Trooper Indicted for Forging Summonses

By Linda Cicoira

A senior state trooper, who grabbed an unattended toddler off Lankford Highway before the child could get struck by a passing vehicle last year, was indicted Monday by an Accomack Grand Jury on six counts of forging traffic tickets.

Johnny N. Godwin, 43, a native of Sanford, who was listed on whitepages.com as living on Jolly Rogers Drive in Greenbackville, is accused of forging half a dozen Virginia Uniform Summonses in November 2016, about five months after rescuing the child. The charges came in direct indictments so there were no warrants issued. A reporter attempted to speak to Godwin Tuesday, but a woman who answered his phone hung up after the reporter identified herself.

Godwin was indicted on two counts of forging summonses on Nov. 25, 2016, in the name of Kevin Cooper Leslie; two counts of forging summonses on Nov. 26, 2016, in the name of Mitra Elizabeth English; and two counts of forging summonses on Nov. 26, 2016, in the name of Larry Gordon Marsh II.

Accomack General District Court shows a summons for Marsh on Nov. 26 for following too closely/accident. Marsh was found guilty in absentia and fined $50. A search did not show any summonses filed by Godwin for Leslie or English. The indictments did not state the nature of the summonses.

Special Agent J. Steven Pruitt gave information about the case to the jury. His number with the state police Bureau of Criminal Investigations division in Chesapeake rang unanswered when a reporter called to make inquiries regarding the indictments.

Commonwealth’s Attorney Paul B. Ebert, of Prince William County, was appointed to the case. In a telephone conversation Monday, Ebert said that discussing the details would be “unethical.” He was tasked with the job so there wouldn’t be a conflict for Accomack Commonwealth’s Attorney Spencer Morgan. Ebert said a court date had not yet been set. He was unsure if he would take on the case personally or assign it to one of his 23 assistants. He did confirm that Godwin had been a state trooper.

First Sgt. Ben E. Jeffrey Jones, the area commander at Melfa, deferred comments to public information officer Sgt. Michelle Anaya. She asked for a reporter to “email me your inquiry so that I may handle accordingly.” Questions about the officer’s work status and the nature of the summonses were not answered. Anaya would only respond that Godwin joined the department on Oct. 16, 1996, and resigned from the agency on April 26, 2017. She also would not say whether Godwin was in custody. Anaya referred other questions to Sarah C. Berning, a prosecutor who has since

Trooper Godwin

Pony Penning Finishes First

By Linda Cicoira

A state organization commended an Eastern Shore tradition Monday night that everyone knows is great.

The Chincoteague Volunteer Fire Company’s annual Pony Penning won the 2017 Attraction of the Year Award from the Virginia Restaurant, Lodging & Travel Association.

“WE WON!! WE WON!!” an excited Chincoteague Vice Mayor Denise Bowden wrote on Facebook. She attended the event and is the spokesperson for the fire department.

The company “is truly honored to be bestowed this wonderful award,” Bowden said later. “For 92 years we have continued to bring this time-honored tradition to the people for all to enjoy. On behalf of the members of the fire company we appreciate and thank the Chincoteague Chamber of Commerce for nominating this event.”

Chamber executive director, Evelyn Shotwell, was also happy. “We are thrilled beyond words that Chincoteague’s very own Pony Penning won the 2017 VRLTA Ordinary Award,” she said.

“The Chamber nominated the event for its uniqueness and dedication of the group of extraordinary volunteers who make dreams come true for so many,” Shotwell continued. “It has a huge economic impact on the local economy. The chamber thanks all event organizers and support—

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By Stefanie Jackson

Exmore residents and employees want economic growth for their town, but they want to achieve it on their own terms.

No public comments were made at Exmore’s Oct. 2 council meeting, but a letter from resident and business owner Ken Dufty was read into the record by town manager Robert Duer.

In the letter, Dufty thanked Mayor Douglas Greer “for participating as the only representative from Exmore on the Northampton County comprehensive plan stakeholder review group on September 13, 2017 … a work session that was designed to put the final touches on a new comprehensive plan for (this) county.”

According to Dufty, he and other “citizens asking to be part of this review group were denied that right.” He disagreed with the “attempt to rezone this county into an industrial and commercial zone.” Specifically, Dufty’s concern is the current draft of the new comprehensive plan “targets … the lands immediately surrounding incorporated towns to eliminate the Town Edge District where each town currently has a say in what projects are acceptable for that area … proposing to rename the lands … a ‘Planned Development Area.’ This new zone, according to the draft plan, would allow industrial and commercial development ‘by right’ … with no input from the town, the citizens who live adjacent to these lands, or even a permitting authority.”

Dufty requested that “Exmore’s mayor and council will agree to prepare a resolution to the planning commission asking that this planning process be halted until there is full transparency, public involvement, and evidentiary studies produced to support or refute the untested assumptions and direction of the current draft plan.” Greer said he would address Dufty’s request at a later time.

Cape Charles Discusses County Comprehensive Plan

By Stefanie Jackson

The Northampton planning commission’s draft of the county’s proposed comprehensive plan has generated much feedback over the past month, enough that the Cape Charles planning commission placed it on their agenda for discussion at their Oct. 3 meeting.

The deadline for comments from county stakeholders on the comprehensive plan was Sept. 25, and the planning commission received and recorded dozens of comments from both stakeholders and the public. One of those stakeholders is Cape Charles town planner Larry DiRe.

At Tuesday’s meeting of the town’s planning commission, DiRe acknowledged that some members of the public believe their interests are not represented in the current draft of the county’s comprehensive plan. However, any claim that there has been no opportunity for public involvement in the plan’s development is a “misstatement,” he said. DiRe described a recent open session of the county’s planning commission, with many citizens in attendance during the public comments. By the time the commission began discussing the comprehensive plan, DiRe said, he was the only person left in the audience. DiRe also dismissed claims that the stakeholder group, to which he belongs, was “handpicked.”

Yet DiRe expressed concern over the apparent “disappearance of the town edge” from Northampton’s comprehensive plan. “If that disappears, what’s the framework” for the county “working cooperatively with towns?” he asked. The current draft of the comprehensive plan provides no “criteria and timeline” for collaboration between Northampton County and towns like Cape Charles.

DiRe said the county and town planning commissions held joint meetings twice over the past eight years, and both were “positive experiences” worth repeating.

Chairman Dennis McCoy wondered (Continued on Page 7)
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Chincoteague Asks Governor for Storm Damage Evaluation Money

By Linda Cicoira

Chincoteague officials are asking Virginia’s governor to include a $1.5 million match for federal monies in the state budget to be used for a study to evaluate storm damage reduction measures, improve navigation and potential restoration for Assateague.

Mayor Arthur Leonard signed a letter regarding the issue this week. It was sent to Gov. Terry McAuliffe. The letter was briefly discussed at a town council meeting Monday. “Rep. Scott Taylor is aware and supportive of this effort,” the agenda stated. “I will be requesting support letters from the county and Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission as well,” Town Manager Jim West wrote in his monthly report.

District 1 Supervisor Billy Joe Tarr was in attendance and noted Del. Bob Bloxom “already has an unconfirmed promise from the state” and the Accomack “board of supervisors will be in,” as he has spoken to members.

“Congress authorized a Chincoteague Island Study in the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act,” Leonard’s letter stated. “The next step in the federal process is for the project to secure a 50 percent nonfederal share … which the Corps of Engineers conducts at a cost of up to $3 million over three years.”

To “increase the likelihood of a Corps new study start,” Leonard wrote, “the town needs to show it has matching funds. The study will evaluate the need for hurricane and storm damage reduction, navigation, and ecosystem restoration at Chincoteague. In recent decades, the southern end of Assateague … has changed dramatically. The inlet has become much larger exposing Chincoteague to the ocean. This study is a critical first step to … adopting a plan to protect Chincoteague, Wallops … and the aquaculture industry … from hurricanes and other storms.”

In another matter, after a lengthy discussion, council unanimously approved applying to the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries regarding the establishment and enforcement of no-wake zones in waters surrounding Chincoteague. Vice Mayor Denise Bowdren was absent. Officials agree they could decide where to put buoys later.

The areas include the Assateague Channel from Tom’s Cove Aquafarms to Sheepshead Creek, a portion of Lewis Creek and the Curtis Merritt Harbor of Refuge. Most were already in place for decades but were not officially recognized by Chincoteague and could not be enforced. Most are also very close channels where wakes could do damage. Some of the areas would be seasonally enforced zones (May - Sept. 30).

Councilman Jim Frese wanted to wait until depth measurements could be made. He wants buoys put out to help visitors navigate properly. He was also concerned about erosion.

“People are losing water front,” Frese said. “People are having problems getting bulkhead permission to protect it. What we should do is probe across that whole channel and have the traffic divided into two channels … for most of the point there’s plenty deep water. People are fishing and they (boaters) come in and cut their lines. That shouldn’t be.”

Leonard was against putting no-wake zones for erosion control. “I’m for the no wake zone,” he said. “But we have to state correctly why we want it. I live on the water. I’m having a terrible time with erosion.” But, he argued, “Erosion is a natural occurrence. For a safety thing, I have no problem.”

“Boats are coming up on the wrong side of the channel,” said Frese. “That’s one thing that needs to be done.”

Councilman Eddie Lewis, the town’s retired police chief, said, “I’ve seen this (Continued on Page 31)
NMS Denied Accreditation, Overshadows Comprehensive Plan

By Stefanie Jackson
Candidates for Northampton’s board of supervisors and school board, teachers, parents, and other concerned citizens, waited at the county’s Sept. 28 school board meeting to hear public comments on the schools’ comprehensive plan, which was postponed July 13. But that topic was overshadowed by the announcement that Northampton Middle School was denied accreditation by the Virginia Department of Education.

Northampton school district submitted a letter to VDOE appealing the decision, requesting one more year to allow NMS to improve its SOL performance. The state will review the appeal in this month and will inform the district of its final decision in November.

NMS achieved its benchmarks in math and history, but fell short in English and science, with passing rates of 67 percent and 63 percent, respectively. A school is rated “accreditation denied” when it misses a benchmark in one or more of the four core content areas for four years in a row.

Should the VDOE’s decision stand on the middle school’s denied accreditation, Superintendent Eddie Lawrence, NMS principal Laurel Crenshaw, and other designated school staff will meet with the VDOE’s director of the Office of School Improvement to develop a Corrective Action Plan. The CAP will be monitored triannually, and the VDOE will prepare a progress report annually until the school achieves full accreditation.

Only two comments were made on Northampton schools’ comprehensive plan. Maxine Rasmussen, chairwoman of the Northampton County Education Foundation, cited that there were no projected completion dates for any of the plan’s goals or objectives. Kevin Schwenk, candidate for at-large member of the Northampton school board, wanted to know which specific programs would support students’ “social-emotional development” noted in the comprehensive plan.

Paul Grossman, a Cape Charles resident who could not attend the Sept. 28 meeting, submitted his comments in writing. Most of his recommendations concerned changes to the comprehensive plan that would create accountability. Grossman advised that the document should be “updated (not superseded)” yearly or quarterly by the comprehensive plan committee or school superintendent. Dates should be recorded for the start and projected completion of each activity in the comprehensive plan. Progress towards goals should be noted in the plan. Goals and objectives should be “SMART:** specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, and time-bound. Tasks should be “tied to (Continued on Page 7)

Muslimani Trial Moved to Virginia Beach

By Linda Cicoira
It will be easier to find a jury in Virginia Beach for Khalil (Lee) Mohammed Muslimani, of Onancock, according to retired Judge Frederick Lowe, who granted a change of venue Wednesday in Accomack Circuit Court.

Muslimani, 70, of Robbins Lane, has repeatedly been convicted in Accomack Circuit Court of sex offenses with young girls. In this case, he is accused of raping his stepdaughter, Stacy Ann Spione, three decades ago. Her name is being used with her permission. The trial was tentatively set Wednesday for Dec. 12 and 13 in Virginia Beach Circuit Court.

Spione is “not happy” the case is being moved away from home or that it has been delayed for years, she said afterwards. “I really believe that things are going to happen in Virginia Beach just like they happen in Accomack. It’s going to be a matter of convenience, not justice.”

Judge Lowe sat on the bench in Virginia Beach for nearly 25 years and lives on the other side of the bridge-tunnel. In July he said he would decide in two weeks if he would approve moving the trial. More than two months later, he started the hearing about 30 minutes late and offered Commonwealth’s Attorney Spencer Morgan and Defense lawyer Trevor Robinson another chance to add to their arguments. All had already been said.

Lowe called the case “remarkably similar” to one that involved Muslimani’s niece, in which he was recently sentenced to two life terms plus 20 years. Lowe also cited the size of the community and how close-knit it is.

Then he gave Muslimani a chance to again hash through the same complaints about the jail he’d made in the past and has been told the judge had no control over. Spione said it will be no different in Virginia Beach, where Muslimani will again be given the chance to “ramble.” She says two days will not be enough time for the trial and Muslimani will likely have more motions. “These hoops are going to be occurring.”

“How do they care at all what this is doing to me?” she asked. “I’m already going through so much now as a result of the abuse that took place over those 13 years. This is like ripping open the wounds and pouring in the salt. They say victims have rights ... If I, as a victim, have rights, I wish someone would tell me what they are ... I have just been failed. I’ve fallen through the system in so many cracks” including the “school system that never followed up on me for so-called home schooling.”

In 1990, Muslimani was convicted of a sex crime involving Spione when she was between 13 and 15 years old. She was 16 at the time of the last trial and says by then she had borne four of his children. At age 11, he and her mother, took her to have her first pregnancy by him aborted. She said the abuse started when she was four. Muslimani was also convicted nearly 30 years ago of sex crimes against another young relative. Court records show Spione stopped going to school when she was 10 ½.
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been assigned to the case. An email to Berning went unanswered at press time Thursday.

The Eastern Shore Post first heard about the allegations in late April but was unable to get anyone with the state police to talk about it. Officials would not confirm charges and said they did not comment on active investigations.

In May, an anonymous tipster stated Godwin was allowed to resign while it was decided if he would be charged.

Several officers, who did not want to be identified, said troopers are under a lot of pressure to make quotas and that Godwin was working on being promoted to sergeant.

“Senior Trooper Godwin has been employed with the state police since 1997 and has been assigned to the Eastern Shore since 1999,” Jones wrote in a letter to the editor after the child was saved over July 4 weekend in 2016. “He exemplifies the qualities of the men and women in our police forces on the Shore,” he added.

The letter also stated that about 6 p.m. July 2, Godwin “was off duty traveling on Route 13 southbound in Temperanceville with his family … Godwin observed a small child approximately 1 to 2 years old, standing in the middle of the right lane … southbound. … Godwin stopped his personal vehicle in the roadway to block traffic. He then exited his vehicle and grabbed the child out of the path of oncoming traffic as the child attempted to run toward the left-hand lane. As there were no adults present.” Godwin waited for Child Protective Services to arrive. “Without a doubt, Senior Trooper Godwin’s fast thinking and reaction saved this child’s life. His actions of stopping his vehicle to block traffic and running into oncoming traffic to save the child put his own life in imminent danger.”

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aloud if the omission of the town edge from the comprehensive plan was intentional or accidental. Joan Natali, though wanting to give the benefit of the doubt, said she had a “hard time believing a whole section went missing by accident.” The exclusion of Cape Charles’ town edge from the county’s comprehensive plan could have a “huge impact on what happens next to our town” and what it looks like along the two mile stretch from Route 13 to the town, Natali said.

Natali asked if Cape Charles had sent a letter to the county planning commission expressing their concern about the town edge, adding that they “don’t want to wait a long time to take action.” McCoy agreed that they should “fast track” the issue. He recalled Cape Charles’ comprehensive plan containing language about the town edge, and asked if the commission could “resurrect old documents.” Member Dan Burke recommended using the town’s comprehensive plan to “reconcile” the county’s comprehensive plan concerning the town edge.

DiRe stated that any public information about Cape Charles’ involvement with Northampton’s comprehensive plan would be posted on the town planning commission’s main webpage so no one would feel “frozen out” of the process.

DiRe talked about the RAFT (Resilience Adaptation Feasibility Tool) workshop that had been conducted in town over the summer, and how Cape Charles scored in terms of flooding resilience. In addition to educating town council and residents about flooding resilience, DiRe suggested creating “green” zoning ordinances to help reduce stormwater runoff and street flooding. Burke recommended using rain barrels. A reference was made to the harbor master plan, which encourages the use of pervious surfaces for parking.

DiRe discussed density issues with accessory dwelling units in town. Though “old town” Cape Charles is approximately 174 acres, “the acre doesn’t tell me anything, the lot does,” DiRe stated. His recommendation is limiting each residential lot to six bedrooms, including any accessory dwelling units, with no more than two occupants per room.

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the assigned owners’ annual performance goals and objectives.”

Grossman pointed out that while the comprehensive plan states, “Effective teachers are essential to student success,” among the district’s core values, “Over the past few months, I have listened to your discussions on teacher retention being a huge problem in each of the schools, yet I find no documented plan or set of activities addressing this issue.”

School board member at large, Nancy Proto, identified herself as the person who made the motion at the Sept. 14 work session to disband the teacher retention committee.

Proto read aloud a written statement explaining that a letter was received “moments before” the Sept. 14 meeting, and “strongly indicated that the board would move to terminate the committee,” which “I was prevented from reading publicly.”

“Had the board been willing to engage in open, public dialogue regarding these documents, I would not have made the motion to dissolve the committee.”

“The Teacher Retention Committee anticipated the school board would not approve the recommendations as presented. The only question was whether or not the changes would be enough in keeping with the sense and spirit of them as to be acceptable … It was not anticipated that the school board would be unwilling even to enter into a discussion of the recommendations.”

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ESCC Students Learn Financial Management

Story and Photo by Stefanie Jackson

A father frustrated by his children’s inability to manage money inspired the new financial management app, Myperfi, unveiled by University of Virginia student and Myperfi co-founder Will Sexauer at Eastern Shore Community College Oct. 2. Created specifically for college students learning to be financially responsible and independent, the Myperfi app officially becomes available in about three weeks.

When students download Myperfi, which stands for “my personal finance,” they select the name of their school, and Myperfi automatically adds their tuition, fees and expenses to their in-app budget. Students can link their credit, debit, checking or savings accounts to the app, protected by government certified security, and view all their account activity for the past six months, allowing them to make informed decisions about their spending and saving habits.

Every time students complete tasks on Myperfi, whether they’re planning a budget, tracking expenditures, or enhancing their “Fi-Q” (Financial IQ), they earn points to redeem for discounts at local and national vendors, from restaurants to online tutoring services.

Stuart Rosove, of San Francisco, Calif., is the father who created the initial concept and model of Myperfi and brought it to Sexauer and his peers at UVA about 18 months ago during Sexauer’s freshman year. Rosove and the UVA team collaborated to acquire funding and make Myperfi a reality, with an outside team developing the final product.

Myperfi is currently available to students at ESCC, UVA, and the University of Alabama. Sexauer expects Myperfi to expand soon, adding more schools and participating vendors.

Sexauer is originally from Belle Haven and graduated from Broadwater Academy in 2015. He is currently a junior at UVA attending the McIntire School of Commerce, expecting to graduate in 2019.

“The ultimate goal is to increase the financial literacy of college students everywhere, allowing them to make more of their money while in college and then have a base of financial knowledge to prepare them for the real world following graduation,” Sexauer said.

Following Sexauer’s presentation on Myperfi, a panel of representatives from local banks answered students’ financial questions.

Most local banks offer their own apps and other services to help customers track their spending. Wendy Lilliston of PNC Bank said that while mobile deposits and ATMs are convenient, it is important to be aware of how these technologies work in order to avoid fees. The balance shown at the ATM may not be an accurate reflection of your actual balance, she said.

Connie Campbell of BB&T advised college graduates preparing to enter the work world should be aware of all their debt obligations, from student loans to credit card balances. Shannon Lewis of Xenith Bank explained many employers will check your credit before hiring you, because a credit score reflects your level of commitment to your obligations.

They recommended getting a free credit report from all three major credit reporting agencies once per year. Lewis said mistakes happen on credit reports, but are easy to dispute.

Students who want to learn more about financial responsibility should ask their bank what programs are available, Campbell said. Lewis said the resources are out there for you find. Lilliston stated that these financial learning tools give students the assurance of, “I can do it on my own terms.”
Mother Indicted in Child Abuse Case

A Mearsville mother accused of neglect and abuse of five of her young children, including using cribs and crib parts to make cages for some of them, was indicted on those charges Monday by an Accomack Grand Jury.

Malista Ness-Hopkins, 39, of Glading Road, was indicted on counts of willfully acting or failing to act in caring for the children "in a manner so gross, wanton and culpable as to show a reckless disregard for human life" on July 26, 2017.

The children were listed in court documents by their initials and are in protective custody. Three of the children are under 3 years old. All are younger than 18. They were reportedly found filthy and covered with bug bites.

Sheriff Todd Godwin said last month that a "dog that was showing signs of neglect was removed from the home during the execution of the search warrant." No charges regarding the pet have been made. Investigator E. L. Perry of the Accomack County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) gave information to the jury about the case. Ness-Hopkins is free on $10,000 bond.

After receiving a complaint, Kate Bonniwell of Accomack's department of social services, went to Ness-Hopkins' home where she said children were held in crib cages. Bonniwell said it took the suspect “20 minutes using a battery operated drill and Phillips screwdriver to take the screw out from the top section” of the cage. Bonniwell reportedly told a judge one child hissed at her.

The children were taken that day. The sheriff's office were alerted of the cage. Bonniwell reportedly told a judge one child hissed at her.

Investigator Meghann Patterson handled the case.

Officer Pelted With Possible Human Waste

Cornell Jamar Nock, 34, of Accomac, was indicted on a count of assault and battery of Deputy K.M. McGregor on March 29, 2017. The officer was serving food trays at the county jail when he “entered single cell 208. I set the tray into the tray slot and inmate Cornell Nock threw a cup of an unknown substance into my face and eyes,” McGregor wrote in court records. “The substance was light brown in color and smelled of a strong odor of human waste.”

Juveniles Indicted

Two juveniles were indicted on violent offenses and will be tried as adults. Shane Lee Williams, 17, of Main Street in Painter, was indicted on 11 counts of assault and battery of six officers on May 24, 2017. “These charges do not appear to be premeditated, however they are aggressive in nature,” according to court records. Williams will be treated as an adult.

Deputies Coty Hodgson and Mike McCreedy of ACSO were serving a detention order on Williams (for an issue not noted in the indictment) when he “began hitting his head on the outside of his house.” The deputies took him to the back of the home to speak to his mother. When they reached the patrol car, he “began kicking the windows and doors.” McCreedy was kicked in the chest when they were putting leg shackles on him, court records stated.

“As they were attempting to put him back in the car,” he “spit on both deputies.” Williams also is accused of head butting McCreedy in the face. He “continued to be physically aggressive ... and was routinely kicking the window, door, and separation portion of ... patrol vehicle.” When they got to the sheriff’s office, the suspect also threatened all the workers and their families.

Williams was indicted on counts of assault and battery of Deputies McCreedy, Hodgson, Spencer Rose and Shane Henning; Ann Webb of probation; Officer George Bennett of the Onley Police Department; and Investigator Patterson. Hodgson gave information to the jury.

Shawndele Anthony Fletcher Jr., 16, of Bethel Church Road in Parksley, will also be treated as an adult. He and his brother, Vincent Lavette Stoudmire, 18, of Logan Road in Onley, were indicted in connection with an incident involving Yuji Yagami, a delivery worker, at Roma Pizza, in Nelsonia, on June 18, 2017. Fletcher was indicted on counts of robbing a business with a gun, grand larceny, robbing Yagami of currency by presenting a firearm, and stealing $5 or more from Yagami. Stoudmire was indicted on counts of robbing Yagami, stealing $5 or more from him and use of a firearm in a robbery.

The victim said he was held at gunpoint, while food and money were taken. He was also hit in the head. Investigator C. A. McPherson is handling the cases.

Other Indictments

Kendall Darrell Stewart, 25, and Gary Lee Tyler, 48, both neighbors on Watson Street in Onancock, were indicted on counts of abducting and sexually assaulting a woman on Aug 1. Both men are accused of holding her against her will. Stewart was indicted for rape. Tyler was indicted on a count of sexual battery, which is a misdemeanor. Perry investigated.

Arely Rivera-Velasquez, 26, of Angel Drive in Parksley, was indicted on a felony count of leaving the scene of an accident on July 25, 2017, in which a person was injured or killed. Trooper C. Hughes investigated.

Preston Lee Strand Jr., 25, of Old Mountain Road in Pocahontas, Va., was indicted on a count of grand larceny of a 1999 Ford Explorer belonging to Kathy Knight on July 14, 2014. The “warrant was served on April 6, 2016, and no hearing was held at that time,” court records stated. Deputy David Gladding investigated.

Cherelle LaStar Watson, 30, with addresses on Saxis Road in Temperanceville, and Germain Lane in Parksley, was indicted on a count of making a false statement on a federal form to buy a gun on Feb. 20, 2016. According to court records, Watson told a magistrate, “She didn't know she had a protective order when she attempted to purchase a firearm.” Trooper E. Price investigated.

Brenna Kennedy Benzarth, 33, of Tarr Lane on Chincoteague, was indicted on a count of possessing cocaine on Aug. 22, 2017. Deputy K. Reese investigated.

Carla Nicole Koester, no age or address available, was indicted on counts of breaking into a house belonging to Todd Porter Creely and stealing property between June 28 and 29. Records state he confessed to the crimes. Deputy Luke Arnold investigated.

Brandon Scott Mulder, 24, of Ferdinand Street in Scranton, Pa., was indicted on counts of assault and battery of Pfc. Tyler Marks of the Chincoteague Police Department. The incidents occurred July 11, 2017, at a local inn and involved Marks being punched, kicked, head butted and spit upon.

Damon Trevenon Justice, no age available, of Salisbury, Md., was indicted on counts of breaking into the home of Charles Taylor and stealing money and a firearm, between May 1 and July 19, 2017; stealing a debit card in the same period; breaking into Carlson’s Tire Center in New Church, on June 24, 2017; breaking into First Baptist Church in New Church, on June 24 or 25, and stealing property; and breaking into the Virginia Welcome Center in New Church, on Sept. 23 or 24, 2017, and stealing property. Perry investigated.

Jordan Lewis Sterling, 33, of Decorum Street in Accomac, was indicted on a count of assault and battery of Deputy Brian Misener on July 30, 2017.

Samuel K. Dennis, age not available, of Bloxom was indicted on counts of eluding police, possession of cocaine and driving on a suspended license on Sept. 8, 2016. A charge of malicious wounding, made against Dennis, from Oct. 10, 2016, is set for preliminary hearing in Accomack General District Court.

Accomack Circuit Court

A former Eastern Shore of Virginia Association of Realtors employee pleaded guilty last week in Accomack Circuit Court to 12 counts of embezzlement that included taking thousands of dollars from the group in six years.

Laura Suter Flournoy, 49, of Hopeton Road in Parksley, admitted to diverting money through Paypal and writing checks to herself including using the association money to buy a $10,000 horse and fund equine training and showing. The crimes occurred between July 2009 and May 2015.

Sentencing was deferred until February but Flournoy insisted on being detained so she could start serving anticipated time. She had been free on her own recognizance. The defendant is being held in Accomack Jail.

Flournoy started working at the real

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N. William “Bill” Evans

Mr. N. William “Bill” Evans, 92, husband of Ada Hundley Evans and resident of Onancock, passed away Sunday, Sept. 24, 2017, at Sentara Norfolk General Hospital in Norfolk.
Born Dec. 22, 1924, in Southside Chesconnessex, he was the son of the late Norman Evans and Bessee Davis Evans. Mr. Evans was a longtime salesman for the former Watson’s Furniture and Horne and Stauffer’s Department Store, both in Onancock, a member of Market Street United Methodist Church, a member of Central Lodge #300 A.F. & A.M., and former member of Chesapeake Lodge #158 A.F. & A.M. in Onancock. Throughout the years, he was a member of Onancock Elks Lodge #1766 B.P.O.E., the Eastern Shore Yacht & Country Club, where he enjoyed golfing, and several civic organizations in the community.

In addition to his loving wife, survivors include five cousins, Gerald Davis, Debbie Hardstock, Bobby Davis, George Davis and Gail Willett; his goddaughter, Cherry Marsh Tapman; and his wife’s family, Linda Pruitt, Mary Beth Phillips and husband, Jackie, Diane King and husband, Bryan, and Albert Parker.

A memorial service was conducted from the chapel of the Williams-Onancock Funeral Home, Sept. 27, 2017, with Revs. J. Barton Weakley and Albert Lee Crockett officiating.

Memorial donations may be made to www.williamsfuneralhomes.com

Arrangements were made by the Williams-Onancock Funeral Home.

Albert “Turk” Lilliston

Mr. Albert Lee “Turk” Lilliston, 79, beloved husband of Barbara Lilliston and a resident of Deep Creek, passed away Saturday, Sept. 30, 2017, surrounded by his loving family.
Born Sept. 20, 1938, in Nassawadox, he was a son of the late Wesley Earl Lilliston and Edith Williams Lilliston Lewis. Following his service in the U.S. Navy, Mr. Lilliston returned home to run the family business, A.L. Lilliston Seafood, where he spent most of his time driving the seafood truck.

Over the years, Mr. Lilliston delivered seafood to countless businesses along the East Coast and never once met a stranger. Known for his larger than life personality, kind heart, and especially for his humor and quick wit, Mr. Lilliston had a way to make anyone feel at ease. He adored his family and was especially grateful for the two loves of his life, Barbara, and his fur baby, “Digger.” Though he will be greatly missed, his legacy of love and laughter will live on forever through the many lives he touched and the beautiful memories shared.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by 11 children, Tammy LeCato and husband, Jerry, Troy Lilliston, and Lee Lilliston, all of Wilmington, N.C., Brenda Elbrey and husband, Darcy, of Alberta, Canada, Turk Lilliston Jr. and wife, Michelle, of Onancock, Robert Bundick and wife, Jody, of Exmore, Marvin Bundick and wife, Sylvia, of Deep Creek, Billy Greer, of Acomac, C.A. Bundick, of Exmore, Chris Lilliston and wife, Beverly, of Bloxom, and Kevin Lilliston, of Onancock; sister, Diane Blankenship, of Melfa; 24 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. Other than his parents, Mr. Lilliston was predeceased by a son, Tony Lilliston; brothers, Gus, Buddy, and Junior Lilliston; sisters, Rosie Annis, Edna Bowen, and Annabelle Colonna; grandparents, Turk Lilliston III and Joshua Lilliston; and granddaughters, Hailey Greer and Monica Cummins.

Funeral services were conducted from the chapel of the Williams-Onancock Funeral Home on Oct. 3, 2017, at 2 p.m., with Rev. Andy Cobb officiating. Interment followed in the Fairview Lawn Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Intrepid Hospice, P.O. Box 770, Onley, VA 23418.

Memory tributes may be shared at www.williamsfuneralhomes.com

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Robert Filmore Plummer

Mr. Robert Filmore Plummer, 92, loving husband and father, passed away at the Heritage on the Eastern Shore on Sept. 29, 2017. He is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Susan and William Mastyl, of Harborton; a son, Christopher and his partner, Rob Williams, of...
Phoenix; and numerous nieces, nephews, grand-nieces, and grand-nephews. He was predeceased by his wife of 61 years, Emma MacMillan Plummer.

Mr. Plummer moved to The Hermitage four years ago from his home of 37 years in Hudson, N.H., and was president of the residents’ association before his last illness. He was a tenor soloist and lifelong fan of classical music. He started his musical career in the choir at Trinity Episcopal Church in Boston, at the age of six, under the direction of his father. He was born and raised in Dorchester, Mass.

Following his service as a medical aidman during World War II, he studied music education at Boston University, during which time he sang at Tanglewood Music Center. He was the lead soloist for several churches, including the Church of the Good Shepherd in Nashua, N.H., for 35 years. Mr. Plummer worked as a salesman and purchasing agent during his career, including Nashua Paper Company and Sanders Associates (now part of BAE Systems). After retirement, he volunteered several times a week at the local hospital for more than 20 years and enjoyed gardening and traveling with his late wife. He especially enjoyed his travels in the Chesapeake Bay area.

A service celebrating Mr. Plummer’s life will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2017, at 11 a.m., at the Hermitage, 23610 North St., Onancock, with Rev. Robert Fletcher officiating. The family will receive friends at the Hermitage from 10:30 a.m. until the time of service.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Riverside Shore Hospice, P.O. Box 615, Onley, VA 23418, to the Alzheimer’s Association, 6350 Center Dr., Suite 102, Norfolk, VA 23502 (www.alz.org), or to the Hermitage Museum. Though her church and the museum were her passions, she especially enjoyed and looked forward to summers spent with her special great-niece, Isabella Bergquist, whom she affectionately referred to as her “little angel.”

Survivors include her sister, Cora Sue Press and husband, Rick, of Parksley; brother, Roger Parks and wife, Ginny, of Moratico, Va.; two nieces, Patty Sue Bergquist and husband, Jimmy, and Cindy Parks Swift and husband, Gregory; four nephews, Tony Wheatley and wife, Gayle, Kenneth Parks and wife, Peggy, David Parks and wife, Ann, and Torance Press and wife, Melissa; and several great-nieces and nephews, cousins, and many dear friends. In addition to her husbands and parents, Mrs. Smith was predeceased by her special brother-in-law, Norman Wheatley.

A memorial service will be conducted from the chapel of the Williams-Onancock Funeral Home, on Sunday, Oct. 8, 2017, at 2 p.m., with Rev. Charles W. Parks III officiating. Interment will follow in the Liberty Cemetery. The family will receive friends at the funeral home one hour prior to the service. There will also be a memorial service at Swain Memorial United Methodist Church on Saturday, Oct. 14, 2017, at 2 p.m., with Rev. John Flood officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made in Mrs. Smith’s memory to the Swain Memorial United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 199, Tangier, VA 23440, or to the Tangier History Museum, P.O. Box 182, Tangier, VA 23440.

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

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**Mrs. Gayle Parks Smith**

Mrs. Gayle Parks Smith, 67, wife of the late John Smith and the late Jack Laird and a lifelong resident of Tangier Island, passed away Saturday, Sept. 30, 2017.

Born Sept. 7, 1950, on Tangier, she was a daughter of the late John Lewis Parks and Annie I. Parks. Mrs. Smith was a lifelong member of Swain Memorial United Methodist Church and a dedicated volunteer for the Tangier History Museum. Though her church and the museum were her passions, she especially enjoyed and looked forward to summers spent with her special great-niece, Isabella Bergquist, whom she affectionately referred to as her “little angel.”

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Submitted Article

The 64th Fall Antique Show, sponsored by Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, will be held Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 4-5, at the Moose Lodge in Belle Haven. This annual event is a hallmark of fall on Virginia’s Eastern Shore and draws patrons from the entire East Coast.

The show weekend starts Friday with the preview party offering a first look at items while enjoying a champagne/wine bar, an oyster bar and a catered buffet. Attendees can also look forward to a chance to win a $500 antique show spending spree.

Chances are $10 and available only to attendees of the preview party. Preview party tickets are $50 per person or $150 for a sponsor (admission for two for the weekend). RSVPs must be received by Oct. 21, 2017, for donations to be recognized in the show catalog. Contact Mary Ann Rice at macrice44@icloud.com or 757-678-5122 to attend.

The show will feature 17 antique vendors from Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, New Jersey, North Carolina, and Virginia offering distinctive antique furniture, art, jewelry, decoys, linens, silver and more. On both show days, Gary Guyette, of Guyette and Deeter, St. Michaels, Md., will give free decoy and sporting artwork appraisals.

On Nov. 4, at 2 p.m., a presentation, “Antique Firearms and Military Collectibles: Their Values and Investment Potentials,” will be given by Robert House, of Classic Firearms in Virginia Beach. House is also owner and auctioneer of Echoes of Glory International Auction House, specializing in monthly auction sales of firearms, militaria, coins, Native Americana and antiquities. After his presentation, he will give free verbal appraisals on military collectibles. (Patrons are asked not to bring weapons.)

On Sunday, another raffle, for a pair of bronze swans created especially for this show by Turner Sculpture, will be chosen. Raffle tickets are $10, or three for $25, and will be sold prior to the show at the Book Bin, Xenith Bank, Onancock Farmers Market, and the hospital gift shop. You do not have to be present to win.

Mark your calendar now and do not miss all this antique show has to offer. Admission to the show is $5. All proceeds will benefit Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital and Cancer Center.
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Dressers
Victorian Wardrobe
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By Bill Sterling
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Club members meet at Ocehannock Elementary School near Exmore, but the Boys & Girls Club board is exploring the possibility of adding a location in Accomack County.

Sponsorships are available for Swine & Wine that will help the club meet its mission. A $1000 Platinum Sponsor includes eight tickets to the event. A $500 Gold Sponsor receives four tickets. A $250 Silver Sponsor receives two tickets. There is also the $150 Angel Donation.

Tickets to the event are $50 and $40 for young adults 30 and younger.

For information on sponsorships or to purchase tickets, call Shannon Gordon at 787-7577 or visit www.swineandwineforthekids.com

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(Hot water heater & heat pump)
This house could very easily be made into 3 apartments or just as a large home. The house does need a little work and the family really wants to sell the property at this auction.

Swine & Wine Changes Venue

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Submitted Article

“A rising tide lifts all boats.” Most attribute this quote to John F. Kennedy, who used it often. However, his speechwriter borrowed it from the slogan of a regional chamber of commerce in New England. And a fitting saying it is for such an organization, one whose efforts are to create and grow a thriving local economy. Your Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce is such an association, a group of local businesses that serve, promote, and connect our communities.

When navigating upon open water, three points are needed: a fixed reference from which to gain bearings, your current location, and where you wish to go. To create a “map” to orient ourselves, the Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce recently completed a membership survey. The response was clear. Our members expect us to support them through advocacy, networking, marketing, and events.

To plot our course, we gathered for a strategic planning session and performed a SWOT analysis, a discipline whereby we defined our strengths, weaknesses, and most importantly, our future path. We are dedicating ourselves to advocating – both locally and regionally – for the strength and betterment of our Eastern Shore. As a member of the newly formed Hampton Roads Regional Chamber Alliance, we are ideally situated to present a united front. We are growing networking opportunities, expanding marketing efforts, and rededicating ourselves to create a local signature event. Our new journey is clear, and we will soon announce definitive plans.

No business floats upon its own sea. We all navigate these same waters. If not a member of the Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce, we invite you to join us, to engage with like-minded businesses, and lend your support and expertise. Together, we will continue to serve this community. Call us at (757) 787-2460 or visit www.esvachamber.org for more information.
Submitted Article and Photo

Captain Robert Neil Dobbs, a local pilot and Onancock resident, was presented with a Wright Brothers Award in recognition of his 50 years in aviation. The award was made Wednesday Sept. 6, 2017, by Jeff Slaughter, manager of the Richmond Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Flight Standards District Office and Maury Dacey, program manager for the FAA’s Safety Team at the Accomack County Airport.

The Wright Brothers “Master Pilot” Award is the most prestigious award the FAA issues to certified pilots. It is named after Orville and Wilbur Wright, the first U.S. pilots, to recognize individuals who have exhibited professionalism, skill, and aviation expertise for at least 50 years while piloting aircraft as “Master Pilots.”

In addition to the award, Dobbs also received a distinctive lapel pin, which was also presented to his wife, Ute Dobbs, in recognition of her support to her husband’s aviation career. Robert Dobbs’ name will be published in the FAA’s Roll of Honor as a recipient of this prestigious award.

Dobbs began his flying career in 1958 at the North Perry Airport, in Broward County, Fla. His first solo flight took place on Sept. 1, 1958, in a Taylorcraft BC-12D. By June of the following year he had also soloed in a Cessna 150, a Stinson and a Cessna 120. On July 1, 1959, Dobbs took his first flight test for his private pilot’s certificate and became a pilot.

In May 1960 he received his single engine land commercial pilot certificate, followed by a multi-engine rating to his commercial pilot certificate in 1965 and an instrument rating in 1966. Also in 1966, Mr. Dobbs was hired as a flight engineer for Eastern Airlines. He soon progressed to the position of first officer (co-pilot) on the Lockheed L-188 Electra, the DC-9, and the Lockheed L-1011 TriStar. By 1982, Dobbs was promoted to captain, flying the Boeing B-727.

Dobbs retired in 1989, after 22 years with Eastern Airlines. In 1992 he started flying as a first officer for Atlantic Coast Airlines on the Embraer EMB 120 and in 1996 he flew with Kiwi International Airlines as a captain in the Boeing B-727.

From September 2007 to October 2013, Dobbs used his superior piloting skills and knowledge of flight safety to fly under a FAR Part 135 Certificate for Carter Crabble of Chesapeake Aviation, a local charter service based at the Accomack County Airport.

Robert and Ute Dobbs have been married for 25 years. They have four children and four grandchildren. They have lived in Onancock since 1992.
Scout Selected for National Council, Denied Excused Absence

Story and Photo by Connie Morrison

When Skye Lewis left Tuesday as one of two Girls Scouts representing the Delmarva region at the national Girl Scout Conference in Columbus, Ohio, it was without excused absences from the school board.

“It feels like a slap in the face,” said Skye. “It feels like they don’t care.”

Skye was selected for the honor by the Chesapeake Bay Girl Scout Council. The conference is where the national council will be held, which is the governing body of Girl Scouts. It meets every three years to decide matters that affect all Girl Scouts across the country. Skye and the other voting delegate from Delmarva will cast votes that represent the collective opinions of the Chesapeake Council’s scouts and leaders.

It’s a big responsibility, and one that Skye’s mother, Carrie Lewis, sees the distinction as artificial and fears the perceived inflexibility will have a chilling effect. “It discourages young people from pursuing leadership opportunities.”

When a reporter caught up with Skye on Sunday, she was undaunted and excited about the learning experiences ahead. “I’m putting Acomack County on the map for Girl Scouts,” she said proudly.

The board’s policy guide allows principals to excuse absences in “exceptional circumstances with prior approval.” The example given in the policy guide is a religious holiday.

Nandua principal George Parker, however, said there is no such thing as approved absences. “There are verified and unexcused. Unexcused is when you can’t verify where a child was.”

He would not open the “exceptional circumstances” exemption for consideration. “I don’t want to go into that quagmire,” he said. “Then everybody is going to come to you.”

One distinction between excused and verified absences is whether the time away from school will count against a student for the purposes of being excused from taking exams. Another school board policy allows students to be excused from exams if they have at least an A or B in a class and have missed no more than two days during the semester. Attendance at athletic events, BETA conferences and other school-sanctioned events do not count against students for the purpose of exam exemptions.

Skye’s mother, Carrie Lewis, sees the distinction as artificial and fears the perceived inflexibility will have a chilling effect. “It discourages young people from pursuing leadership opportunities.”

Documentation provided will be used to verify attendance.

“It’s a big responsibility, and one that Skye has taken to heart. She spent months becoming familiar with the agenda and meeting with service units in Delaware, Maryland, and on the Eastern Shore of Virginia — sometimes traveling two and a half hours on school nights — to explain policies that would be voted on and soliciting opinions.

Skye carried a binder packed with items up for consideration. “That binder is more organized than any of my school binders will ever be,” she said.

She was surprised when the school board balked at her request for excused absences.

She pointed to similar experiences students have with organizations like BETA club, an honor society for which students are excused from school to attend the state conference. Skye says she was told those students were excused because BETA is a school activity.

Superintendent Chris Holland said that is precisely the point. BETA, a national organization that stresses achievement and leadership, is a school-sanctioned activity. He praised Girls Scouts as an organization “which assists girls to become compassionate, courageous and confident young ladies, while developing character and leadership skills,” however, he said, “in accordance with our attendance policy, absence to participate in an event not sanctioned by ACPS is considered unexcused.

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Central Accomack Little League hosted the Sundog Softball Tournament last Saturday, Sept. 30, in honor of the late Tiffany Lewis Smith, who lost a hard-fought battle with cancer back in May. The tournament’s purpose was to raise funds to erect a playground on the CALL grounds, located in Onancock, as a memorial to Smith.

Smith, along with her husband and two sons, held a strong presence with the organization for many years. She also volunteered her time with Relay for Life and the Tasley Volunteer Fire Company; a benevolent force that was always involved in helping others whenever she could. The tournament, according to many of her friends, would have been something she would have been very proud to be a part of.

A total of 10 teams participated in the event, consisting of five men and five women ages 16 and up. The Onancock Fire Department team earned the championship title, defeating Therapeutic Interventions during the final game of the day.

“What a phenomenal event. What struck me most during the day is how much Tiffany would love the generations of families, children playing, people laughing, and the general feeling of community fellowship. Such an appropriate way to remember our special friend and keep her in our lives,” expressed an attendee of the tournament.

“You guys did a fantastic job of bringing our community together for a wonderful cause! Tiffany would be so proud! Her family sure was! What a perfect day! It was outstanding to see so many people turn out with smiles on their faces! To each of you, thank you for your hard work!” said another member of the community.

A grand total of $28,191 was raised to build the playground, thanks to the many donors, participants, volunteers, and community members who came out to show their support and help make the CALL Sundog Softball Tournament such a huge success.

If anyone wishes to contribute additional monetary donations in honor of Smith, checks can be made payable to CALL with Sundog Tournament in the subject line, and can be mailed to Jennifer McIntyre, P.O. Box 13 Onley, Va. 23418.

The above photo of Tiffany Lewis Smith, pictured with her husband, Mark, and two sons, Ross and Brandon, was displayed on silent auction table during the CALL Sundog Softball Tournament held on Sept. 30, which raised over $28,000 for a playground to be built in her memory.
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Varsity Football Action

By Krystle Bono

The Chincoteague Ponies shut down the Broadwater Vikings last Friday night in Chincoteague, 40-0.

Broadwater, now owning a 1-3 season record, will hit the road tonight (Friday) to face the Isle of Wight Chargers (2-3) at 7 p.m.

Last Friday night in Saluda, the Northampton Yellow Jackets fell short to the Middlesex Chargers, 25-22, in a heartbreaking, last-second 38-yard field goal.

The Yellow Jackets (2-4) will have the night off tonight, but will be back in action for their annual homecoming festivities next Friday, Oct. 13, and will host the Chincoteague Ponies (3-2) in Eastville. The Ponies are set for an away matchup tonight against the Portsmouth Christian Patriots (3-2) at 7 p.m., in Portsmouth.

The Nandua Warriors and the Arcadia Firebirds also suffered tough losses last week. Nandua dropped a 67-7 game to Cambridge-South Dorchester in their road contest, and the Firebirds were unable to defend their home turf and fell 35-8 to the Colonel Richardson Colonels.

Tonight, the Warriors (2-4) will celebrate Homecoming and host the Snow Hill Eagles (0-5) in Onley, at 7 p.m., with the pre-game parade beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The Firebirds, now 3-3, will head to Delmar (3-1) to battle the Wildcats at 7 p.m.
By Krystle Bono

The Nandua Warriors topped the Chincoteague Ponies Sept. 27, in Chincoteague in three straight sets, before moving on to defeat the Northampton Yellow Jackets Sept. 28, 3-0, in Onley, and the Arcadia Firebirds Tuesday night in Oak Hall, 3-0, (25-13, 25-14, 25-16).

Leading the Firebirds were Katlyn Holloway with three kills, two aces, and one block; Chelsea Gaugler with three kills and two assists; Brittany Moore with two kills, one ace and one assist; Lindsey Fussell with two kills, five aces, one dig and three assists; and Haley McDaniel with one kill, three digs, one ace and one assist.

The Broadwater Vikings extended their win streak to five after defeating both Norfolk Christian Academy Sept. 28, 3-1, in Exmore, and Denbigh Baptist Tuesday night, 3-1, in Newport News.

Holly Grove collected four in a row to propel their season record to 13-1, starting with a 3-0 victory over Salisbury Christian Sept. 27. The Lady Eagles went on to top Sussex Tech in three straight sets Sept. 28, before hosting Chincoteague Monday night to dominate the Ponies, 3-0 (25-12, 25-12, 25-20), and then the Yellow Jackets in three straight sets (25-5, 25-10, 25-19) Tuesday night in Westover.

Holly Grove leaders in their victory over the Ponies were Ali Pinchak with four aces, one kill and two blocks; Gwyn Loniewski with four aces and six kills; Kayla Graziano had two aces; Lauren Hornsby had two aces and two kills; Makenzie Lambertson notched three aces and five kills; Olivia Burkhead tallied seven aces, six kills and 25 assists; and Zoie McIntosh totaled one ace and five kills.

Leading the Eagles in the win over the Yellow Jackets were Pinchak with eight aces and one block; Carlie Bell with two aces and one block; Loniewski totaled ten aces, three kills and one block; Lambertson with four aces and four kills; Burkhead with six aces, two kills and 12 assists; and McIntosh had two aces with one kill and one block.

Varsity Volleyball Action

Submitted Photo

Holly Grove’s Mackenzie Lambertson (2) spikes the ball during Monday night’s matchup against the Ponies in Westover.

Photo by Jacque Derrickson

The Ponies fell to the Warriors Sept. 27, in three straight sets.
By Michael Garbacz

Game 1: Grounds Keepers Lawn Care Capitals 5, EZ Loan Bruins 0

The Smooth Criminal and his youth movement were served up on a stone cold goose egg to open the day's action, courtesy of an incredibly solid all-around effort on the part of the Caps. Keeping Donnie Williams off the board is a tall task indeed, so you know Ol' Plugalong is even now still savoring that shutout win. Down their starting goalie, Brad Ford, the Killer Bs managed to outshoot the Caps, but never really hit on all cylinders. The Pat Trick rang up two goals and an assist; Robby Parker scored a goal and an assist; Julian Dedicatoria and Zach Webb each found the back of the net; James Haley and local hero Dean Dedicatoria added helpers. Let's give a stick tap to rookie goalie Devon Corbin. It's hard in the crease, y'all.

Game 2: Charles E. Morgan Termitie and Pest Control Penguins 7, Blues 6

The Bruins weren’t the only team missing their top netminder on the day, as the Blues found themselves facing the General and his Pens without the Parksley Original, Mark Stapleton. However, the game turned out to be arguably the best of the day, an explosive seesaw goal-fest that was only decided inside the final minute of play by—who else—General Mills. The Blues came tantalizingly close to notching their first win of the campaign only to fall a hair’s width short, although certainly not due to lack of effort. For the Blueshirts, Scott Millikin and Michael Garbacz each enjoyed three-point games, registering two goals and an assist apiece; Danny Miller also put up three points, all assists; Wes Stapleton and Danny Tweedy each tickled the twine. For the Penguins, the bulk of the offensive output came from General Zach and TR Hoyt; Mills laid down a “pace yourself” hat trick and three helpers, while Hoyt banged home a hat trick of his own, with one assist. Wayne Ayer scored a goal; Will Crockett added an assist.

Game 3: Delmarva Soil and Concrete Red Wings 4, Grounds Keepers Lawn Care Capitals 1

The red-hot Red Wings came hungry for victory, and, despite being outshot, played an aggressive, sound positional game that frustrated the Caps’ own dynamic setup. Though the Capitals poured on more shots as the game wore on, goalie Justin Wheeler stood tall, and often on his head. And while he may have deserved the goose egg, Keith Hagler decided not to oblige, potting the lone Caps goal and spoiling the shutout bid. The Pat Trick assisted Hagler’s goal. For the Wings, The Huntsman led the charge, tallying two goals and an assist; Guy Shover and Michael Vargas registered a goal apiece; Preston Shover added a pair of helpers.

Game 4: EZ Loan Bruins 6, Charles E. Morgan Termitie and Pest Control Penguins 5

In a game very similar to the Blues/Pens tilt earlier in the day, the Pens and Bs got together and scored a whole mess of goals. However, this game immediately had a different air about it. After having been shut out earlier in the day, The Smooth Criminal decided level up and completely take over the contest. Right from the outset, it was obvious Williams was a man possessed, as he piled shot after shot on Pens’ goalie Dylan Harrington (he would finish the game with fourteen, more than half of the team total). You could just feel that Donnie was going to move heaven and earth to win this game. Pens captain General Mills felt it, too, and leveled up his own game to do everything in his power to stop him. Amassing an impressive ten shots of his own, Mills darn near showed up the Smooth Criminal, as these titans of the street game each registered four goals apiece. In the end, it was the Bruins who looked to be more inspired by their captain, as CJ Jones fed on Williams’ enthusiasm for shooting, and finding the back of the net two times for his effort. Brandon Morgan registered both assists for the Bs. For the Pens, Wayne Ayer picked up the other goal; Randall Stapleton and Ray Schreffler added a helper apiece.

Game 5: Blues 1, Delmarva Soil and Concrete Red Wings 4

In a contest that was maybe a little bit closer than the stats would let on, the Wings bested the Blues and their backup goalie Pat Christian to stay perfect on the day. Although the Blues controlled play for a good portion of the game, they just couldn’t turn the corner and find good scoring opportunities against Justin Wheeler. Credit the Wings defense for keeping the Blues out of the slot, and, once again, Wheeler was there to gobble up the shots that did make it though. Furthermore, to mirror the result from their earlier contest against the Caps, the shutout win was taken away, this time courtesy of the stick of Danny Miller. Wes Stapleton also picked up a helper on the goal. The Red Wings offensive game this time around seemed more opportunistic, as they managed to capitalize on some turnovers to put the game out of reach. Guy Shover scored two markers; The Huntsman and Preston Shover each scored once; Mike McCready earned a pair of helpers; Jesse West and Joe Cornwell each added one.

The ESSHL senior league returns to action on Sunday, Oct. 15, at Stapleton Rink in Parksley at 1 p.m.

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Eastern Shore Ducks Unlimited Chapter
2017 Youth “Greenwing” Event

The Eastern Shore Chapter of Ducks Unlimited will host a youth “Greenwing” event in collaboration with the Nature Conservancy at Brownsville Farm near Nassawadox, Sunday, Oct. 22, from noon until 4 p.m. There will be no rain date. The event will be open to children of all ages, although activities will target 8-17 year olds. The purpose is to encourage local youth to take an interest in outdoor recreation and natural resource conservation.

Ducks Unlimited membership as a “Greenwing” will be available for $15, which includes a magazine subscription, duck call and a chance to win an air rifle, a knife and other prizes. Parents can attend free. There will also be hamburgers and hot dogs free for all attendees. This year’s event will include a duck calling contest for various youth age groups.

Among many activities, participants can enjoy hunting retriever demonstrations and a metal sculpture demonstration by Buck Doughty. The Nature Conservancy staff will talk about eelgrass and shorebirds in the area. VIMS-Eastern Shore Lab staff will also be available with some marine critters and to discuss marine science issues with kids and adults alike.

Brownsville Preserve is the headquarters of the Conservancy’s Virginia Coast Reserve, which protects 14 undeveloped barrier and marsh islands that help buffer Eastern Shore communities from storms. The islands have thousands of acres of pristine salt marshes, vast tidal mudflats, shallow bays and productive forest uplands.

For more information and directions, contact Will Brown at 757-709-0038 or will@eshandyman.com

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. Call the Y for questions or to sign up at 757-787-5601.

Capt. Gary Seay to Speak to Anglers Club

The Eastern Shore of Virginia Anglers Club will hold its monthly meeting on Oct. 9, in the conference room of the Sage Restaurant in Onley. The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m., and will feature a presentation by Capt. Gary Seay.

An accomplished local angler who once co-held the grey trout world record, and who has seventeen Virginia citation speckled trout awards, Seay will talk about fishing for speckled trout and the tackle, lures, and live bait he uses. The public is invited to attend, and new or prospective members are welcome.

Youth Flag Football at Mary N. Smith Cultural Enrichment Center

Accomack County Parks and Recreation will kick off their flag football season with games at the Mary N. Smith Cultural Enrichment Center, 10 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 7.

10 a.m.: Wicomico Redskins vs Cooper & Humbles Knights (ages 5-8)
11 a.m.: Northampton Eagles vs Accomack (ages 9-12)
12 p.m.: Wicomico Redskins vs Northampton Eagles (ages 5-8)

Donation is $2 per person. Bring your own blankets and lawn chairs. For additional information, call 787-3900 or 824-0314.

Angler’s Club Free Kid’s Fishing Day

Finally, a week without the effects of an offshore hurricane influencing the accessibility of local anglers to the productive autumn fishing grounds. As a result, positive fishing reports have come from the offshore canyons to the upper reaches of Pocomoke Sound and everywhere in between.

But first, the long-awaited opening of the Chesapeake Bay fall striped bass season officially began Wednesday, Oct. 4, and the early reports have been positive for the most part. Although we are probably at least a few weeks away from the arrival of any real trophy fish, the bay’s shallow waters have produced a good number of smaller rockfish, with many meeting the 20-inch minimum size limit and some stretching up to 26 inches. Puppy drum, speckled trout and even a few flounder have been welcoming bycatches for anglers casting curly-tailed grubs, swimbaits and Berkley Swimming Mullet.

The current striped bass regulations for the Virginia portion of the Chesapeake Bay allow for the possession of two fish that must measure at least 20 inches up to 28 inches in length. One of the two fish can measure greater than 28 inches. Measurements are from the tip of the fish’s nose to the tip of the tail. The season in the bay runs from Oct. 4 to Dec. 31.

The coastal (seaside) striped bass season also runs until Dec. 31, but anglers are allowed only one fish per person and it must measure at least 28 inches in length.

Red drum continue their run from the bridge-tunnel up to the Maryland line and speckled trout has been hit or miss with a few nice fish landed. The autumn flounder run, on seaside, continues to be more productive than it had been all summer long. Snapper blues and sea mullet (whiting) and sharks of all sizes have joined puppy drum catches from the barrier island surf.

Chincoteague – Donna Rae, at Captain Bob’s Marina, reported that sporadic catches of flounder were still being made in Queen Sound though action has fallen off inside Chincoteague Channel. A majority of the local anglers have shifted their attention to puppy drum and striper fishing primarily in the area from Four Mouths to the Wallowops Island. Kingfish (whiting) are still available inside Chincoteague Inlet and Queen Sound. Captain Bob’s Marina is now operating under its autumn schedule and is closed Mondays through Wednesdays.

Jimmy, at Captain Steve’s Bait & Tackle, reported that kingfish (whiting) and bluefish to 16 inches moved into the surf, where red drum measuring up to 46 inches have been released. The cooling water temperature has also triggered a speckled trout bite inside with most fish measuring 10-15 inches, with an occasional larger fish.

Wachapreague – No report was received from Wachapreague, though anglers fishing off Metompkin Island were catching a few puppy drum and lots of sharks from the surf. Not many anglers were targeting flounder but those who did, found more undersized flatfish than keepers and some persistent anglers were managing to fill their four-fish limit of fish measuring 17 inches and longer.

Lower Shore – Chris Snooks, of Chris’ Bait & Tackle, reported lower bayside anglers were catching a few speckled trout but by Monday, she had only weighed in one big fish in the tournament. Ben Lusk weighed in a 5-3 trout. Big red drum were still being released from the shoals along the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel, but puppy drum fishing in the seaside had not been consistent. The Kiptopeke Pier was producing catches of flounder and croaker. The shop is getting in green crabs, just in time for the tautog fishery. Togs have been caught from the rock islands of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel, the Concrete Ships, the Cell as well as off the inshore coastal wrecks.

Upper Shore – Captain Matt Abell, of SeaHawk Sports Center, reported John Brittingham, of Berlin, Md., released a big red drum from the Assateague surf, and Parksley angler Jamie Logan had landed puppy drum from the seaside. A mixture of puppy drum, speckled trout, and small rockfish were being encountered from the shallows of Pungoteague Creek all the way up to Smith Island, Md. Ian Redmond released some oversized red drum and stripers just prior to the opening of the Chesapeake Bay striped bass season, while landing some puppy drum and speckled trout while fishing around some marsh islands in the upper portion of Pocomoke Sound.

Bill Hall was the first Eastern Shore resident to achieve Virginia Saltwater 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 Courtesy of Captain Steve’s Bait & Tackle

John Brittingham with a large red drum released from the Assateague Island beach.

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Gage Stout with a nice sheepshead caught in Chincoteague Channel.
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Kendrick Di’ke Duffy, who went to prison for killing a college student in 2009, was back in court last week where he was sentenced in 2010 to 10 years with four years suspended for manslaughter in connection with Ballard’s death. He was serving prison time for manslaughter in 2016.

Duffy was out of prison for about a year, when he was accused of pointing/brandishing a firearm. The witness in that case did not show up to testify and the charge was dismissed.

Extraditions

Maryland authorities are seeking extradition for three men being held in Accomack Jail, according to records filed recently in the county general district court.

Zachary Elijah Thomas, 22, of Triplet Avenue in Onancock, was given five years in prison with four suspended for distributing cocaine on Sept. 2, 2015. According to court records, Deputy Eric Nottingham of the Accomack County Sheriff’s Office said he saw Duffy driving on Route 13 near Temperanceville at a high rate of speed.

With his siren blaring and lights flashing, Nottingham said he followed the vehicle, which turned on Hallwood Road. He said at that point Duffy was going 114 mph and eventually ran into the side of a house. Nottingham said he saw Duffy, the only person in the vehicle, get out of the driver’s side and run. The defendant reached Poulson’s garage where he jumped in an occupied vehicle and was captured. A loaded gun was found in the glove compartment.

In 2009, Duffy sat on a car window ledge and fired the gun that killed Bobby O Neal Ballard, 20, of Temperanceville. The car was leaving Royal Farms near Parksley. The March incident was the second time Duffy was arrested since he pleaded guilty to felony eluding in the case of Devan Lamar Hinmon, 28, of Saxis Road in Temperanceville.

The suspect was wanted in Maryland for a crime that did not show up to testify and the charge was dismissed.

A charge of possession of a firearm by a felon was dismissed. Duffy, 26, of Parksley Road in Parksley, was taken back to Accomack Jail to await sentencing. A short-form presentence report was ordered. He could get five years and a $2,500 fine for eluding.

Extradition is also being sought in the case of Devan Lamar Hinmon, 28, of Saxis Road in Temperanceville. He is accused of failing to report to Accomack Circuit Court for a proceeding in August. When a capias was served in Accomack last month for Hinmon, Deputy Chris Hargis of the Accomack County Sheriff’s Office discovered the suspect was wanted in Maryland for two counts of possession of heroin and two counts of distributing the drug in May 2017.

Hinmon, who also gave authorities the address of Lankford Highway in Mappsville, was indicted in Accomack in June on counts of distributing heroin on Sept. 22 and Oct. 18, 2016.

Keshaun L. Coston, 26, of Seaside Road in Melfa, is being held for extradition to Maryland where he is charged with child abuse, second-degree assault and reckless endangerment. The case was continued until October 2019.

Glen Eric Northan, 59, of Boundary Avenue in Onancock, was given five years in prison with four suspended for distributing cocaine on Sept. 2, 2015. His driver's license was suspended for six months and he was ordered to be on supervised probation for three years. The maximum sentence is 40 years and a fine of $500,000.

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Exmore meeting

Exmore marketing consultant Clarice McGarvey recommended the town capitalize on the upward economic trend of Eastern Shore tourism by forming its own tourism commission, as Wachapreague and many other nearby towns have done. According to data from the Virginia Tourism Commission, the Eastern Shore was the state’s fastest-growing tourism region in 2016, with a five percent increase in visitor spending since the previous year, for a total of $273 million spent on the Shore for travel-related expenses last year.

Mayor Greer approved of the idea for an Exmore tourism commission, which was the result of conversation between McGarvey and town manager Duer, who agreed to be the commission’s first two informal members. Greer expressed his willingness to further discuss and develop the idea.

McGarvey mentioned the town’s assets in supporting tourism, including three hotels, and “hopefully” a new restaurant and distillery in the near future.

McGarvey reported on the success of Exmore’s first-ever Shakespeare in the Park event. Nearly 300 guests gathered in the town park to watch the performance of Hamlet as the Brown Box Theatre took over the outdoor stage. Plans are already in the works for Brown Box Theatre to return for another Shakespeare event next year.

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New Northampton Teachers Welcomed

New Northampton teachers posed at the orangery at Eyre Hall. Teachers toured the gardens at Eyre Hall as part of a week-long induction, to help orient new employees to the county and the Shore and professional development workshops.

from the other side. The public complain about no-wake zones and members of the council have done nothing. I think the public has waited long enough for this.”

Regarding replacing water meters, Public Works Director Harvey Spurlock reported work will begin in a week or two. There are 3,862 meters. In the beginning about 40 meters a day will be replaced. It is hoped after a week or so, 50 a day could be accomplished. “Service disruption will last about 10 minutes,” Spurlock said.

West reported drilling on the potential new site for town wells has been delayed for another week or so. We are at the mercy of a very busy contractor,” he said, noting, the well-drilling rig at NASA is for monitoring wells due to an EPA requirement. The work will enable more information to be gathered about possible contaminants.

Sixteen winners were announced in front of 175 hospitality and travel industry peers and leaders from across the state. It was VRLTA’s second consecutive year hosting the Ordinary Awards.

“The winners … represent all the extraordinary people and companies that make up Virginia’s hospitality and tourism industry,” said Eric Terry, president of tourism group. “On behalf of the VRLTA, our staff, and board, we applaud the efforts of this individuals for the exemplary work they have done and will continue to do.”
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Submitted Story and Photos

Carroll Burt Cherrix Jr. and friends celebrated his life with a Journey Through Life Party, on Sept. 23, and a crew of Teaguers came out to wish him the best and share how much they all love him.

Born on the island, he has many life-long friends. On Sept. 23, the islanders of Chincoteague and a band from Philadelphia came together in his honor. Cherrix’s deep faith and love for his friends and family has made him beloved to those around him. Cherrix had an accident on Maddox Blvd. on Sept. 24, 1984. In the 33 years since, he has inspired so many with his strength and love.

J. Sharks pushes Carroll Burt down the ramp to be honored by his friends and family.

Cherrix celebrates his big day with a friend on the force, along with dozens of island friends.
Health Matters  Flu Season: About the Vaccine

Information Courtesy of Virginia Department of Health

Fall marks the start of football season, crisp night air, and beautiful fall colors. Unfortunately, it is also the start of flu season.

The Center for Disease Control and Virginia Department of Health recommend everyone 6 months of age or older receive a flu vaccination each year, especially those who are at high risk of serious complications from the flu. For more information on vaccination, go to http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/immunization/immunization-manual/

These are the new recommendations for the 2017-2018 flu season:
- The recommendation to not use the nasal spray flu vaccine (LAIV) was renewed for the 2017-2018 season. Only injectable flu shots are recommended for use again this season.
- Flu vaccines have been updated to better match circulating viruses (the influenza A(H1N1) component was updated).
- Pregnant women may receive any licensed, recommended, and age-appropriate flu vaccine.

If you are interested in tracking flu symptoms online and seeing how the flu is progressing where you live, you can join thousands of other volunteers across the nation in monitoring the flu by registering at FluNearYou.org

For more information about the flu, go to http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/epidemiology/influenza-flu-in-virginia/

Area Flu Clinics Make Vaccines Easy

Two area medical providers are offering flu shot clinics.

Peninsula Regional Medical Center in Salisbury will hold its 23rd annual drive-thru flu clinic on Thursday, Oct. 12, at Arthur W. Perdue (Shorebirds) Stadium at the intersection of Route 50 and Hobbs Road in Salisbury, from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. A physician’s order is not necessary. A donation of $10 per vaccination is requested (cash only; exact amount appreciated).

Riverside on the Eastern Shore will administer free flu shots Thursday, Oct. 19, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Parkesle and Cape Charles. Flu shots will be available for ages 14 and up while supplies last. No appointment is needed.

The free flu shots will be available at Riverside Shore Medical Center at Metompkin, 17385 Lankford Hwy., Parkesle, and Riverside Cape Charles Medical Center, 216 Mason Ave., Cape Charles.

For more information, visit www.riversideonline.com/flu

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Cape Charles

Friends of the Cape Charles Memorial Library is offering a workshop on Medicare options. Medicare open enrollment is from Oct. 15 to Dec. 7. This is the period when you can make changes to your plans. Come to the Civic Center at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 14 to understand options and make a choice that best fits your needs.

Chincoteague

The Chincoteague Island Arts Organization is sponsoring its annual New Years Eve concert at the Island Theatre. The Deanna Bogart Band will headline this year’s event. Tickets are $30, available online at ciarts.org (credit cards) and Sundial Books (cash/check).

Deanna Bogart is an award-winning singer, songwriter, pianist, sax player and band leader, who combines the boogie-woogie, contemporary blues, country and jazz into a blend she calls “blusion.”

Kiptopeke

The Birding and Wildlife Festival is Oct. 6-8 at Kiptopeke State Park. Oct. 7 is Outdoors Exploration Day and FREE family day with exhibits, activities and games from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. For full list of festival sites and activities, go to http://www.esvabirdingfestival.com/

New Church

The annual Byer’s Carolers Bingo will be held Friday, Oct. 13, at New Church Volunteer Fire Department, 4264 Firehouse St. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. for refreshments; games begin at 7 p.m. Tickets can be purchased in advance by calling 757-894-1953 or at the door.

Onancock

Ye Accawmacke Garden Club will present a flower show, “Fall on the Eastern Shore,” Wednesday, Oct. 18, from 1 - 3 p.m., at Ker Place. The show is free and open to the public.

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Oyster

Virginia State Archeologist Dr. Michael Barber will be presenting a summary of sea level rise and archaeology in the Chesapeake region on Wednesday, Oct. 11, at 7 p.m., at the Anheuser-Busch Coastal Research Center. The talk will touch on eroding sites, and sites inundated by sea level rise, recent field schools, and recent archaeology efforts. Michael Clem, eastern regional archaeologist, will discuss ongoing excavations at the historic site at Eyreville.

The Eastern Shore of Virginia Anglers Club monthly meeting on Oct. 9 will feature a presentation by Capt. Gary Seay, an accomplished local angler who once co-held the grey trout world record. He is also holder of 17 Virginia citation speckled trout awards. He will talk about fishing for speckled trout and the tackle, lures and live bait he uses. The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. in the conference room of Sage Restaurant. The public is invited to attend and new or prospective members are welcome.

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Fall Cleanup will take place on October 7th & 9th. Final pick up will be Monday, 10/09/2017, at 12:00 p.m.

Limitations: No appliances or tires, limbs no more than 6’ by 6’, items not to weigh more than 150 lbs. and no more than 3 cubic yards per household. “DO NOT TAKE BRUSH OR TRASH TO THE BALL FIELD.” Weekly household trash pickup must be bagged. If it can’t go in a trash bag don’t put it out.

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- Kert Parkhurst II, 23, and Elizabeth Marshall, 23, both of Cape Charles
- Duane Christopher Read, 23, and Chelsea Elizabeth Jones, 24, both of Hallwood
- Danny Ray Brunner, 31, of Greenbackville and Brittany Leigh Sacks, 30, of New Church
- Diane Christine Lindsay, 60, of Chesapeake, and Barry William Wise, 54, of Temperanceville
- Devin Thomas Smith, 30, and Rebecca Anne Turner, 26, both of Melfa
- Dale Robert Simmons and Julie Ann MacNair, both 54, of Lancaster, Pa.
- Robert Wayne Hoffman Jr., 30, and Tiffany Lynn Curtis, 28, both of Ocean City, Md.
- Jason Edward Marsh, 31, and Cristy Renee McCready, 30, both of New Church
- Cody Garrett Butler, 30, and Krista Renea Pianka, 27, both of Chincoteague
- Della Kelley Redinger, 52, and Victor Ray Amburgey, 47, both of Horntown
- Sands Alexander Gayle, 28, of Parksley and Bobbi Rae Gentry, 27, of Wallops Island
- Brandon Lee Guy, 27, and Savannah Michael Manske-East, 26, both of Parksley
- Joshua Ryan McNulty, 27, and Ashley Corrine Zopp, 24, both of Harrisburg, Pa.
- Paul Michael Musil, 43, of Millsboro, Del. and Tamra Lee Langford, 40, of Salisbury, Md.
- Bryant Montez Walker, 31, of Melfa and Markita Ann Bivens, 42, of Pocomoke, Md.
- Tony Anthony Young, 57, and Betty Jean Bailey, 71, both of Keller
- Dalton Richard Wood, 23, and Kelsie Amanda Cobb, 23, both of Painter
- Jose Neptali Urbina Garcia, 25, of Bluffton, S.C.
- Yanet Estefania Castro, 22, of Accomac

Dr. Daniel Lyman Ridout, of Melfa, and Dr. Maria Carmelita C. Go, of Chincoteague, became engaged Sept. 8, 2017. The wedding will be on April 28, 2018, at the Hellenic Center in Lancaster, Calif.

The Salvation Army, and the Northampton Departments of Social Services and Parks & Recreation will coordinate a holiday/toy assistance program.

Both the holiday/toy assistance program and the Angel Tree program are open to youth living in Northampton who are between the ages of 0-11 years. These programs are only open to children who are members of families that receive TANF or SNAP (food stamps). To enroll your child/children for either program, or to obtain an application, please call the Northampton County Department of Social Services at 757-678-5153. Completed applications must be returned to Northampton County Department of Social Services by Oct. 21, 2017, to receive Angel Tree gifts. Toy closet deadline in Dec. 12.

Mellington and Vemireddy

Katie Grace Mellington and Nagarjuna Vemireddy were married on Aug. 12, 2017, at the Huguenot Loft in Greenville, S.C.

The Christian ceremony was officiated by R.L. Poston and the Hindu ceremony was officiated by Shri Murali Sarma.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Mellington, of Atlantic. She is a graduate of the University of Virginia School of Medicine and is a fourth year obstetrics and gynecology resident at Greenville Health System in Greenville, S.C.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Venkata Vemireddy, of Atlantic. He is a graduate of the University of Virginia School of Medicine and is a fourth year obstetrics and gynecology resident at Greenville Health System in Greenville, S.C.

The grooms is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Venkata Vemireddy, of Bangalore, India. He is a graduate of Wake Forest University School of Business and works for Bank of America in Charlotte, N.C.

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★ noon - AA mtg. - UMC, Onancock
★ 5-8 p.m. - Station 1 Pizza Night - 4264 Firehouse St., New Church - $12/Cheese, Pepperoni or Sausage; $13/Combination Pizza (Pepperoni & Sausage) - No need to call, just stop in and pick it up.
★ 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. - Bingo - Exmore Moose Lodge, Belle Haven

**SATURDAY OCT. 7**
★ 9:30 a.m. - Sunrise Yoga On The Beach - Kiptopeke State Park - $8/class
★ 9:30 a.m. - E.S. Cancer Support Group mtg. - Sage Diner, Onley - $5/Breakfast
★ 10 a.m. - 45th Annual Chincoteague Oyster Festival - Tom’s Cove Park, 8128 Beebe Rd., Chincoteague
★ noon - 8:00 p.m. - Pocomoketoberfest - Great Pocomoke Fair Grounds, 2003 Broad St., Pocomoke City
★ 4:30 p.m. - Relay for Life Auction - Moose Lodge, Belle Haven
★ 5:30 p.m. - Fourth Gala - Historic Eastville Inn, Eastville
★ 7:30 p.m. - Bingo - Eastville Vol. Fire Co.

**MONDAY OCT. 9**
★ 4-5 p.m. - Alzheimer’s Caregivers’ Support Group - E.S. Physicians & Surgeons, medical library, 9524 Hospital Ave., Nassawadox - 302-2128 (Melissa Glennon)
★ 5:15 p.m. - Friends of Northampton Memorial Library mtg. - library, Cape Charles
★ 5-6 p.m. - Al-Anon mtg. - Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Onancock
★ 6 p.m. - Bingo - Elk’s Lodge, Tasley
★ 6:30 p.m. - Cub Scout Pack 300 mtg. - Grace UMC, Parksley
★ 6:30-8:30 p.m. - Free English for Speakers of Other Languages - Metompkin Elementary School, Parksley - 757-789-1761
★ 7 p.m. - Multiple Sclerosis Support Group - Hampton Inn & Suites, 4129 Lankford Hwy., Exmore - 442-7722
★ 7 p.m. - AA mtg. - Christ Episcopal Church, Eastville

**WEDNESDAY OCT. 11**
★ 7:45 a.m. - Kiwanis Club of Accomack mtg. - Sage Diner, Onley
★ 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. - Veterans’ Employment Representative Avail. - Northampton Cty. Dept. of Social Services - no appt. needed
★ 10 a.m. - TOPS mtg. - Market St. UMC, Onancock - 787-4718
★ 10:30-11:30 a.m. - Overeaters Anonymous mtg. - Rock Church, Onley - 757-655-4834
★ 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. - Waste Watchers’ mtg. - Chamber of Commerce, Melfa
★ 11 a.m. - Prayer Time - Downing’s UMC, Oak Hall
★ 11 a.m.-1 p.m. - Soup Kitchen - Corner Stone Seventh Day Adventist Church, 3431 Main St., Exmore
★ 5 p.m. - E.S. Soil and Water Conservation District mtg. - USDA Service Center, 22545 Center Pkwy., Accomac
★ 5-7 p.m. - Soup Kitchen & Clothes Closet - Grace and Truth Ministries, 19 Boundary Ave., Onancock - Donations: 789-5369
★ 5:30-6:30 p.m. - Free Meals for the Hungry - Epworth UMC, 4158 Seaside Rd., Exmore - 442-6391
★ 6-7 p.m. - Prayer Line Open (St. Matthew’s Church, Onley) - Call 665-7403, 387-7021 or 894-1521 w/prayer requests
★ 6:30-8:30 p.m. - Free English for Speakers of Other Languages - Metompkin Elementary School, Parksley - 757-789-1761
★ 7 p.m. - Drinking Liberally mtg. - Charlotte Hotel, 7 North St., Onancock
★ 7 p.m. - AA & Al-Anon mtgs. - Franktown UMC
★ 7:30 p.m. - Bingo - Painter VFC

**THURSDAY OCT. 12**
★ 10:30 a.m. - Children’s Story Hour - library, Accomac
★ 10:30 a.m. - Story Time - Cape Charles Memorial Library
★ 4 p.m. - Chess Club - Cape Charles Memorial Library - all ages, levels welcome
★ 5:30 p.m. - Shore Losers mtg. - Drummondtown Baptist Church, Accomac - $1/wk.
★ 5:30 p.m. - TOPS VA-550 mtg. - Zion Baptist Church, Parksley - 787-7099
★ 6-8:30 p.m. - GED Class - ESCC, Class A-51, Melfa
★ 6:30 p.m. - AA mtg. - Trinity UMC, 109 Plum St., Cape Charles
★ 7:30 p.m. - Bingo - Cheriton VFC - smoke free
★ 7:30 p.m. - Order of the Eastern Star (Acc. Chap. #62) mtg. - Masonic Lodge, Chincoteague

**POST TIMES Oct. 6-12**
★ 12:30 p.m. - Bingo - Vietnam Veterans' Bldg., Main St., Onley
★ 3 p.m. - The Gospel Explosion - New Allen Memorial AME Church, Franktown
★ 4 p.m. - Revival Service - Tabernacle Baptist Church, Horntown
★ 7 p.m. - AA mtg. - Christ Episcopal Church, Eastville

**SUNDAY OCT. 8**
★ 9 a.m. - Al-Anon mtg. - Refuge Inn, Chincoteague
★ 10 a.m. - Zumba - Franktown UMC
★ 10 a.m. - E.S. Community Services mtg. - E.S. Behavioral Healthcare Center, 19056 Greenbush Rd., Parksley
★ 10 a.m. - Bingo - Accomack Senior Village, Onancock - 787-3900
★ 11 a.m. - Duplicate Bridge - Sage Diner, Onley - 442-2474
★ 1:30 p.m. - Hospice Grief Support Group - Chincoteague Methodist Church, Manna Cafe, 6253 Church St., Chincoteague
★ 2:30-4 p.m. - Hospice Grief Support Group - Chincoteague Methodist Church, Manna Cafe, 6253 Church St., Chincoteague
★ 3-6 p.m. - Farmers’ Market - Cape Charles Museum, Randolph Ave.
★ 5:30 p.m. - Waterfront Committee mtg. - Town Hall Council Chambers, 15 North St., Onancock
★ 5:30 p.m. - AA mtg. - St. James’ Episcopal Church, Drummondtown Rd., Accomac
★ 6 p.m. - Rachel Leah Ministries - 787-2486 (call for location)
★ 6 p.m. - Bingo - Pocomoke Elks, next to YMCA
★ 6 p.m. - Onancock Lions Club mtg. - Sage Diner, Onley - 787-2486
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The family of Frank J. Etz III would like to thank everyone for the outpouring of support, food, and compassion shown following his death on July 19. Your kindness means more that you know.

The family of Ethel M. Walker would like to thank the Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital, Riverside Hospice, Cooper & Humbles Funeral Home, and the many people who called and sent flowers, food and cards.

Your thoughtfulness is appreciated.

The Nature Conservancy
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The Nature Conservancy’s Virginia Coast Reserve is seeking a contractual housekeeper to maintain three facilities (two houses and an office) located in Nassawadox, VA. Housekeeper will perform a variety of weekly cleaning duties including, but not limited to, vacuuming, mopping, dusting, cleaning restrooms, washing linen, emptying trash. Individual must be available on an as needed basis and available to work weekdays and weekends.

If interested, please contact Jennifer Miller, Bramblesville Preserve Manager, at Jennifer.miller@tnc.org or (757) 414-9224.

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Applicants should have a bachelor’s degree in finance, accounting, or related field and at least four years’ relevant experience. A CPA and/or VGFOA certification is desired. Full-time benefits including VRS retirement, healthcare insurance, vacation and sick leave, professional dues and conferences, and group life are provided. Salary DOQ/DOE. Salary range is $70,107–$105,159. Please send cover letter, resume and three professional references to Northampton County Administrator, PO Box 66, Eastville, VA 23347. Position is open until filled.

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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.

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Benefit Programs Specialist I/II
Position # L0084
Hiring Range – $27,366
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Fraud Investigator II
Position # L0068
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Probation Officer Positions
Probation & Parole District 4: Accomac (Position Number: P0406)
Starting Annual Salary: $36,731 Minimum + Benefits
Application Deadline: October 16, 2017

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Subject to any and all covenants, conditions, restrictions, easements, and all other matters of record taking priority over the Deed of Trust, if any, affecting the aforesaid property.

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From the Out*Post

By Candy Farlow

I’ll be the first to admit it. I have a real problem with math. I think my difficulties began in the first grade when one day the teacher told us four plus one is five and the next day she told us three plus two was five. I decided then, if even the teacher couldn’t be sure, I wasn’t going to put much effort into learning it. I did, however, become very good at counting – too good some might say. The older I became, the more I found myself counting things. I count the steps I take, the number of dishes I put in the dishwasher, the number of tiles on the floor, just about anything. I never really thought too much about it until recently when I learned that my constant counting is actually considered a mental disorder. Heavens! The brain doctor types call it arithmomania and consider it an expression of obsessive-compulsive disorder. Okay then. I’m going to put a stop to it right now, although I’m right in the middle of counting the words I’ve been typing. (180)

Speaking of words, while I have always loved writing, I have never been very good at spelling either. That got progressively worse with age as well, especially after my stint in radio where, to assist the announcers, you wrote everything phonetically. I decided then that spelling wasn’t that important. I mean come on, if you spell “phonetically” with a “p” it isn’t ?????

Anyway, being a writer who doesn’t spell well has been a challenge to me and even more so to the editors I have worked for, especially in the days before Spell Check. Now it’s presenting a new challenge as my son and I have begun playing Words With Friends several times a week. For those of you who are even less technologically aware than I, it’s like playing Scrabble, only you do it on a computer. It’s really a fun way to keep in touch with said son who, as I may have mentioned before, lives in Maine. (That’s okay except he had the nerve to take three of my grandchildren with him when he moved there.) But back to the game - thus far my offspring is beating me badly, mainly by using words I have never encountered. Now some of them are pertinent to his vocation and others I think are new to the dictionary. At any rate, I do not suffer defeat well. (At least since we are not playing face to face he doesn’t see me sticking my tongue out at him.) Thus I’ve decided I need to up my game and spend a little more time with my dictionary.

My timing for word study is impeccable since National Dictionary Day is coming up on Oct. 16. It’s a day we’re to emphasize the importance of dictionary skills and increasing one’s vocabulary. It also happens to be the birthday of Noah Webster who, in 1807, published An American Dictionary of the English Language. Believe it or not, it took Webster 27 years to complete his work, largely because he deemed it necessary to learn 26 languages in order to understand the origin of each of the 70,000 words his book contained. Today’s widely used Merriam-Webster Dictionary contains about 470,000 words with another 1,000 having been added this year. Those include such words as abandonware, binge-watch, photobomb, listicle, humblebrag, truther, train wreck, face-palm, side-eye, throw shade, and weak sauce. If you don’t know the definition of some of these you can now look them up - or ask someone under 30 years of age.

Meanwhile, I have now typed 609 words, more than my space probably allows. So I will just leave you with these words of wisdom … If you leave alphabet soup on the stove and go out, it could spell disaster.

Pastor Gary needs a new ‘Faith Car’ for Shore travels

Dear Editor:

I am a patron of the wonderful Pastor Gary Williams. I’d like to tell you about his mission, fantastic songs on the electronic piano, service and personal prayers, traveling for his mission and what he called his “Faith Car.”

The name of Pastor Gary Williams’ mission is Mission Tree Ministries of Parksley. The pastor travels to most of the area’s nursing homes and assisted living facilities, where he sings a lot, preaches and gives personal prayers.

Pastor Gary had what he considered his “Faith Car” after one previous car had the motor blown, and with his prayer and faith, a patron had an extra car he gave to Pastor Gary. Well, this car was faithful to Pastor Gary’s mission for a few years, but toward the end of the car’s working life, Pastor Gary would pull into our assisted living facility like the “Little Engine That Could” - chug, chug along - steam blowing from the hood, and yet in came the happiest man you’d want to meet, with a big smiley hug, saying, “I made it!”

Well, it has come time to ask anyone on the Eastern Shore if they may have an extra vehicle to donate to Pastor Gary’s mission, as this car is no longer in service. As a patron of Pastor Gary Williams (757-694-1480), who travels for his ministry, I just hope and pray that pastor can get his “Faith Car” again.

Elizabeth Langlois
Parksley

Response to Confederate Ad

Dear Editor:

This letter is in response to the “Paid Advertisement” by Mr. Bill Taylor regarding the flag and monuments related to the Confederate States of America (CSA). The reason that both need to be removed is that flags are made to represent something specific (be it a nation or a local social club), and monuments are erected to call to mind and honor a person or event. The “Stars and Stripes” represents the union of America “and the republic for which it stands.” The “Stars and Bars” of the CSA represents a rebellion in order to secure the “Peculiar Institution” of human chattel slavery. The monuments to Thomas Jefferson, George Washington and Abraham Lincoln call to mind and honor the work of men who strove to achieve the high ideals of “life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness,” regardless the limitations of their times.

The monuments to Lee, Jackson, Longstreet, etc., can only call to mind the wasted valor and misguided loyalties of men who strove to secure and perpetuate a system whose only excuse was monetary greed, and whose only honest description is the word “evil.” I would no sooner wish to visit a statue of Gen. Lee leading his deceived troops into battle than I would wish to see a monument to Nazi general Guderian leading his storm troopers to commit wanton destruction and murder.

I have read the constitution of the CSA. It is an almost word-for-word copy of the U.S. federal Constitution. The only significant difference between the two is that the Confederate constitution makes explicit and lengthy provision to guarantee, expand and forever perpetuate the institution of human chattel slavery. Imagine if you can what the world would be like today if that rebellion had succeeded, with this miserable institution or its vestiges still in existence.

What a horror.

To those who would proudly fly the Stars and Bars of the CSA, I would ask only this: that you honestly fly next to it the Nazi swastika flag of genocide, the hammer and sickle of communist oppression, and the rising sun of mad dog Japanese Imperialism. They form the quadrant of evil, oppression, stolen lives and death.

Brian Bloedel
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