me?” Peterman asked. “I’m not in that line of business. I’m a supervisor taking care of the people in my community,” Duer replied. Murray agreed that “It’s hard to recruit professionals here.” Duer added, “They knew that coming in, they knew our payer mix coming in.”

Murray would like Northampton to be represented on any task force related to the Parksley nursing home closing. Peterman stated that Riverside would consider selling the facility back to Accomack County, or “would entertain any willing buyer that felt they could come in and make a go of it.”

Renueva su DACA

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Northampton High School Athletic Director and Cross Country Coach, Dr. Rich Wilfong, announced that at the Eastern Shore Cross Country Invitational held at Nandua, on Sept. 7, the boys cross country team recorded their 100th and 101st dual meet wins for the 10-year period with only 25 losses.

“This is quite an accomplishment and a real milestone for any team,” Wilfong noted, “We are quite proud of all the young men who contributed to this record over the years.”

Nandua dropped a 63-27 game to the Bennett Clippers last Friday in Onley.

Fred Smith scored first for the Warriors with a 85-yard touchdown pass from Jaden Davis. Eddie Stratton put up six more on a 22-yard pass from Davis to conclude the first half.

Davis and Damani Baines scored for Nandua in the second half, with extra points by Joseph Teasley, to rest the final tally at 36-27.

The Warriors will host the Lancaster Red Devils tonight at 7 p.m.

The Broadwater Vikings and the Nandua Warriors went head-to-head Tuesday night in Onley, with the two rival teams stretching the court battle to five sets. Broadwater ultimately came out on top with a 3-2 win over the Warriors (25-16, 25-23, 25-19, 25-12, 15-8).

Details from this matchup, as well as the rest of the Shore teams, will be in next week’s edition of the Post.
The Eastern Shore of Virginia Anglers Club conducted the annual Bay Challenge fishing tournament last Saturday, Sept. 16, out of Onancock, with more than 115 participants. Pictured are the young anglers who caught the top fish in the many youth divisions.

Northampton’s Taylor Terry (14) attempts to kill the ball against Chincoteague’s Krista Reed (8) and Caeley Willis (27) during their away tilt Sept. 7.

Onancock Bay Challenge Youth Anglers
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Story and Photos by Bill Sterling

The oft-delayed Shore Fest 2017 Golf Tournament was held under sunny skies Friday, Sept. 15, at the Eastern Shore Yacht and Country Club in Melfa.

Originally scheduled for early May, the event was postponed three times due to inclement weather before golfers enjoyed a beautiful day for the advanced best ball format on the par 70 layout.

The tournament was originally started by Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital and is now hosted by the Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce, with a portion of the proceeds going to the Riverside Shore Cancer Center.

“We were pleased we had 23 entries for the tournament. We thank the golfers for their patience as it took four months to finally hold the tournament,” said Robie Marsh, executive director of the chamber.

Winning first place in the first flight were Jack Krieger, John Sharpley, Toby Tapman and Adam Mason with a 56. Taking second in the first flight were Keith Lilliston, John Parks, Adam James and John T. Williams with a 61. Third place in the first flight were Tyler Ames, Josh Taylor, Ryan Horner and Spencer Nottingham, also with a 61.

Winning the second flight was the team of Charles Beard, Patrick Lutting and Ester Corpus with a 63. Runner-up in the second flight were Eddie Spencer, Josh Kelly, Brandon Parks and Matt Boggs with a 64. Third place in the second flight were Steve Katselos, Mike Murphy, C.L. Marshall and Larry Chance with a 64.

Aaron Gentry won the longest drive contest and Jeremy Meyer was closest to the pin on a par 3.

Annon Hooks Large Trout

Tate Annon had a great day on the water last Sunday with his family. His biggest trout tipped the scales at 3.4 lb.

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By Michael Garbacz

Game 1: Charles E. Morgan Termite and Pest Control Penguins 2, Grounds Keepers Lawn Care Capitals 9

The 21st season of the ESSHL Senior league kicked off with a bang, as the Caps ran away with the first tilt by a seven-goal margin. While the Pens tried to find their hockey legs, the Caps were good to go from the jump. Captain Pat Trick laid the hammer down with alacrity, scoring a first period natural hatty on precisely three shots, winding up with four goals and two assists for the game. Keith Hagler and James Haley had a goal and an assist apiece; Zach Webb, Robbie Washington and Local Hero Dean Dedicatoria each tickled the twine; Jenny Hagler and Julian Dedicatoria each picked up helpers.

For the Pens, Captain Zach “General” Mills and Mr. Tease, Matthew Teasley, found the back of the net. Mills, Ray Schreffler, TR Hoyt and Wayne Ayer added assists.

Game 2: Blues 2, EZ Loan Bruins 6

During the off season, Captain Mark Stapleton decided that he didn’t trust anyone under 30 (i.e., lost his mind) and drafted accordingly. The youngest buck on the roster is 31, folks. It didn’t take a young Bruins team long to be able to outrun wisdom and cruise to a four-goal win. Captain Donnie Williams, the Smooth Criminal, scored two goals and two assists while up and coming star C.J. Jones registered a “pace yourself” hat trick. Tayler Parks scored a goal and two assists; Chris Potter picked up a helper. Scott Millikin and Danny Tweedy scored the Blues’ markers; Danny Miller and Wes Stapleton assisted. More importantly, no broken bones, heart attacks or strokes occurred on the blueshirts’ roster.

Game 3: Delmarva Soil and Concrete Red Wings 5, Charles E. Morgan Termite and Pest Control Penguins 3

The Pens started to gel during their second affair, but it wasn’t enough to outlast the Wings, who came away winners of the best game of the day. Captain Brandon Stapleton, The Huntsman, fielded arguably the most balanced team this season, and it shows. Solid in all three zones, the Wings held their ground when General Mills put the Pens on his back. Stapleton recorded a two goal, two assist game; Preston Shover rang up two goals; Guy Shover picked up a goal and an assist. For the Pens, The General produced two goals and an assist; T.R. Hoyt scored a goal; Ray Johnson and Mr. Tease picked up helpers.

Game 4: Grounds Keepers Lawn Care Capitals 4, Blues 0

Appropriately enough, it was Ol’ Plugalong, Guy Parks, who registered the first shutout of the ESSHL season, as Mark Stapleton’s geriatric jamboree somehow managed to improve upon their first game and receive a goose egg for their effort. Though they managed to hold the mighty Pat Trick to just one goal, James Haley, Keith Hagler and Robbie Parker picked up the slack and sealed the deal for the Caps. Parker added a helper, while Zach Webb produced two.

Game 5: EZ Loan Bruins 3, Delmarva Soil and Concrete Red Wings 6

To close the day’s slate of games, the Red Wings spread their, well, wings, and sailed past the Smooth Criminal’s Bruins for a two-win Sunday. Although the Bs managed to contain The Huntsman for the most part, Preston Shover, father Guy and Jesse West were happy to oblige in using any open court given to them. The younger Shover came away with two goals and an assist; West scored twice; Michael Vargas and Autumn Shover each put the biscuit in the basket; Adrian Clark, Matthew Sullivan and the Huntsman chipped in assists. For the Bruins, C.J. Jones netted two markers, while Donnie Williams added one. Devon Corbin picked up a helper.

The ESSHL Senior league resumes Sunday, Oct. 1, at 1 p.m., at Stapleton Rink in Parksley.

Willett Pots a Winner in Bay Challenge

Ethan Willett caught an 8.12 pound speckled trout while fishing with his dad, Ray Willett, during the Eastern Shore of Virginia’s Anglers Club Onancock Bay Challenge, claiming first-place Junior Speckled Trout and Most Outstanding Catch of the tournament.

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Youth Wrestling at Nandua High School

The Y’s Youth wrestling starts on Oct. 16. Practices are on Mondays and Thursdays at 6 p.m., at Nandua High School. The cost to participate is $30. Please call the Y for questions or to sign up at 757-787-5601.

Northampton County Education Foundation
11th Annual Golf Tournament

The Northampton County Education Foundation (NCEF) will hold its annual golf tournament Friday, Oct. 13, at Bay Creek Golf Club, beginning at noon.

All proceeds will support the organization in its mission to engage the community and mobilize resources to promote student performance and excellence in teaching in local public schools.

Registration deadline is Oct. 6. The fee is $440 per team/$110 per player, and includes greens fees, carts with GPS, lunch, awards reception, and prizes. Hole sponsors are $250 non-playing and $700 with a team.

Prizes will be given out to the first-place team in each of the three flights; closest to the pin on 2 par 3’s and longest drive on one par 5 for both women and men. There will also be a Hole-in-One prize covering a Golf Package to Pebble Beach.

Spaces will fill up fast, so mail your registration as soon as possible. For more information or to register, call 331-2932 or 678-6212.

Drive for Literacy Golf Tournament

The 21st annual Drive for Literacy Golf Tournament will be held Friday, Oct. 6, at the Eastern Shore Yacht & 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).

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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 Shore.

Sponsorship deadline is Sept. 8, 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.

Anglers Club to Hold Free Children’s Fishing

The Eastern Shore of Virginia Anglers Club (www.esanglersclub.org) will hold a free fishing event for children on Sunday, Oct. 1, at the Fishing Pier in Saxis.

The club will provide equipment, and members will teach and assist young anglers from 1 to 2:30 p.m., followed by a cookout. Registration begins at 12:30 p.m. Boys and girls aged 3 to 15 are welcome to attend, accompanied by an adult. There is no fee. Rods and reels will be provided to the first 50 children. For more information, call 410-957-0198.

ACPR Flag Football, Cheerleader Sign-ups and Practice

Acomack Parks and Recreation Flag football and cheerleader sign-ups will be held Saturday, Sept. 23, 10 am - 11:30 a.m., at the Mary N. Smith Cultural Enrichment Center.

For additional information, contact the Parks and Recreation office at 787-3900 or Wayne at 710-1947.

Sports Shorts can be emailed to sports@easternshorepost.com
The outer wind bands of Hurricane Jose produced high ocean swells beginning late Monday, eliminating any possibility of offshore fishing opportunities following a productive weekend of angling. Heavy seas predicted to exceed 20 feet in wave height triggered a tropical storm warning, beginning on Monday afternoon into Tuesday evening.

Prior to the storm’s effects, local anglers enjoyed productive offshore action, including dolphin (mahi mahi) catches and white marlin releases in the canyons, as well as doormat flounder and trout catches over the near shore wrecks. Rough surf produced ideal conditions for red drum action, with a couple fish measuring in excess of 40 inches in length released from the barrier island beaches.

The Eastern Shore’s bayside did not suffer any effects from the storm, and fishing action has improved over the last week. The Onancock Bay Challenge Tournament enjoyed a successful event on Saturday from the Onancock Town Wharf, producing several citation-earning catches.

Chincoteague – Donna Rae, of Captain Bob’s Marina, reported that anglers were finding good numbers of kingfish and even a few pompano in the inlet. Keeper flounder catches came from Queen Sound, although throwbacks were outnumbering legal fish by a 5-6 fish to one margin. Sharks were still providing action from the inlet out to two miles and small gray trout were coming from the 2TL buoy.

Jimmy Vasilou, at Captain Steve’s Bait & Tackle, reported that red drum have showed up in good numbers, with fish hitting cut bait off the beach; some smaller puppy drum have been caught by anglers casting artificials. Vasilou confirmed the reports of kingfish, pompano and spot in the inlet. The inshore wrecks produced flounder to over six pounds during the early part of last weekend, prior to the effects of Jose. Jigs tipped with strip baits and Berkley Gulp combinations produced the lion’s share of the keeper flounder. Robert Sparks had the largest reported flounder, measuring 26 inches in length and weighing in at 6-11. Annette Levan Chenault released a white marlin aboard the Close Enough.

Wachapreague – Debbie, at Trident Tackle, had no local action to report, but the shop did register a 46-inch black drum release for Curt Sellard and a 24-inch sheepshead release for Robert Keisel. Both fish were caught during the Onancock Bay Challenge Tournament.

Lower Shore – James, at Chris’ Bait & Tackle, reported that anglers were catching good numbers of spot and croakers from the pier at Kiptopeke State Park. He said that the run of big red drum was still occurring over the shoals and up the edges of the channel in the lower Chesapeake Bay. Speckled trout catches were coming from the mouths of the bayside creeks, with puppy drum catches coming from the seaside.

Upper Bay – Matt Abell, at Sea Hawk Sports Center, reported that the big news was the arrival of red drum over on the seaside, both in the surf as well as inside the creeks and bays. Keeper flounder catches were also on the increase. A larger class of rockfish were coming from the Maryland portion of Tangier Sound, where large perch were also more numerous. Excellent rockfish, perch and even keeper flounder were registered in a tournament over the weekend out of the Nanticoke. Ethan Willett landed a beautiful 8.12 pound speckled trout while casting a MirrOlure during the Onancock Bay Challenge. Kyle Krabill landed a 12.7 pound sheepshead during the same tournament.

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.

Photo by Terry Kelly
Anna Yunker had two winning catches in the Onancock Bay Challenge.

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Alistar Howard released this large red drum.
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**Story by Connie Morrison**

The Eastern Shore of Virginia is a preferred destination for fall bird watchers. Its undeveloped coastline in the middle of the Atlantic flyway, coupled with expanses of conservation land and refuges, are perfect for pre-flight foraging and fuel, and August, September and October are peak months for songbirds and raptors.

Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge is a prime location, says local enthusiast Roberta Kellam. “It is a 4-season birding experience. You can go any season and see a lot of species,” she said.

Some favorite observation points for shorebirds, herons and egrets are Tom’s Cove, the Swan Cove pool along Beach Road, and the Wildlife Loop. Look for the marbled godwit, “a long-legged shore bird with a long bill the curves up at the end,” along with gulls and terns.

Since fall migration has begun, tropical migrants, including a variety of warblers, might be in the woods around the Chincoteague refuge or in shrubs around the Tom’s Cove visitor’s center. Hawks and other birds of prey are also likely to be spotted. Young birders can earn a patch by completing activities in a booklet they pick up at the Herbert H. Bateman Education Center.

While larger birds can be spotted with the naked eye, Kellam says it would be hard to spot many of the songbirds without the aid of binoculars. The refuge has binoculars to loan at the Bateman Center, according to Michael Dixon, supervisory park ranger in charge of visitor services and programs.

There are several upcoming opportunities to observe birds at the refuge. “The beginning of October is National Wildlife Refuge Week,” Dixon said. Although the focus this year is on the 150th anniversary of the lighthouse, partners from the National Seashore in Maryland will present their “Scales and Tales” program. Admission will be free on Oct. 14.

Waterfowl Week coincides with Thanksgiving. “It’s a really popular time of year with families,” said Dixon. The service road into the northern part of the refuge is open to vehicle traffic for the only time during the year. A variety of wildlife can be observed over the course of the 15-mile round-trip, including many bird species.

After Christmas, the refuge conducts an annual Christmas count. “A select number of birding enthusiasts help with that,” said Dixon, noting that one doesn’t have to be at the refuge to participate.

If it sounds like a lot, start with the basics: some binoculars and reference materials. The library has several birding guides (under Sibley’s and National Wildlife Federation titles). If you don’t want to borrow, the gift shop at the Bateman Center can set you up.

Additional online resources can be found at [www.birds.cornell.edu](http://www.birds.cornell.edu). Bird lists customized to any area can be made at [ebird.org/ebird/explore](http://ebird.org/ebird/explore).

“Akomack County and Chincoteague are just very birdy places,” said Kellam, noting that 383 species had been catalogued in the county. However, just to the north in Worcester County, Md., 386 species have been counted, and in Northampton County, 411 species have been recorded, and it isn’t because the birds aren’t there. “Accomack County needs to up its game,” Kellam quipped.

And quickly, too. This year’s Birding Festival is Oct. 6-7, and Oct. 7 is free family day at Kiptopeke State Park, where there will be experts on hand to help novice birders. Soon after, a new crop of birders will be in the field. Will Northampton retain its lead, or will Accomack pull ahead in species sightings? That sounds like the basis for a little friendly competition. The Post will report back at the end of the year on the outcome.
Weekly Pages for Chincoteague Island

Friday, Sept. 22
Bonus Farmer & Artisan Market Featuring Rosenfeld’s Jewish Deli Truck, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., 6309 Church St., free admission, www.chincoteagueculturalalliance.org

Saturday, Sept. 23
Chincoteague Island Farmer & Artisan Market (w/Captain E’s food truck), 9 a.m.-1 p.m., 6309 Church St., free admission, www.chincoteagueculturalalliance.org
MARSH Fest Featuring Angelica Garcia, noon-6 p.m., Chincoteague Bay Field Station, 34001 Mill Dam Rd., Wallops Island, www.marshfest.org

Sunday, Sept. 24
Kitchen Gallery, 3-5 p.m., 6309 Church St., www.chincoteagueculturalalliance.org

Monday, Sept. 25
Community Bingo, 1-3 p.m., Chincoteague Cultural Alliance, 6309 Church St., www.chincoteagueculturalalliance.org

Wednesday, Sept. 27
Red Cross Blood Drive, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Chincoteague Coast Guard Station, redcrossblood.org

Thursday, Sept. 28
Tales for Tots: Ride into Reading, 10 a.m., Chincoteague Island Library, 4077 Main St.

Ongoing
Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge, 6 a.m.-8 p.m. daily, Herbert H. Bateman Educational and Administrative Center open daily, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., 757-336-6122, www.fws.gov/refuge/chincoteague
Assateague National Seashore, Toms Cove Visitor Center, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., 757-336-6577, www.nps.gov/asis/index.htm
NASA Visitor Center, Tuesday - Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 757-824-1344, www.nasa.gov/centers/wallops/visitorcenter, Admission: Free

Upcoming Events
Hear a Story/Share a Story, Sept. 29, 7 p.m., & Chincoteague Storytelling Festival Featuring Storyteller Donald Davis, Nov. 3, 1 p.m., 6309 Church St., www.chincoteagueculturalalliance.org
45th Annual Chincoteague Oyster Festival, Oct. 7, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Tom’s Cove Park, 8128 Beebe Rd., Tickets: $45 (they sell out quickly), www.chincoteaguechamber.com
Bridge Lessons, beginning Oct. 27, 10:30 a.m.-noon, The Island Theatre Annex, 4076 Main St., Tickets: $35/eight classes, ciarts.org
Delmarva Heritage Days, Oct. 28, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., & Oct. 29, noon-4 p.m., Delmarva Discovery Center, 2 Market St., Pocomoke, Md., www.delmarvadiscoverycenter.org
Chincoteague Island Arts Organization New Year’s Eve Celebration, Dec. 31, 8 p.m., The Island Theatre, 4074 Main St., Tickets: $30 at ciarts.org and Sundial Books
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Weekly Pages for Chincoteague Island
They Marched and Played For Parksley’s Constitution Day

Photos by Linda Cicoira
Cape Charles

Friends of the Cape Charles Library will hold a Three-Day Autumn Monster Book Sale at the Cape Charles Civic Center, 500 Tazewell Ave., on Friday, Sept. 22, from 1 to 5 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 23, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, Sept. 24, from noon to 2 p.m.

Trinity United Methodist Church will hold a Fall Bazaar, on Saturday, Nov. 4, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tables will include white elephant, country store, pocketbooks, baked goods, crafts and more. A homemade chicken salad lunch will be available for $8. Tickets are available by calling 757-331-3010.

Crisfield, Md.

McCreary Health, in conjunction with Somerset County Health Dept., is offering a free 10-week smoking cessation class, at McCreary Health Community Room, 201 Hall Hwy., beginning Tuesday, Sept. 26, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. For more information or to register, call 410-968-1200 x3324.

Eastville

The Fourth Gala to support the Eastern Shore Habitat for Humanity will be held at the Historic Eastville Inn, on Saturday, Oct. 7, with cocktails and hors d’oeuvres beginning at 5:30 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. The auction will start after dessert. Tickets are $75 per person and can be purchased by calling 757-787-4873.

Parksley

Grace United Methodist Church will hold its Annual Fall Market in the fellowship hall, on Saturday, Oct. 7, from 8 a.m. to noon. There will be fresh cheese, casseroles, Broadwater chicken salad, clam fritters and more. For more information, call 757-665-4783.

Salisbury, Md.

Ward Museum will hold its Fourth Antique Evaluation Night, on Wednesday, Sept. 27, from 3 to 6 p.m. There is a $5 fee per item to be evaluated. General admission is free. For more information, call 410-742-4988 x108.

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- Lafort Chapell Jones, 40, of Exmore, and Tanya Michelle Savage, 36, of Greenbush
- Maximiliano Hernandez-Hernandez, 31, and Natalia Vanessa Garza, 32, both of Nassawadox
- Joshua Joseph Merrill, 35, of Greenbackville, and Elizabeth Rose Merritt, 36, of Hallwood
- George Simpson Jr. and Tamara Joy Blossic, both 55, of Wilmington, Del.
- Daniel Forrest Eschenburg, 35, and Alexa Kanona Lavaie, 31, both of West Palm Beach, Fla.
- Ryan Keith Horsey, 38, and Porsha Monique Dixon, 39, both of New Church
- Edward Marshall III, 56, and Troy Rena Sherrill, 49, both of Eastville
- Timothy Parker, 27, of Cape Charles, and Kimberly Tatum, 22, of Parksley
- Ronnie Brady, 46, and Shanda Stiles, 44, both of Nassawadox
- Christopher Elliott, 45, and Claudette Brown, 48, both of Cape Charles
- Torance Press, 41, of Parksley, and Melissa Smith, 42, of Exmore
- William Russell, 30, of Onancock, and Elizabeth Dodd, 26, of Eastville
- Richard Hamilton, 54, and Wendy Williams, 49, both of Laurel, Del.
- Benjamin Bonniwell, 32, and Shelby Lewis, 26, both of Exmore

Lions Clubs Come Roaring Back

After years of declining memberships, Lions on the Eastern Shore are coming back strong! In 2016-2017, the Lions Clubs of the Eastern Shore donated $3,748 to local charities/organizations and Lions organizations such as Leader Dog and the Eye Bank, screened 803 people for vision problems, 442 people for hearing issues, and 44 people for high blood glucose. Lions purchased 61 pairs of glasses and supported one cataract surgery locally. They collected 1,450 stamps for the Wounded Warrior Project. Members adopted a street and kept it litter-free and worked on many, many more projects.

There are 53 Lions among the three clubs on the Eastern Shore. Pictured above at the Barrier Island Center are (row 1, from left): Carol Hutchings, Dr. Barney Selph, Karen Kolet, Stan Plowden, Beth McHenry; (row 2, from left): Dana Bundick, Twila Camden, Ron Schneider, Ernie Swisher; (row 3, from left): Ben Kidd, Shavon Kellam, Ridgway Dunton. For more information, contact Terry Kolet at 678-7162, Twila Camden at 710-0872, Ridgway Dunton at 787-2059, or Karen Kolet at 678-7162.

Ruritan Scholarships Presented

The Pungoteague Ruritan Club recently presented $1,000 scholarships to Taylor Sterling Wallace and Decola Custis.

Wallace, in the picture on the left (second from left), was joined by her parents, Danny and Cheryl Wallace of Melfa, and Bill Mapp (far right), after receiving her scholarship. She is currently a student at Christopher Newport University majoring in cellular, molecular and physiological biology and has been accepted to Eastern Virginia Medical School.

Custis, in the picture on the right (center), is with Pungoteague Ruritan Club President Wayne Valentine and scholarship chairman Mapp after receiving her scholarship to further her education. She currently works at the intensive care unit of Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital. She has two associates degrees from the Eastern Shore Community College and a third degree from Old Dominion University with a major in human services and a minor in psychology and plans to earn a degree in nursing from Salisbury University.
FRIDAY SEPT. 22
★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 Parksville Rd., Parksville - 665-5133 (Lori Wilson)
★noon - AA mtg. - UMC, 75 Market St., Onancock
★5-6 p.m. - Fourth Friday Festival - Downtown Pocomoke - Live music by Audio Tribe
★6 p.m. - Celebrate Recovery Group mtg. - Onancock Baptist Church
★7 p.m. - Life Teach Series - Rachel/Leah Covenant Ministries Center - 787-2486
★7:30 p.m. - Women’s Conference - Living Word Church of Deliverance, Parksley
★7:30 p.m. - Bingo (doors open at 6:30 p.m.) - Exmore Moose Lodge, Belle Haven

MONDAY SEPT. 25
★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
★4-5 p.m. - Arc of the E.S. Board of Directors mtg. - ESCSB Day Support Center, Exmore - 442-3312
★5-6 p.m. - Al-Anon mtg. - Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Onancock
★6 p.m. - Accomack Cty. NAACP mtg. - Abba’s House, Mary N. Smith Cultural Ctr., Accomac - 757-709-9753
★6 p.m. - Bingo - Elk’s Lodge, Tasley
★6:30 p.m. - Cub Scout Pack 300 mtg. - Grace UMC, Parksville
★6:30-8:30 p.m. - Free English for Speakers of Other Languages - Metompkin Elementary School, Parksville
★7 p.m. - Onancock Town Council mtg. - council chambers, 15 North St.
★7 p.m. - Prayer Group for Parents & Grandparents Whose Children Have Passed Away - Craddockville UMC - 757-709-0286
★7 p.m. - AA mtg. - Rock Church, Onley
★7:30 p.m. - AA mtg. - Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 26405 Horsey Rd., Temperanceville

WEDNESDAY SEPT. 27
★7:45 a.m. - Kiwanis Club of Accomack County mtg. - Sage Diner, Onley
★10 a.m. - TOPS mtg. - Market St. UMC, Onancock - 787-4718
★10:30-11:30 a.m. - Overeaters Anon. mtg. - Rock Church, Onley

THURSDAY SEPT. 28
★9 a.m.-1 p.m. - Veterans’ Employment Representative Avail. - Chincoteague Town Office
★10:30 a.m. - Children’s Story Hour - library, Accomac

SATURDAY SEPT. 23
★9 a.m. - Women’s Conference - Living Word Church of Deliverance, Parksley
★9:30 a.m. - Sunrise Yoga On The Beach - Kiptopeke State Park - $8/class
★noon & 7:30 p.m. - AA mtg. - Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Onancock
★noon-4 p.m. - Marine Life Day - VIMS Laboratory, Wachapreague - parking at lot in Wachapreague Town Marina - 787-5816
★noon-6 p.m. - MARSH Fest - Chincoteague Bay Field Station, 34001 Mill Dam Rd., Wallops Island
★2-4 p.m. - Empowering Girls’ Group - ESTACI, Exmore
★7:30 p.m. - Bingo - Eastville Vol. Fire Co.

SUNDAY SEPT. 24
★11 a.m. & 3 p.m. - Sixth Pastoral Anniversary - Bethel Baptist Church, Franktown
★noon - Social Luncheon - Calvary Bible Church, Accomac
★12:30 p.m. - Bingo - Vietnam Veterans’ Bldg., Onley
★3 p.m. - New Hallelujah Gospel Singers Concert - Mt. Zion UMC, Withams
★3 p.m. - Men’s Day - Living Word Church of Deliverance, Parksley
★3 p.m. - Ushers’ Day - Antioch Baptist Church, Treherneville
★7:30 p.m. - AA mtg. - Christ UMC, 6253 Church St., Chincoteague

SUNDAY SEPT. 25
★11 a.m. - Al-Anon mtg. - Refuge Inn, Chincoteague
★10 a.m. - Bingo - Accomack Senior Village, Onancock - 787-3900
★10 a.m. - Zumba - Franktown UMC
★11 a.m. - Duplicate Bridge - Sage Diner, Onley - 442-2474
★1:30-3 p.m. - Riverside Shore Hospice Grief Support Group mtg. - Downing’s UMC, 7291 Lankford Hwy., Oak Hall - 789-5000
★3-6 p.m. - Cape Charles Farmers Market - Museum, Randolph Ave., Cape Charles
★5:30 p.m. - AA mtg. - St. James Episcopal Church, Accomac
★6 p.m. - Onancock Lions Club mtg. - Sage Diner, Onley - 787-2059
★6 p.m. - Rachel Leah Ministries - 787-2486 (call for location)
★6 p.m. - Bingo - Pocomoke Elks, next to YMCA
★6:30-8:30 p.m. - GED Class - ESCC, Class A-51, Melfa
★7 p.m. - E.S. Cruisers’ Car Club mtg. - Sage Diner, Onley
★7:30 p.m. - AA mtg. - Atlantic Methodist Church, 10044 Atlantic Rd.
★7:30 p.m. - Bingo - Cheriton VFC - smoke free
★7:30 p.m. - Order of the Eastern Star (Acc. Chap. #62) mtg. - Masonic Lodge, Chincoteague

THURSDAY SEPT. 29
★9 a.m. - Story Time - Cape Charles Memorial Library
★3:45-5 p.m. - The Good News Club mtg. - Hollies Baptist Church, 17691 Hollies Church Rd., Keller - transportation from Pungoteague Elementary school provided
★4 p.m. - Chess Club - Cape Charles Memorial Library - all ages, levels welcome
★5:30 p.m. - Shore Losers mtg. - Drummonds Tanner Baptist Church, Accomac - $1/wk.
★5:30 p.m. - TOPS VA-550 mtg. - Zion Baptist Church, Parksville - 787-7099
★6-8:30 p.m. - GED Class - ESCC, Class A-51, Melfa
★6:30 p.m. - Kiwanis Club mtg. - St. Andrew’s Catholic, Chincoteague
★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, Onancock
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Supervises inspections for compliance with County zoning ordinances; resolves non-compliance issues, and/or issues citations to violators; supervises follow-up inspections to ensure implementation of corrective measures. Supervises the Current Planner position jointly with Senior Planner. Accepts and reviews applications for zoning permits. Responsible for issuing plan approval and permits specific to the codes and programs the Zoning Administrator administers.

These include site plan approvals, waiver approvals, mitigation plan approvals, WQIA approvals, zoning clearances, land disturbance permits and wetlands permits. Provides information and discusses regulations with property owners, business owners, contractors and the general public. Excellent communication skills are essential. Please see complete job description on County website.

Requires Bachelor’s degree in civil engineering, landscape architecture, planning public administration, or a closely related field. Requires a Virginia Association of Zoning Officials’ Certified Zoning Administrator (CZA) certification. Requires valid Virginia’s Driver’s License and requires at least two years’ experience as a Zoning Administrator.

Excellent communication skills are essential. The minimum salary for this position is $52,315.47 to $78,472.17 plus benefits.

Please refer to Northampton County’s website online for further job descriptions, requirements and county’s application form. Please submit completed County application form with cover letter to Human Resources, PO Box 66, Eastville, VA 23347. Position will remain open until filled. Northampton County is an EOE.

Victim Witness Program Advocate
Northampton County, Virginia
Northampton County is accepting applications for the full-time position of Victim Witness Program Advocate. This position, under the general supervision of the Commonwealth’s Attorney, provides criminal justice process and victims’ rights information; sends out correspondence to victims at various stages of the criminal justice process; assists victims with filing claims with the State’s Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund; assists victims with the submission of Victim Impact Statements and the development of Restitution Plans. The job involves providing court advocacy to crime victims, assessing needs, making referrals to other human service agencies and developing service plans and is also responsible for maintaining a variety of records and files pertaining to assigned cases and preparing reports. Please refer to Northampton County’s website online for complete job description, requirements and county’s application form www.co.northampton.va.us/jobs.html. Minimum salary level: $25,000. Please submit completed County application form with cover letter to Human Resources, P. O. Box 66, Eastville, VA 23347 by October 13, 2017. Northampton County is an EOE.

NUTRITIONIST ASSISTANT
Position #ES024
RE-ADVERTISEMENT: The Eastern Shore Health District has an opening for a Nutritionist Assistant to support the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC). For detailed job information or to apply, visit https://jobs.agencies.virginia.gov/. Virginia Department of Health (VDH) accepts only online applications; apply by September 29, 2017. EEO.

Anrc is an EOE.

Senior Zoning Administrator
Northampton County, Virginia
The essential function of this position is to enforce zoning ordinances. The position is responsible for knowledge and enforcement of County zoning ordinances, related inspections, and preparing reports. The position works under the Director of Planning, Permitting & Enforcement.

Supervises inspections for compliance with County zoning ordinances; resolves non-compliance issues, and/or issues citations to violators; supervises follow-up inspections to ensure implementation of corrective measures. Supervises the Current Planner position jointly with Senior Planner. Accepts and reviews applications for zoning permits. Responsible for issuing plan approval and permits specific to the codes and programs the Zoning Administrator administers. These include site plan approvals, waiver approvals, mitigation plan approvals, WQIA approvals, zoning clearances, land disturbance permits and wetlands permits. Provides information and discusses regulations with property owners, business owners, contractors and the general public. Excellent communication skills are essential. Please see complete job description on County website.

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Human Resources Specialist
Northampton County is accepting applications for a full-time Human Resources Specialist in the Finance Department. This position performs complex and responsible professional human resources administration and prepares payroll for all County employees and other assigned duties. The position is directly responsible for the overall administration, coordination and evaluation of the human resource function and works under the direction of the Director of Finance for payroll administration and under the direction of the County Administrator for personnel administration.

Associate’s degree is required, preferably in personnel administration, human resources, or public administration. Requires four years of related work experience, but any combination of education and experience to equal four years’ of work will be considered.

Minimum salary for this position is $47,451.60. Please refer to Northampton County’s website for further job descriptions, requirements and county’s application form www.co.northampton.va.us/jobs.html. Please submit completed County application form with cover letter to Human Resources Office, P. O. Box 66, Eastville, VA 23347 by October 20, 2017. Northampton County is an EOE.

Got a boat or truck you want to sell? Put it in the Eastern Shore Post for only $30 until sold. Call Angie at 757-789-7618.

Immediate opening for a full-time HVAC Service Technician at Thornton Services Heating & Air Conditioning. Benefits available. EPA Certification and clean/valid driver’s license is required. Salary based upon experience.

Resumes and questions may be sent to cwtsi@verizon.net. Applications available at our office: 36106 Lankford Hwy., Belle Haven.
Help Wanted (Cont'd)

SPCA-Kennel Help Needed
Part-time, some weekend hours, $8 per hour. Must be able to work with animals. No phone calls please.

Carpenters
Currently hiring experienced carpenters for full-time position. Driver's license and transportation required. Must be willing to work anywhere in Hampton County and occasionally the lower end of Accomack County. Serious inquiries only. Contact our office at 331-4560.

SEND RESUME WITH REFERENCES & DRIVING RECORD TO:
WENDDELL DISTRIBUTING
650 MADISON AVE
CAPE CHARLES, VA 23310
OR: FRANK.WENDELL57@VERISON.NET

ALSO, HIRING PART-TIME HELP
- MUST BE 18 OR OLDER WITH VALID DRIVER’S LICENSE

The Eastern Shore Community Services Board is seeking candidates for the following positions:
Senior Clinician/Clinician Developmental Disabilities Aide Substance Abuse Outpatient Clinician (CSAC required)
Part-time Driver
Full-time Housekeeper/Custodian
For more information or to apply, please visit the ESCSB's website at www.escsb.org

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Help Wanted

BOATS, ETC.

BOSTON WHALER $14,500 - 04 Montauk 170, 90-4 stroke, bimini, 20 gal. cushions, 3rd row seat, free ladder, excl. cond. (703) 203-8789 bill.kenis@gmail.com
CAROLINA SKIFF - 2790 DLX, 10,500-lb. triple axle trailer, no motor, $15,000 OBO. 757-619-8031.
CHARTER BOAT $15,000 OBO - 34' Delta-ville Dead-Rise $15,000 - Charter Fishing Boat. 2012 Re-Power Cat 3208T (757) 678-3718.

Farm & Lawn Equipment

1953 ANNIVERSARY JU- BILEE 600 FORD TRAC- TOR - $3,500. 442-7507.
2013 JOHN DEERE GA- TOR - XUV550 - 132 hrs., 4-wheel drive, high & low range, elec. wench on front, 5’6” plow for front, dump body, winter vinyl enclosure, excl. cond. ASKING REDUCED: Now $8,500. Was $9,300. 757-784-3019.
5-HP MOWERS SUB- MERSIBLE WATER PUMP - Includes electrical box. Used less than 30 hrs. $950. 442-7677 & leave msg.

Class A Fishing License - $3,000 CALL 757-709-8854

AQUAPORT OSM- PREY - 19-ft. 4-in. CC, 115 h.p. Johnson (low hrs.), EZ Loader trailer, new upholstery, must see! $7,200. OBO Call 757-678-6098.

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

20-ft. BOSTON WHAL- ER - Orig. owner; w/150 h.p. 4-stroke Honda still under warranty (less than 50 hrs.) Alum. trailer, T-top, 2-4PS/solnn units, $22,000 firm. Will take older 15 to 17 ft. BW on trade. 434-821-9027 or 434-665-9260.


16-FT. REBEL SAIL- BOAT - boat and trailer: $2,400. 757-787-3130.

28-FT. SHAMROCK - With anchor pullo, never been used, lots of extra equipment. Call 737-891-2426.


1986 21-FT. KEN CRAFT - Pilot house, fresh water cooled, V8 inboard, pocket drive w/galvanized trailer. $10,500. 757-665-6564.

93 26-ft. Bayliner - 175 h.p. Mercury, fish finder, New Bimini top, potty, Fiber pontoon & trailer & new winch. $6,000 OBO. Call Don at 757-787-2959.

1999 23-FT. SEA ENSR $12,500 – Upgrades; great condition; Johnson motor; live well; potty. Fiber pontoon boat and trailer: $12,500 – New cond. $275 OBO. 804-543-0343 or 757-331-3028.


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


1999 23 FT. SEA ENSR $12,500 – Upgrades; great condition; Johnson motor; live well; new wiring; Garmin; new canvas top; Price negotiable. (757) 665-1904.


1994 28-FT. GRADY WHITE 28'500 OBO Charter Fishing Boat. 2012 Re-Power Cat 3208T (757) 678-3718. dat556@verizon.net www.ltbaycharters.com


34’ DELTAVILLE DEADRISE $28,500 OBO Charter Fishing Boat. 2012 Re-Power Cat 3208T (757) 678-3718. dat556@verizon.net www.ltbaycharters.com


FARM & LAWN EQUIPMENT

STOCK CLERK - Honest, dependable, reliable, 4 days a week, weekends required. Apply in person at T’s Corner, 6491 Lankford Hwy., Oak Hall, Va. REID & TAYLOR ROOFING - Painter, Carpenter & Roofer needed. 678-6169.

COOK NEEDED
Apply in person at Exmore Diner or print an application online at exmorediner.com
No Phone Calls Please!
Stop: Hammertime! Don’t call some shark out of the blue! Call reliable John C. Miller today because not all sharks live in the ocean... & this summer you may need a bigger boat!

Tony’s Tree Service
Complete Tree Removal
1419 Deer Path
Hallows, VA 23359
(757) 990-1131
Residential • Commercial
FREE Estimates • Stump Grinding
Stump Removal • Lot Clearing • Excavation
Licensed and Insured

07 Toyota Rav4 - $6,250
Barcelona Red. One-owner; front-wheel drive 2.4L, 4-cyl., 4-spd. auto. trans. Cargo area tonneau cover, net & poles. Well maintained, good cond., high miles, ($5,995) • REDUCED: $5,495. Call 757-894-8561

03 F150 4X4 Ford XLT Lariat - $16,000 OBO. Contact Shawn via email at shawn@skipjackrock.com

02 Chevrolet Tahoe $2,100 - 4WD One Family Owned, It Only Has 70K Original Miles, automatic transmission. Call: 757-571-2956

*04 Harley Lowrider 14,325 mi., 1340 EVO engine, like new, many new parts, $4,995 firm. Call 757-449-6096

*85 BMW Motorcycle - K100RS, 52K miles. Has bags, fairing, & windshield. REDUCED: $1,500 OBO. 50 m.p.g. Call 757-894-5332

*94 Harley Fat Boy Apehangers, Triple Exhaust, 6,773 mi. $9,500. Call 757-709-9112 or 709-4963

*01 Volusia Intruder Suzuki Motorcycle - 800cc, like new. $2,900. Call 757-824-3147

*99 Harley Davidson Sportster 1200cc - 17,990 mi., black, new tires, runs & rides great, asking $5,400 NOW $2,900 OBO. Call and leave msg: w/Allen @ 757-894-5150.

\( \frac{96}{96} \) \textit{Harbororton Yard Sale}

Yard Sales
HARBORTON YARD SALE & FARMERS MARKET AT HARBORTON BOAT RAMP - Sept. 30, 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Rain Date: Oct. 7. All vendors welcome. Call Bob Mickiewicz at 757-442-5212 for more information. Refreshments will be available.

2 Madison Ave Cape Charles Yard Sale Multi Fam w/ furniture, boating/fishing stuff, lots of misc items. Sept 23 8:00-1:00 PM Rain or Shine.

For handicap assistance, please call the number above at least 48 hours in advance.

Legal Advertising
Notice of Public Hearing
Rescheduled from September 19, 2017. The Cape Charles Wetlands and Coastal Dune Board will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, October 4, 2017, at 6:15 p.m., in the Cape Charles Town Hall second floor conference room, located at 2 Plum Street, to receive comments on an application for dredging and shoreline protection at a proposed marine terminal and boat yard at lots 1101-1267 Bayshore Road (tax map # 83A3-11-1; 83A3-11-2; 83A3-A-19; and 83A3-A-20). The project area is approximately one and one-half (1.51) acres. The Wetlands and Coastal Dunes Board will have a meeting to vote on the application immediately following the public hearing.

Information on the applications can be viewed on-line at www.capecharles.org under Agendas and Minutes, in the Planner’s Office at 2 Plum Street, or obtained by phone at 757-331-3259 x15, or email to planner@capecharles.org

For handicap assistance, please call the number above at least 48 hours in advance.

Yard Sales
The Mayor and Council of the Town of Onley and the Planning Commission of the Town of Onley will conduct a Joint Public Hearing at 6:30 p.m., Monday, October 2, 2017, at the Onley Baptist Church Hall located at 25501 W. Main Street, Onley, Virginia, for the purpose of receiving comments from members of the public for Four Corners Plaza LLC to obtain a Special Use Permit to erect 2 monument signs on lots 93C1-1-F and 93C1-1-E. The scheduled monthly meeting of the Mayor and Council will immediately follow and they will vote on whether or not to approve this application. A copy of the application and accompanying documents are available for public inspection at the Town Office Monday through Friday from the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Virginia: In the Circuit Court for the County of Northampton

The Board of Supervisors of Northampton County, Virginia

Plaintiff

CIVIL CASE NO. 17-255

vs.

The heirs and devisees of Nervilla Townsend

Cecil Townsend

Defendants

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

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

All that parcel of land near Chespahide, Northampton County, Virginia, being 4.00 acres, more or less, and designated as parcel no. 0105A-0A-BLK-00 0000043.

LESS AND EXCEPT conveyances recorded in Deed Book 122, page 488; Deed Book 127, page 71; Deed Book 127, page 76; Deed Book 141, page 41; Deed Book 158, page 587.

Standing in the name of Nervilla Townsend, pursuant to Section 58.1-3967 of the Code of Virginia.

And an affidavit having been filed that due diligence has been used to ascertain the names and location of all the heirs, devisees and successors in title of Nervilla Townsend; that there are or may be other persons having an interest in the real estate forming the subject matter of this suit whose names and last post office addresses are unknown, namely, the unknown heirs, devisees and successors in title of Nervilla Townsend; and that Cecil Townsend is a nonresident of the state of Virginia, whose last known post office address is 12 Yancey Lane, Newark, DE 19702.

It is ORDERED that this Order be published once a week for two successive weeks in the Eastern Shore Post and that the parties named herein appear on or before October 16, 2017, at 9:30 a.m. in the Clerk’s Office of the Circuit Court for the County of Northampton, Virginia, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this suit.

ENTER: This 14th day of September, 2017

Lauren M. Brown, Dep. Clerk

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

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

EASTERN SHORE RURAL HEALTH SYSTEM, INC.
EASTVILLE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER

Eastern Shore Rural Health System, Inc. (ESRHS) of Onancock, Virginia, is requesting interested General Contractors to submit professional qualifications for Approval to Bid on the construction of the new Eastville Community Health Center in the Town of Eastville, Northampton County, Virginia.

RESPONSES:
The response to this Request for Qualifications (RFQ) shall be received by George, Miles & Buhr LLC no later than 4:00 PM, Wednesday October 25, 2017.

Mail or deliver six (6) bound original copies and one (1) unbound clipped original copies of the qualifications proposal to:

George, Miles & Buhr LLC
206 West Main Street
Salisbury, MD 21801
410-742-3115
Attn: Morgan H. Helfrich, AIA, LEED A.P.

George, Miles & Buhr LLC will receive hand delivered copies between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM Monday-Friday. Submissions received after the published receipt date will not be accepted for consideration.

Electronic or faxed submissions are not acceptable.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Eastern Shore Rural Health System, Inc. (ESRHS) is a federally qualified community health center organization which is comprised of seven (7) medical and dental centers on Virginia’s Eastern Shore.

ESRHS seeks to build a 24,720 square foot single story community health center building which shall house exam rooms for multiple medical and dental providers, administrative offices, reception and waiting rooms, laboratory and X-Ray rooms, medical procedure rooms, pharmacy, and related staff and support areas. The facility is undergoing final design now and is anticipated to be ready for bidding in late Fall 2017.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Responder shall present demonstrated evidence of ability, qualifications and experience in successfully completing one or more construction projects within the last five (5) years, of similar size, type and complexity as the proposed new Eastville Community Health Center.

By submitting their qualifications proposal, Responder acknowledges they are knowledgeable in the construction of state-of-the-art healthcare facilities of this type, and recognizes the Owner’s mission to provide a facility which promotes the dignity, comfort, privacy, health and well being of its patients, staff and visitors.

Responder shall be licensed as a General Contractor in the State of Virginia.

PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS:

A. Format:
1. Provide six (6) bound copies of the qualifications proposal plus one (1) copy clipped together to facilitate reproduction.
2. Pages shall be no larger than letter size (8-1/2 by 11 inches) or, if folded, twice letter size (11 x 17 inches).

B. Contents:
1. Company Philosophy: A brief description of the firm’s philosophical approach to quality management, professionalism, teamwork and commitment to excellence generally, and with regard to this project particularly. A simple reiteration of the company’s mission statement is discouraged.
2. Experience and Capacity: A description of the background and experience of the firm, demonstrating the firm’s ability to undertake and complete this project successfully.
3. Relevant Experience: A list of relevant projects demonstrating large scale medical office building construction experience. Provide project name and location, owner contact information, project description, change order history, construction cost and adherence to completion schedule.
4. References: A list of references from contracts of similar size, scope and complexity. Provide contract information including name, organization, address, phone number, and email address.
5. Qualifications of Personnel: Provide resumes and other pertinent information on the firm’s organizational structure, officers and key personnel that will work on this project.
6. An executed AIA A305 Contractor’s Qualification Statement, including financial data.
7. Bonding Limits: Provide a letter from the Responder’s bonding company stating the firm’s total bonding limits and its anticipated bonding obligations at the time of bidding this project.
8. Responders are encouraged to furnish additional information which further demonstrates their interest and qualifications to build this project.

C. Submittal:
Submit qualification proposals to the address shown and contact above.

Questions shall be directed to:
Morgan H. Helfrich, AIA, LEED A.P.
George, Miles & Buhr LLC
206 West Main Street
Salisbury, MD 21801
Fax 410-548-5790
mhelfrich@gmbnet.com

END OF DOCUMENT
The Town of Chincoteague is considering an application to the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries to establish no-wake zones in the waters surrounding Chincoteague Island. The areas under consideration include the Assateague Channel from Tom’s Cove Aquafarms to Sheephead Creek; a portion of Lewis Creek; and the Curtis Merritt Harbor of Refuge. This matter will be considered in the October 2, 2017, Town Council Meeting.

The Town of Exmore is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

All that parcel of land in Accomack County, Virginia, being Lot 110, Section 2, Captain’s Cove.

PARCEL 19: ACCOMACK COUNTY
vs. RENELDA K. WHITE
MAP NO. 109A001000008B0

All that parcel of land containing 0.70 acre, more or less, near Pennyville, Accomack County, Virginia, being part of Lot 8, shown on a plat entitled “Property of George and Hattie Bailey, Located Near Pennyville, Accomack County, Virginia”, recorded in Plat Book 11, at page 6.

PARCEL 20: ACCOMACK COUNTY
vs. TONY WHITE
MAP NO. 076A0000003600
21203 Bayside Road

All that parcel of land being 1.00 acre, more or less, on Bayside County Road, Accomack County, Virginia.

PARCEL 21: ACCOMACK COUNTY
vs. TONY WHITE
MAP NO. 078A2000002600
19192 Greenbush Road

All that parcel of land located near Parksley, Accomack County, Virginia, on Virginia Route 316, being 0.50 acre, more or less.

The terms of sale require a deposit of 25% of the bid price with the balance due in ten days. Additional terms will be announced at the sale. Each sale shall be subject to confirmation by the Court.

JAMES W. ELLIOTT
Special Commissioner
7100 U. S. Route 17
Yorktown, VA 23692
(757) 898-7000
www.vataxsale.com
### Foreclosure Sale of Real Estate in Captain's Cove

**October 6, 2017, 10:00 AM**

To be held at the Marina Club in Captain's Cove Subdivision, 3323 Dock Ct., Greenbackville, VA 23356.

#### The following properties will be auctioned:

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Case No. CL17000289-00
Acomack County Circuit Court
23316 Courthouse Avenue, Accomac, VA 23301

JEAN NECSO VITALIS
v. MARIE HERODE BREVI
The object of this suit is to:
ONTAIN A DIVORCE.

It is ORDERED that MARIE HERODE BREVI appear
at the above-named court and protect her interests on or
before OCTOBER 18, 2017.

August 28, 2017
Samuel H. Cooper Jr., Clerk

ORDER OF PUBLICATION
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
Case No. CL17000270-00
Acomack County Circuit Court
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RUTHA VAINQUEUR
v. HOELLE ORIOIL
The object of this suit is to:
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above-named court and protect her interests on or before
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Case No. CL17000285-00
Eastern Shore Circuit Court
23316 Courthouse Avenue, Accomac, VA 23301

JUDICIAL SALE OF REAL ESTATE

On October 23, 2017, proceedings will be commenced
under authority of Section 58.1-3965 et seq. of the Code
of Virginia to sell the following parcels located in the
County of Northampton, Virginia for payment of delinquent
taxes.

Custis, Mary Lee
0668B-01-BLK-00 04000004

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Eastern Shore Development Corporation
0112A-01-BLK-00 29464BO

The owner of any property listed may redeem it at
any time before the date of sale by paying accumulated
taxes, penalties, interest and costs thereon at the law
office listed below. The pro rata costs of publication here-
der shall become a part of the tax and together with all
other costs, including reasonable attorney’s fees set by
the court, shall be collected when payment is made
whether or not court proceedings have been initiated.

CYNTHIA BRADFORD
TREASURER
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

I ask for this:
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Virginia: In the Circuit Court for the County of Northampton

The Board of Supervisors of Northampton County, Virginia

Plaintiff

Civil Case No. 17-170

vs.

Dora Baltazar

Evms Academic Physicians and Surgeons Health Services Foundation

Defendants

Order of Publication

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

All that parcel of land in Concord Wharf, Northampton County, Virginia, being Parcel D on a Survey recorded in Plat Book 25, page 77, and designated as parcel no. 0002-06-BLK-00 000000D.

Standing in the name of Dora Baltazar, pursuant to Section 58.1-3966 et seq. of the Code of Virginia.

And an affidavit having been filed that due diligence has been used to ascertain the location of Dora Baltazar, whose last known post office address is 6443 Lankford Highway, Oak Hall, VA 23416.

It is ORDERED that this Order be published once a week for two successive weeks in the Eastern Shore Post and that the parties named herein appear on or before October 15, 2017, at 9:30 a.m. in the Clerk’s Office of the Circuit Court for the County of Northampton, Virginia, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this suit.

ENTER: This 15th day of September, 2017

Lauren M. Brown, Dep. Clerk

I ask for this:

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It started as so many emails to the editor do - with a request. A group of friends was coming to town for the weekend, and would I consider putting something in the paper to commemorate the visit? It was the 10th anniversary of the group’s getaway weekends. Maybe I was missing some old friends, as I tend to do this time of year. Fall was for cider making and our annual October party was just right for pressing cider, carving pumpkins, hay rides, chili, and walking the trails around our farm with 100 or so of our closest friends. So naturally, this time of year my thoughts still turn to seasons past.

But I think what struck me about the request was this group of friends’ commitment to their cause, and to making it fun.

“We have been pirates
Or princesses or poodle skirts and the 50s
Let’s not forget when we pretended we were at the Academy Awards,” read the poetry-like entreaty.

The author of the note, Jill Clark, said the same.

By Connie Morrison

The Costs of Denial

Dear Editor:

How many disasters will it take before our government takes meaningful action to stop global warming? The costs are mounting daily. As I write this, five northwestern states have record wild fires and the Gulf states are drowning under gigantic hurricanes.

It is time that global warming deniers cease holding America hostage to their bogus dogma and begin to be held accountable for the enormous damage they are causing to the world, their fellow Americans and themselves. Between 1980 and 2016, global natural disasters – storms, floods, landslides, avalanches, extreme temperatures, droughts and forest fires – have increased from 200 a year to 700 a year. (See https://www.economist.com/blogs/graphicdetail/2017/08/daily-chart-19)

Every year we as a country refuse to address global warming means these natural disasters will increase. And the difference between the background rate and the increased rate, a factor of 3.5, has to be blamed on deniers. Why should all Americans suffer the consequences and be made to pay for the damages caused by their willful ignorance?

The fossil fuel industry, the think tanks and their paid consultants have undertaken a massive decades-long propaganda effort to convince the American public that global warming is not real. Exxon Mobil is being investigated by the attorneys general of two states to establish whether it misled its shareholders and the public about the risks of climate change. Their scientists knew that, “oil and gas production and consumption would lead to human-caused climate change, potentially in catastrophic proportions.” (see http://climatex.mit.edu/assessing-exxonmobil-climate-change-communications-1977–2014). Contradicting what Exxon’s own scientists were researching and publishing about the reality of human-caused global warming, management undertook a disinformation program publicly saying just the opposite.

Why should Eastern Shore and Tidewater Virginia residents be concerned about accelerating global warming? The fact that the largest naval base in the world would be seriously compromised, along with Norfolk and much of Tidewater, led the Department of Defense to state in the introduction to its report to Congress in 2015, “DoD recognizes the reality of climate change and the significant risk it poses to U.S. interests globally. The National Security Strategy, issued in February 2015, is clear that climate change is an urgent and growing threat to our national security, contributing to increased natural disasters, refugee flows, and conflicts over basic resources such as food and water. These impacts are already occurring, and the scope, scale, and intensity of these impacts are projected to increase over time” (see http://archive.defense.gov/pubs/150724-congressional-report-on-national-implications-of-climate-change.pdf?source=govdelivery).

It is time to cut the misinformation campaign and get down to the work of minimizing the future costs of global warming. This is not rocket science. When compared to the human and economic costs of disaster cleanup, the most effective approach to stopping global warming will save hundreds of thousands of lives and generate millions of jobs.

Don’t buy into the denier lie that addressing global warming would be too costly. Instead, check out the solution proposed by the Citizen’s Climate Lobby at http://citizensclimatelobby.org/basics-carbon-fee-dividend/

It’s time we armed ourselves with the facts and hold climate deniers accountable for the damage. It’s time to demand that Congress and the current administration stop the coverup of climate science. It’s time our government started acting in our interests and stopped acting solely for those who own stranded assets in the fossil fuel industry.

Tony Picardi, Belle Haven

If you see these ladies around the Shore, wish them a fun-filled weekend on their 10th annual getaway. Pictured, from left, are Charlotte Combs, Patti Jewell, Gloria Miller, Molly Waldrop, Marge Dungan, outside a cabin at Smith Mountain Lake State Park.

Photo by Jill Clark

HELP!!

POST Haste

By Connie Morrison

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