Hallwood Town Clerk’s Car Burns Along With All Official Records

By Linda Cicoira

A car belonging to Hallwood Town Clerk Angela Hinman Taylor, also known as Angel, caught fire on Oct. 7, and all the town’s records that were being stored inside were destroyed, Mayor Jackie Poulson reported this week.

It happened just a couple of days before the documents were to be turned over for a long-overdue audit. Taylor lives about 350 yards from the town office and mostly did the town work at her home. The fire occurred about five miles from Hallwood on Wessells Farm Road. The car’s make and model were not identified at press time. The vehicle was hauled to a local salvage yard, crushed and taken away before the town found out about it, Poulson said.

Taylor, 44, resigned from the position in a letter she left for others to find in the town office, and she refuses to return the town’s laptop, the mayor said. He met with state police Tuesday after asking for an investigation, but was given little hope in finding answers.

“They wouldn’t retrieve our laptop,” the mayor continued. “That’s a civil matter,” he said the officers told him. Taylor contends the town’s laptop is in the office, Poulson said. “But it wasn’t there — only an old one, (desktop) that is 20 years old,” he complained.

The alleged burned records included minutes of town meetings and Taylor’s work schedule.

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Little Pumpkin on the Hunt for Great Pumpkin

Mallory Freeze (right) was on the hunt for the Great Pumpkin last Saturday with her mother, Christy Freeze, and her newborn sister, Abigail, at Shockley Farms in Cape Charles. The trio, from Nassawadox, also made it through the corn maze before making their pumpkin selection. Is it the Great Pumpkin? We’re guessing from Mallory’s expression, it is.

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Poultry Growers Seek Stormwater Permits

By Linda Cicoira

Three Accomack poultry growers are being required by the Environmental Protection Agency to get more stringent state permits for their operations because “of their potential to discharge contaminated stormwater” from chicken manure. Another local grower has voluntarily signed on to obtain the permit.

Virginia Eastern Shorekeeper Jay Ford asked that a public hearing be held locally before the permits are granted.

Fayyaz Mukhtar owns and operates FPNA Farms Inc., with six broiler houses for Perdue, on Neal Parker Road northwest of Oak Hall, according to documents the Eastern Shore Post obtained from the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). Mukhtar’s houses contain 28,300 birds each for about 170,000 birds per flock with 5.5 flocks per yard or a total of 935,000. About 1,275 tons of litter will be produced there per year. “There is a composter on the operation for daily mortality and a litter storage shed. The litter is all transferred to Benny Hall and J. Thompson and spread throughout Accomack County.”

The EPA considers the business, which “confines at least 125,000 chickens, … a large concentrated animal feeding operation … that is designed, constructed, operated, and maintained in a manner such that a discharge will occur to Bullbeggar Creek,” which is a federal waterway. It therefore requires a more monitored permit.

During the inspection on July 19, 2010, EPA representatives observed poultry houses near drainage ditches, poultry manure on the ground and on the concrete pads and ventilation fans that deposit to ditches and had particulates of dander and manure.
Art Advocate Wants to Bring the HEAT to Cape Charles

By Stefanie Jackson

Art stole the show at meetings of Northampton County supervisors and Cape Charles town council in recent months.

Self-proclaimed “individual with big dreams” Renata Sheppard, coordinator of Experimental Film Virginia, based in Cape Charles, dominated the public comments portion of the Aug. 8 supervisors meeting, outlining her vision for the future of art in Cape Charles, the county, and the Eastern Shore. Supervisors acquiesced as she spoke far longer than the three minutes normally allotted for individual public comment.

Her mission was “to plant a seed” in the minds of supervisors about a new, collaborative art endeavor for Cape Charles: HEAT, or High Energy Art Towns. HEAT is the name Cape Charles’ art district will take on should it join existing art districts across the bay, NEON (New Energy of Norfolk) and ViBe (Virginia Beach).

When Sheppard spoke to Cape Charles town council on Sept. 21, she said that together, HEAT, NEON and ViBe would form a “trifecta of tourism,” drawing more people to the Eastern Shore during both the summer and shoulder seasons.

Sheppard and supervisors discussed how HEAT previously had not been approved because the county tourism commission didn’t fully understand the concept or its purpose. Chairman Spencer Murray encouraged Sheppard to write a summary and proposal for HEAT to be presented at a future work session.

At Cape Charles’ Sept. 21 town meeting, Sheppard recapped the success of Experimental Film Virginia 2017 and proposed its expansion. The international artists who spent three weeks as “they live, they work, they experience, they eat and they post right here in Cape Charles,” creating 18 short, experimental films, spent $30,000 on housing, she reported. Sheppard did not account for money spent in restaurants or on other goods and services by the artists and more than 2,000 visitors who attended events during Art Soaked Weekends like Art in a Barn and Reel and Raw.

Reel and Raw was the new name given to the experimental film premiere in 2017, held in an informal, outdoor setting at the town harbor, where oysters and other seafood were served with wine and beer. This “rebranding,” in partnership with the Virginia Oyster Trail, will allow for the art event to reach more people. “Everybody wants to eat and drink. Not everybody always wants to ‘art,’” Sheppard said.

Showcasing the “culinary culture of the Eastern Shore” could help Reel and Raw eventually expand into a statewide event, she continued. Sheppard sees Cape Charles as a “pioneer” and “role model” for other Eastern Shore localities who identify with the motto, “small town, big art.”

Cape Charles’ embodiment of this motto leaves a lasting impression on visitors. Sheppard reflected on the “beautiful, organic moments” experienced during the golf cart tour of the town taken by the visiting artists last summer. They encountered Mayor George Proto as he was leaving his home and remarked, “This is the America we see in films, and we’re in it now, and we’re making films.”

Those inspired by the town’s unique art scene help spread the word via social media. Christina Ricucci, of “So You Think You Can Dance” fame, created a post about her EFV experience saying it was one of the best experiences of her life, Sheppard relayed. It reached 10,000 people. Sheppard plans to invite more artists like Ricucci to Cape Charles for EFV 2018 in the hopes of giving the event a “different kind of visibility” and attracting more young people.

Sheppard asked Cape Charles town council to consider increasing its funding of EFV from $5,000, which it gave last year, to $10,000, as she originally requested, to support the program’s continued growth. She said receiving grants for the first time from Northampton and the Virginia Commission for the Arts, as well as increased funding from the Virginia Film Office, was “a good sign that we’re doing something right,” giving her the “inspiration to keep going.”
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Gillespie and Northam Vie for Governor’s Seat

By Linda Cicoira

Lt. Gov. Ralph S. Northam, a Democrat and native of the Eastern Shore, and Edward W. “Ed” Gillespie, a former Chairman of the Republican Party of Virginia who lives in Fairfax, are coming in the final laps of their race to be Virginia’s governor. The election is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 7.

NORTHAM

Northam, 58, graduated from Virginia Military Institute and attended Eastern Virginia Medical School (EVMS). As an Army doctor, he served in Germany, treating soldiers wounded in Operation Desert Storm. Northam practices pediatric neurology at the Children’s Hospital of the King’s Daughters in Norfolk, where he established his medical practice, Children’s Specialty Group. He also served as assistant professor of neurology at EVMS, where he taught medicine and ethics.

He volunteers as medical director for the Edmarc Hospice for Children in Portsmouth, where he cares for terminal-ill children. “They asked me if I would volunteer at the children’s hospice for one year, 18 years later, I’m still doing it. Those kids and their families have given me more than I could ever give back. They put everything in perspective.”

Northam was a state senator. His campaign website states he is for “an economy that works for everyone — no matter who, no matter where,” “strengthening our public schools,” “protecting our environment and natural resources,” “advocating common sense gun safety reform,” “quality, affordable healthcare for all Virginians,” “justice and equality — standing up for what’s right and making Virginia a more welcoming and supportive place to live,” “making Virginia the best state for veterans to live, work, and raise a family,” and “finding a way to work together while staying true to your values.”

“Never once did an injured soldier stop me before a medical procedure to check if I was a Democrat or Republican. And I never asked them. We were all in it together. I look at government the same way.”

GILLESPIE

Gillespie, 56, grew up working in his parents’ mom and pop grocery store in New Jersey. He helped pay his way through Catholic University working in the senate parking lot. Gillespie, a former lobbyist and founder of a Washington consulting firm, was a counselor to former President George W. Bush.

In 2004, he was the first Republican National Committee chairman in 80 years to preside over a win in the White House, House of Representatives and U. S. Senate. In 2009, he was general chairman of former Gov. Bob McDonnell’s campaign. Gillespie was a lead author of the 1994 “Contract with America” and a long-time policy and communications aide to former House Majority Leader Dick Armey. In 2014, Gillespie ran for U. S. Senate, losing by less than one percent against Mark Warner.

“With our vast natural resources, our fertile lands, our port, our people, our two and four-year colleges and universities, our natural beauty and historic landmarks, Virginia should be in the top five states when it comes to economic growth — not the bottom five,” he was quoted saying on his campaign website.

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“It’s time for a plan to get Virginia growing again with across-the-board policy reforms that cover taxes, regulation, education, transportation, healthcare and public safety. This year I will put forward a serious and substantive vision for Virginia to create jobs, raise take-home pay and help people lift themselves out of poverty. Our vision is one based on our constitutional principles of limited, effective government,” he continued. “Toward that end, I have created nine policy working groups led by members of the General Assembly that are working to develop fresh ideas to invigorate the Virginia economy, improve our quality of life and ensure Virginia remains the best place to live, work and raise a family.”

Gillespie Northam

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Top Brass Does Well in Accomack Re-org

By Linda Cicoira

Accomack Administrator Mike Mason recently reorganized county management to “streamline our operations, facilitate better internal communications and create departmental economies of scale.”

“It will accomplish this by better aligning our resources into compatible and logical groupings without increasing or decreasing the overall county workforce,” the administrator said. “I am confident that it removes the governance obstacles that exist today and positions us to provide more effective management into the future.”

The move became effective Oct. 1, and provided salary hikes for five top employees who were also given more responsibility.

The changes will mean fewer direct reports to Mason — from 13 to 9. It will also increase overall management responsibilities for Director of Public Works Stewart Hall and Director of Planning and Community Development Rich Morrison. Both have new deputy administrator positions. Hall’s salary was increased by $8,352. Morrison is being paid an additional $6,960.

The airport manager and parks and recreation manager will now report to Hall, who is being called deputy administrator of public works and facilities.

The Wallops Research Park manager will now report to Morrison, who holds the title of deputy administrator of building, planning and economic development “bringing unity to the county’s economic development initiatives.”

Management of the county’s storm drainage function was transferred from Hall to Director of Environmental Programs Chris Guvernator, who got a $1,281 salary increase.

Oversight of the county’s translator television service and communication towers was transferred from the procurement division to Chief Information Officer Ben Fox, formerly known as the director of information technology. Fox will also be responsible for the county’s information security program. Fox got a $4,451 raise.

Risk management activities from the procurement division will be transferred to Chief Human Resources Officer Kathy Carmody, formerly known as director of human resources. She will also be responsible for records management and was given a salary increase of $5,460.

The rest of the management of the procurement division will be handled by Chief Financial Officer Leslie Lewis, who was formerly known as director of finance. She garnered a $1,112 pay hike. Darlene Burton, who retired and then came back on a part-time basis, will continue to be the purchasing agent for Accomack. “She will remain part-time but scheduled according to workload demands,” Mason said.

The administrator’s budgetary requests for reorganization were supported by the board of supervisors in the fiscal 2018 county budget.
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Charge Dismissed for Man Accused of Blocking Bay Access

By Linda Cicoira

Seven men stood broadly at the bench just in front of Judge Gordon Vincent Monday to talk about the alleged assault and battery of a waterman who said he was threatened with death for using a boat ramp that is part of a bigger dispute — the public right-of-way to the Chesapeake Bay.

At times, their voices could not be heard in the public session. The judge of the Accomack County District Court was presiding over an assault and battery charge made against Tucker Mayhew Terry, 38, of Seaside Road in Exmore. The misdemeanor was dismissed because the victim, Matthew Forbes May, of Hacksneck Road in Hacksneck, pushed Terry before he was assaulted.

May said Terry was between him and his boat on Aug. 1, and had cast the vessel into the waters near what Accomack officials have deemed a public boat ramp. May contended he was just trying to keep the boat ashore.

“He pushed my boat out into the water where I couldn’t get to the boat,” May wrote in a warrant. “As I tried to stop him, he grab(bed) my shirt (ripping it) and pushed me away. Then as he was walking away, he said, ‘I will f----ing kill you.’ Then I asked Billy Bowen for a ride out to my boat. To which he said, ‘I’m not getting in the middle of this.’ He then gave my employee, Visente Alaniz, a ride to my boat. We then left the boat ramp.”

Terry told Vincent when he purchased the Hacksneck property, his lawyer at Custis, Lewis & Dix, of Accomac, found a clear title — in essence, no public right-of-way.

“It’s our property,” Terry told the judge Monday. “The county is trying to cut a deal.”

Terry denied threatening May. Despite that claim, Vincent granted May a protective order against Terry.

Accomack supervisors have met several times in closed sessions to discuss the right-of-way. County workers have also removed a chain Terry had put across the entrance to keep out the public.

The area is in Supervisor Donald Hart’s district. “Mr. Terry has owned that property for years,” Hart said recently. “All of a sudden a couple of months ago,” he put down “crush and run and blocked the ramp … historically it has been used for over 100 years” by waterman and their forefathers. “The VDOT right of way goes over to the water. The county is writing him letters … we tried to talk to him.”

May used the ramp three times since the incident occurred and as recently as last Thursday, he testified.

In order to get a protective order, continued fear must be shown.

Terry said he bought the property in 2012. “We don’t have a problem with people using the boat ramp,” he said, then added, “It’s not really a boat ramp.”

Terry pleaded not guilty to the charge of assault and battery.
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Bloxom Handyman’s Charges Sent to Grand Jury

Probable cause was found Monday in Accomack General District Court to certify six felony counts and two misdemeanors to a grand jury in the case of a Bloxom handyman.

Corey Marshall, 39, of Quail Circle in Bloxom, is accused of the crimes in connection with checks that were allegedly altered and then cashed. The checks were payment for work he did at the farm of Steven Van Kesteren.

The victim bragged about Marshall’s abilities saying, “He can fix anything.” But after “I started trusting him and we actually became friends, I started missing things in the house … he started taking everything from me.”

Van Kesteren said it was easy to see the alterations on the checks. He explained how the numerals didn’t match the written numbers. “I can’t see how the bank ever cashed it,” he added. The grand jury will meet in December. The incidents occurred in January 2017.

An eluding case allegedly involving Kyriq Nygee Weathers, 20, of Big Pine Road in Painter, was also sent to the grand jury. Officer Aaron J. Pine of the Onley Police Department said he was monitoring traffic on the corner of Route 13 and Coastal Boulevard after a shooting was reported nearby on July 6. He saw a car matching the description in the shooting drive by and followed it while alerting backup. The vehicle, he said, failed to stop for him and stop signs and then drove away at speeds between 80 and more than 100 mph. The charge of eluding was certified. Weathers was found guilty of several traffic offenses.

Both Marshall and Weathers remain free on unspecified bond.

A count of malicious bodily injury that occurred June 4, 2017, will not be prosecuted against Pamela Dooling, 57, of Withams Road in Withams, due to insufficient evidence, according to court records signed by Commonwealth’s Attorney Spencer Morgan. A preliminary hearing had been scheduled for Monday.

Steven Joseph Ramsey, 27, who was listed as homeless, was accused of stealing property worth more than $200 from Walmart in Onley on Oct. 16. Officer Patrick Coulter of the Onley Police Department investigated. Ramsey is being held without bond in Accomack Jail.

A charge of malicious wounding against Elwood Edward Miles Jr., 40, of Church Street in Onancock was reduced to misdemeanor assault and battery and Miles was fined $100 and sentenced to 60 days in jail. All but time served was suspended. Miles is prohibited from having contact with the victim and must be on good behavior for two years. The crime occurred June 22.

Carnal Knowledge Charge Sent to Grand Jury

Probable cause was found last week in Accomack Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court to certify a count of carnal knowledge to the county grand jury against a Painter man.

Christian Tinoco-Hernandez, 20, of Shellbridge Road, is accused of committing the crime “without the use of force” involving a 14 year old girl, between May 1 and July 31, 2017.

Investigator Edward Perry of the Accomack County Sheriff’s Office handled the case. Secured bond was set at $10,000.

Pleas and Sentences Heard In Northampton Circuit Court

Guilty pleas were heard in drug cases and sentences were given for other offenses in Northampton Circuit Court this week, according to Commonwealth’s Attorney Bruce Jones.

Andrew Junior Smith, 48, of Blue Heron Road in Cape Charles, pleaded guilty to two counts of possession with intent to distribute cocaine on Nov. 2, 2016. The case was continued pending completion of a presentencing report.

Matthew Glen Linton, 34, with addresses of Metompkin Road in Parksley, and Richmond, pleaded guilty to two counts of distribution of Subutex, also known as buprenorphine, an opioid pain medication. A presentence report was ordered. The crimes occurred Aug. 3, 2016.

Kevin Da’Auyan Clark, 22, of Cheapside Drive in Cape Charles, was sentenced to five years in prison with all but the more than six months served suspended for larceny from a person on April 2, 2017. He was initially charged with robbery. A count of use of a firearm in a felony was not prosecuted.

Fernando Daniel Espinosa, 46, of Boole Lane in Franktown, was given a three-year suspended sentence for making a false statement on a consent form on June 16, 2016. He was also ordered to perform 40 hours of community service.

Carl L. Stackhouse, 28, of Far Rockaway, N.Y., was given a 12-month suspended sentence for possession of taxed cigarettes, five years with all but six months suspended each on 10 counts of credit card larceny, and 12 months with six suspended for giving false identification to a police officer.

Kajuan Walker, 29, also of Far Rockaway, was given a total of 24 months to serve in prison. A breakdown of his sentences showed four years with all but two months suspended each for 10 counts of credit card fraud; 12 months with all but four months suspended for establishing a false identity; and a 12-month suspended sentence for possession of taxed cigarettes.

Despite No Accreditation, Northampton Middle School Showed Gains

By Stefanie Jackson

Northampton Middle School’s recent news that it was denied accreditation by the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) fails to tell the whole story about its students’ academic achievement.

At last month’s school board meeting, the announcement was made that the middle school had been denied accreditation, and Northampton school district had already submitted a letter to VDOE appealing the decision.

The school’s performance on the science SOL caused it to fall short of accreditation, missing the benchmark by seven percentage points. Superintendent Eddie Lawrence attributed the loss to a staffing issue beyond the district’s control. “Our seventh grade science teacher left abruptly in the middle of the year and we weren’t able to adequately replace” that person, he explained.

Up to that point, the school’s SOL performance had been steadily increasing nearly across the board, under the leadership of Principal Laurel Crenshaw. From the 2015-2016 school year to the 2016-2017 school year, the English SOL passing rate increased from 63 percent to 67 percent. The passing rate for English normally required for full accreditation is 75 percent, but the improvement was considered “adequate progress,” Lawrence noted.

All other subjects require a passing rate of 70 percent for full accreditation. The middle school stayed above the mark in math last year, with an SOL passing rate of 73 percent. The history SOL passing rates climbed, from 70 percent in 2015-2016, to 77 percent in 2016-2017.

Only the science SOL passing rate dropped dramatically, from 79 percent in 2015-2016 to 63 percent in 2016-2017, comparable to the 66 percent passing rate attained in the earlier, 2014-2015 school year.

Further complicating the issue, the eighth grade science SOL tests knowledge of material learned in sixth and seventh grade science classes.

Lawrence said the district’s appeal, requesting a one-year extension to gain accreditation, will be reviewed by the VDOE on Oct. 23. A response is expected in November. Considering the circumstances, Lawrence “anticipated the request will be approved.”
Obituaries

James Grover “Jimmy” Eichelberger

The Honorable James Grover “Jimmy” Eichelberger, 76, beloved husband of Karon Ann McKnight Eichelberger and mayor of Parksley, passed away on Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2017, in Boston, Mass., while enjoying a cruise with his wife and friends. Mayor Eichelberger had also served as a town councilman.

Born July 15, 1941, in Newport News, he was the only child of the late John Alvin Eichelberger and Olive Inez Blanchard Eichelberger. Mayor Eichelberger’s parents, Mayor Eichelberger was predeceased by a son, James G. “Jimbo” Eichelberger Jr.

A memorial service to celebrate his life, including Masonic Rites, was held at the Williams-Parksley Funeral Home on Oct. 14, 2017. Memorial donations may be made to any of the following: Eastern Shore Public Library Foundation (ESPL Foundation), P.O. Box 554, Accomac, VA 23301; Eastern Shore Railway Museum (ESRM), P.O. Box 135, Parksley, VA 23421; or to American Legion Post #100, P.O. Box 48, Parksley, VA 23421.

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

Arrangements were made by the Williams-Parksley Funeral Home.

Bonnie W. Henderson

Mrs. Bonnie W. Henderson, 74, wife of U.K. “Kerr” Henderson III and a resident of Onancock, passed away at her home, surrounded by her family, on Sunday, Oct. 15, 2017.

Born July 9, 1943, in Newport News, she was the daughter of the late Reide Smith Watkinson and Sue Harrison Watkinson. Bonnie was former owner and operator of Bon-Lin, and Bonnie’s Boutique. She enjoyed painting, fishing and boating, and spending time with her family.

In addition to her loving husband, survivors include three children, Terry F. Payne and his wife, Melissa, of Onancock, Cindy P. Joynes and her husband, Arthur, of Accomac, and Lisa P. Scott and her husband, Scotty, of Onancock; five grandchildren, Kelly Scott Dougherty and her husband, Jeff, Shannon Terry Joynes, Hayley Reide Payne, Everett Wilson Savage, and Martin Quinn Savage; two great-grandchildren, Landon Joynes and Alexis Lucas; a sister-in-law Joan Shaw of Accomac; nephew Douglas Shaw, his wife, Cathy, and their daughters, Claire, Kate and Natalie, of Annapolis, Md.; and numerous cousins, and their families.

In addition to her parents, Bonnie was predeceased by her brother, Jackie Lee Watkinson; grandson, Christopher Kerr Hart; and brother-in-law, Brooks L. Shaw.

According to her wishes, services will be private for her family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Pl., Memphis, TN 38105 (www.stjude.org), Shriners Hospitals for Children, 2900 Rocky Point Dr., Tampa, FL 33607 (www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org/donate), Children’s Hospital of the King’s Daughters, P.O. Box 2156, Norfolk, VA 23501-2156 (www.chkd.org), or to a charity of one’s choice.

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Darlene Huckleberry

Mrs. Edna Darlene Thornton Huckleberry, 54, a resident of Mel- fa, passed away Friday, Oct. 13, 2017, at her residence.

A native of Exmore, she was the daughter of John Lee Thornton and his wife, Mary Lou, of Melfa, and the late Edna Lil-liston Bowen. She was a retired claims investigator for Aetna Insurance and member of Faith Baptist Church.

In addition to her father and stepmother, she is survived by her daugh- ter, Teresa Marie Riojas, of Louisville, Tenn.; step-daughter, Desiree Huckleberry, of Jacksonville, Fla.; two granddaughters, Emma Marie Williams and Elizabeth Paige Riojas, both of East Freetown, Mass.; step-father, Billy Bowen, of Exmore; brother, John Thornton Jr. and his wife, Diana, of Crestview, Fla.; and three sisters, Sandy Bowen and her husband, Aaron, of East Freetown, Annette Dunn and her husband, Phil, of Birdsnest, and Cathy Jo Lilliston and her husband, Calvin, of Oak Hall. She was predeceased by a daughter, Melinda Sue Williams, and a sister, Teresa Thornton Parker.

A Celebration of Life service was conducted Sunday, Oct. 15, 2017, at Dougherty Funeral Home, with Pastor Robert Madron officiating. Interment was private in Belle Haven Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Riverside Hospice, P.O. Box 615, Onley, VA 23418.

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

Arrangements were made by Dougherty Funeral Home in Exmore.
Marlene Louise Koerner

Mrs. Marlene Louise Koerner, 51, wife of Keith R. Koerner and a resident of Painter, passed away Saturday, Oct. 14, 2017, at her residence. A native of Ontario, Canada, she was the daughter of Dorothy Godden Graham of Dunnville, Ontario, and the late Leo Wayne Brick. Mrs. Koerner was a homemaker.

In addition to her loving husband and mother, she is survived by four daughters, Kira V.M. Koerner, Kayla D. Koerner, Kaycee E. Koerner, and Karlene M. Koerner, all of Painter; a brother, Jack Graham, of Canada; and two sisters, Dianne Graham and Frances Graham, both of Canada. She was preceded by a son, Keith R. Koerner Jr., and a brother, Edward Graham.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please do a good deed for someone you know.

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Joseph Alfred Taylor


Born March 18, 1941, in Accomack County, he was a son of the late Fletcher Lee Taylor II and Mary Marie Taylor. Mr. Taylor served his country in the U.S. Army Reserves, retired from the Campbell Soup Company, was an avid Baltimore Ravens fan, and enjoyed fishing and NASCAR.

In addition to his wife, survivors include his children, Joseph T. Taylor (Gayle), of Salisbury, Tracey T. Somers (Shane), of Parkesley, Leslie C. Wintemeyer (Richard), of Willards, Md., Lisa Marshall (Tracey), of Newport News, Libby Aydelotte (Ben), of Stockton, and Jody Shay (Clif), of Pocomoke; grandchildren, Kyle A. Taylor, Eli Somers, Lyle, Alyssa, Briana, Sydney and Hayley; great-grandsons, Caleb, Channing, Cash, Creed and Ian; sister-in-law, Ann Taylor (married to Fletcher III) of Exmore; and several nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, Mr. Taylor was preceded by a son, Gary Wayne Taylor; sister, Nellie Annis; and brother, Fletcher Lee Taylor III.

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Dewitt White Jr.

Funeral service for Mr. Dewitt White Jr. will be conducted from the John O. Morris Funeral Chapel, Nassawadox, Saturday, Oct. 21, 2017, at 1 p.m. Relatives and friends may call at the John O. Morris Funeral Home, Nassawadox, on Friday, Oct. 20, 2017, from 2 p.m. until 6 p.m.

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On behalf of the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation (VFBF) AgPAC, the political action committee of VFBF, has endorsed Delegate Robert Bloxom’s candidacy for re-election to the 100th House District in the Virginia General Assembly.

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n Saturday, October 28, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the Northampton Sheriff’s Office and the Drug Enforcement Administration will give the public its 14th opportunity in 7 years to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. Bring your pills for disposal to Northampton Sheriff’s Office at 5211 The Hornes, Eastville, Va. (The DEA cannot accept liquids or needles or sharps, only pills or patches.) The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

Last April Americans turned in 450 tons (900,000 pounds) of prescription drugs at almost 5,500 sites operated by the DEA and more than 4,200 of its state and local law enforcement partners. Overall, in its 13 previous Take Back events, DEA and its partners have taken in over 8.1 million pounds—more than 4,050 tons—of pills.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines—flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash—both pose potential safety and health hazards.

For more information about the disposal of prescription drugs or about the October 28 Take Back Day event, go to the DEA Diversion website or contact Major Mike Smith with Northampton Sheriff’s Office at 757-678-0458.

STATE USE TAX VALUATIONS ON FARM AND FORESTRY LAND HEADING UPWARD

By Linda Cicoira

The new state assessment values established for land use taxation could adversely affect 1,743 parcels in Accomack, Assessor Brent Hurdle told county supervisors Wednesday.

“If everyone was paying on fair market value, the tax base would be $84 million more with an additional $500,000 in county revenue, but because of land use it loses that,” he explained.

The use values for all eight soil capability classes of agricultural land have increased and the use values for all forest productivity classes with the exception of non-productive have increased.

In about 500 cases, the land use tax would be higher than the fair market value, Hurdle explained. Those parcels would not actually be taxed higher but when they come up for renewal, property owners would be unlikely to pay the $150 application fee to stay in the program, he said. More than 110 are coming up for renewal next year.

In addition, “This is also a reassessment year” for all real estate. “Of the 182 parcels with conservation easements, 138 would appear to still benefit” from the program, Hurdle said.

Supervisor Grayson Chesser said he was surprised at the land use increase since prices for soybean and other crops have gone down. “You would be very hard pressed to find a farmer who would say he is doing better than a few years ago,” Chesser said.

“I agree,” Hurdle replied. “My thought truly was we would see some decline.”

The State Land Evaluation and Advisory Council (SLEAC) manual started in 1971 when the General Assembly enacted a law permitting localities to adopt a program of special assessments for agricultural, horticultural, forest and open space lands. The idea was to encourage preservation, conserve natural resources in forms that would prevent erosion and protect water supplies, preserve scenic natural beauty and open spaces, promote proper land-use planning and the orderly development of real estate for the accommodation of an expanding population and promote a balanced economy.

A joint resolution with Northamp-
Chincoteague Lighthouse Turns 150

Construction of this beacon started in 1860. The War Between the States caused a delay and it was finally completed in October 1867. The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and the Chincoteague Natural History Association celebrated last weekend with a birthday cake, singing, kids activities and a night climb for the first time in its history, led by Boy Scouts.

Photo by Linda Cicoira
FIREBIRDS SOAR TO SEVENTH STRAIGHT DISTRICT CHEER TITLE

Story and Photos by Krystle Bono

The Arcadia gym erupted with the sounds of school spirit from competitors and spectators alike during Tuesday evening’s annual Eastern Shore District Cheerleading Competition in Oak Hall.

With the stands packed, four varsity cheer teams from Northampton, Chincoteague, Nandua and Arcadia took the center mat one by one to give the crowd – and judges – their best performances, complete with stunts, cheers, kicks and tumbles.

After the final scores were tallied, the results were announced, starting with the fourth-place finishing team, the Northampton Yellow Jackets.

The Chincoteague Ponies would earn third, with the Nandua Warriors claiming the runner-up spot behind the Arcadia Firebirds, who would claim the District Championship for the seventh straight season, and the first for newly appointed head coach, T.J. Smith, and assistant coach, Aja Meadows.

Arcadia’s squad previously earned 11 of 12 district titles under the direction of their previous head coach, Melissa Matthews, before Smith took the reins this year.

The co-ed team’s motto, “You are my teammate and I can’t win without you,” echoed off the walls, as they hoisted the championship trophy high in the air together to celebrate their achievement.

“In the beginning with it being such a new team, I honestly didn’t know if I could do it. But I couldn’t ask for a better team and assistant with Aja,” said Smith.

He continued, “The whole dynamic of the team is different this year. But I can honestly say, when it comes down to everyone getting along, these kids really take in our motto on another level. They really act like a family and I also couldn’t ask for more supportive parents. They go above and beyond. That makes all the difference. And our principal, Ms. Taylor, she has always had my back 100 percent so that we have everything we need to be successful.”

Next Thursday, Oct. 26, the Firebirds will head to King William to compete against eight other squads, including the Warriors, at the regional level.

“I really think they will do well. They have that mindset that nothing will be given to them for free; they have to work for it no matter what,” Smith said.

The top-two finishing teams next week will get bids to compete at the state competition on Nov. 4 at Virginia Commonwealth University.
~ Cheer ~ (Continued From Page 16)

The Arcadia Firebirds varsity cheer squad poses at the end of their routine during Tuesday night’s district competition in Oak Hall.

Photo by Lanequa Rogers

Krabel Nabs Two Keepers

Kyle Krabel boated this keeper flounder and slot redfish in the shallows near Gargatha Inlet.

Photo Courtesy of Coastal Killers

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Northampton Field Hockey Tops Southampton

Photo by Krystle Bono

The Northampton Yellow Jackets varsity field hockey team defeated the Southampton Indians during their last game of the season Wednesday night on Hamilton Field in Eastville, 5-0. Alexandra Marshall (pictured) potted a goal for the Lady Jackets, with Lizbeth Gildo and Nohemi Montalvo each netting two apiece in Northampton’s five-goal shutout.
**EASTERN SHORE STREET HOCKEY LEAGUE GAME SUMMARIES**

*By Michael Garbacz*

**Game 1: Blues 2, EZ Loan Bruins 2**

The day didn't immediately look to be a bright one for the Blues, who found themselves facing the Smooth Criminal and his youth movement with no subs at the opening faceoff. But they managed to produce a monumental defensive effort, containing the Killer Bs' offense just enough to hang on through three periods and a shootout. Donnie Williams and Michael Garbacz traded regulation and then shootout goals to bring about the tie (and you'd best believe that the latter gave himself a gold star for matching the Smooth Criminal's output). Paul Thones and Brandon Morgan each added a helper for the Blues and Bruins, respectively.

**Game 2: Charles E. Morgan Termitie and Pest Control Penguins 2, Delmarva Soil and Concrete Red Wings 9**

In probably the oddest senior league game since the 8th grade picnic, what started off as a nail-biter turned around and evaporated into a blowout. After the first period, the score was knotted at zero, although the Wings were dominating in terms of possession. Those are the types of games, folks, where one bounce can flip the proverbial script. But, alas, the Pens didn't get it, and instead the dam burst on them. The Red Wings piled up six goals in the second frame and all of a sudden, despite the General's relentless efforts, the game was suddenly over. The Huntsman led the firing squad with three goals and two assists; Preston Shover tickled the twine four times (it should be noted that each garnered a natural hat trick in the second). Guy Shover and Jesse West each produced a goal and two assists; Matthew Sullivan chipped in a pair of helpers; Mike McCready added an assist. The General netted both of the Pens' goals.

**Game 3: Blues 2, Grounds Keepers Lawn Care Capitals 7**

Unlike the previous tilt, there was no hint of a contest this time around, as the Caps went fishing with dynamite straight away. Fighting a short bench (and in most cases, old age) the Blues struggled to put up a mere 8 shots on Ol' Plugalong as nearly the whole game was played on their real estate. The Caps came from anywhere and everywhere, displaying a frighteningly balanced and cycling offense that should make every other team take notice. Zach Webb led the way this time around with a hat trick and an assist; the Pat Trick rang up two goals; Julian Dedicatoria scored once and added two helpers; Robbie Parker chipped in a goal; Keith Hagler and local hero Dean Dedicatoria each had two assists. For the Blues, Danny Miller found a way to bang home a goal and assist on another, and is probably still paying the price; Paul Thones netted a goal; Pat Christman earned a helper.

**Game 4: Delmarva Soil and Concrete Red Wings 5, EZ Loan Bruins 3**

This affair had the intensity and edge of a playoff game, which is a bit unusual for October, but here we are. The Red Wings came in riding high, looking to quickly roll the Bs, but the Bruins were hungry to get back into the win column after their earlier tie. This was almost as hard-nosed and physical of a game you'll see in the ESSHL, folks. It was also just about perfectly evenly matched, with the Bruins just managing to edge the Wings in shots, 20-18. After three periods the contest was not decided, as each team had scored three goals, so it was a shootout that decided the victor. It was there that the father-son duo of Guy and Preston Shover each scored and sealed the win. In regulation time, the Huntsman and Jesse West each produced a goal and an assist; Guy Shover scored; Adrian Clark chimed in with a helper. For the Bruins, the Smooth Criminal twice tickled the twine to accompany an assist; Tayler Parks earned a goal and an assist; Brandon Morgan picked up a helper.

**Game 5: Grounds Keepers Lawn Care Capitals 4, Charles E. Morgan Termite and Pest Control Penguins 3**

In the wildest game of the day, the Caps looked to cruise over the Pens, but the General had different ideas, put the team on his back, and darn near took care of business by himself. Mills pumped a wicked 13 of the Pens' total 24 shots at the net, giving the defense (not to mention Ol' Plugalong) shivers every time he got near the ball. The Caps, meanwhile, continued their balanced style, and rode out the storm. With the Caps up a goal in the waning moments of the third, youngster Ethan Ayer thought he had the game knotted with a critical goal for the Pens, but the referees determined that the ball never completely crossed the goal line. And so, the Capitals squeaked by for another two points in the standings. General Mills put home all of the Pens' goals; TR Hoyt picked up an assist. For the Caps, Robby Parker scored twice; the Pat Trick scored a goal and two assists; Keith Hagler added a goal and an assist.

Senior ESSHL action resumes Sunday, Oct. 29, at Stapleton Rink in Parksley at 1 p.m.

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**A Mean Catch**

Jean Sellard caught a 46” citation red drum at the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel with husband, Captain Sam Sellard, aboard their boat, The Mean Jean.

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*Photo by Sam Sellard*
Eastern Shore Ducks Unlimited to Hold November Oyster Roast Fundraiser

The Eastern Shore Chapter of Ducks Unlimited is pleased to announce its event of the season – a DU Membership Social, to be held on Saturday, Nov. 18, at the Barrier Islands Center, located at 7295 Young St. in Machipongo.

This tented event is one you certainly won’t want to miss. The gates will open at 4:30 p.m., and the event will kick off with music by DJD Productions who will also offer up a photo booth.

An Eastern Shore Oyster Roast also begins at 4:30 p.m., with an all-you-can-eat menu of roasted oysters, steamed clams and barbeque with all the fixings. The museum will be open to tour throughout the festivities.

Silent and live auctions will follow, featuring original artwork by local Eastern Shore carvers and artists, including Artist of the Year metal sculptor, Buck Doughty. Raffles for guns and many other interesting items will be ongoing throughout the evening.

Advance ticket prices for this event are $60 per person, which includes food, beer and Chatham Vineyards wine, and an annual membership to Ducks Unlimited.

There will be no couples’ tickets this year, and tickets purchased at the door will be $100 per person, no exceptions (while they last—the event is capped at 275 tickets).

The last two years, this event has sold out. Sponsor level tickets are $275 for an individual and $300 for a couple. Tickets can be purchased at the Barrier Islands Center and Chris’ Bait and Tackle. They can also be purchased from Ducks Unlimited committee members or online at http://www.ducks.org/virginia/events/43009/eastern-shore-du-annual-oyster-roast

For more information or tickets, contact Will Brown at 757-709-0038 or Nan Sterling at nannottingham@gmail.com

Free Youth Sportsfest Event

NOAAWIVA Sportsmen Inc. will host a free event for girls and boys ages 8 – 18, Saturday, Oct. 21, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Chincoteague Road in Oak Hall.

There will be free shooting activities offered including a safety and shooting orientation, air rifle target and metallic silhouettes, .22 LR rifle target, shotgun shooting on clay birds and junior service rifle shooting.

All equipment and ammunition will be provided, as well as food and drinks. Rain date for the event will be Nov. 4.

For more information or directions, email doctorbarn@gmail.com or call 757-373-3817.

Northampton County Parks and Recreation’s Annual Turkey Trot

Northampton County Parks and Recreation will host its annual Turkey Trot fun run/walk on Saturday Nov. 18, at the former Riverside Shore Cancer Center on Hospital Ave. in Nassawadox.

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. the day of the race. The race will begin at 9 a.m. Participation is $10, children 12 and under are free Frozen turkeys and prizes will be given away to overall division winners.

For more information about this program contact the NCPR office at 757-678-0468 or email parks@co.northampton.va.us

Jr. NBA Youth Basketball Program

Northampton County Parks and Recreation presents Jr. NBA Basketball Registration and Draft on Saturday, Nov. 4, at the former Northampton Middle School. This program is open to boys and girls ages 5-18; participation is $35 per player before Nov. 17. Late registration fee is $40 per player.

Doors open for the Jr. NBA registration and draft at 8:30 a.m. New and advancing players are required to participate in the draft.

The draft schedule is as follows:

- PeeWee (5-8) Draft: 9 a.m.
- Boys/Girls Minor (9-12) Draft: 10 a.m.
- Juniors (13-15) Draft: 11 a.m.
- Seniors (16-18) Draft: Noon

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The Chesapeake Bay’s water temperatures have remained higher than usual for this time of year. The high temperatures have prolonged the fishing season for kingfish (whiting), croaker, flounder and red drum. Decent populations of spot and trout, which should be abundant now in local waters, remain up in the Maryland portion of the bay, frustrating both commercial and recreational fishermen.

Another negative effect of the late season’s high water temperatures has been the delay of the arrival of the ocean run striped bass (rockfish) into the lower waters of the Chesapeake Bay as well as the southern migration of stripers from the northern portion of the bay. The cold front which arrived Monday night, pushing night time lows into the low 40s, could and should help reverse these late season trends. The two local-based surf fishing teams, the Fish Hoggs and the Assawoman Anglers, which recently received from Wachapreague, but anglers casting artificials behind Metompkin Island as well as fishing cut bait in the surf were finding puppy drum and even a few late season keeper flounder. Six-inch paddletail lures fished on quarter-ounce jigheads have been one of the most productive artificial combinations, while cut spot and jumping mullet have been the top cutbaits for surf action. Kyle Krabel, of Coastal Killers, encountered at least a dozen puppy drum while fishing the shallows on Sunday. At least one large red drum was released from the Metompkin Island surf last weekend.

Chincoteague – Donna Rae, of Captain Bob’s Marina, reported that one of the captains, based at the marina, found several keeper flounder in the main channel on Monday and Tuesday, even catching and releasing a small rockfish inside the marina’s basin. Captain Bob’s will close for the season after this weekend.

Jimmy, of Captain Steve’s Bait & Tackle, reported the Assateague surf is still producing some large red drum on cut spot baits. Tandem jig rigs tipped with chartreuse Berkley Gulp have been producing keeper flounder in Chincoteague Bay. The waters of Back Bay have produced catches of speckled trout on quarter ounce to half ounce bucktails adorned with Berkley Gulp Swimming Mullet and Bass Assassins in the nuclear chicken color pattern. Small snapper bluefish remain abundant and are easily caught casting small spoons or fishing cut bait on small hooks.

Upper Shore – Captain Matt Abell, of SeaHawk Sports Center, reported that, due to the weather, there has not been an abundance of action in the upper Chesapeake Bay. As of last weekend, bay water temperatures were still in the mid 70s, but had begun to fall by the early part of the week. Local charters have encountered speckled trout and small rockfish in the shallows north of Tangier Island and around Smith Island. Loyal customer Ted Burbage released a large red drum from the beach on Metompkin Island.

Bill Hall was the first Eastern Shore resident to achieve Virginia Salt Water Master Angler Status. He has been named Virginia Saltwater Angler of the Year and Virginia Saltwater Release Angler of the Year. Bill is an I.G.F.A. International Committee Representative and a longtime member of the Virginia Saltwater Fishing Tournament Committee. He is the Virginia Recreation Fishing representative on the ASMFC Striped Bass Management Panel and is a past recipient of the CCA-VA Virginia Outdoor Writer Conservation Leadership Award.
Friends Maintain Contact by Visiting All 30 Major League Ballparks

By Bill Sterling

A 20-year quest to visit all 30 major league baseball stadiums came to an end the final week of the baseball season when John Curl and Jack Phillips attended back-to-back Mets and Yankee games in New York City.

That first trip to Toronto in 1998 had an ominous start.

Jack Phillips, who excelled at both baseball and football for Onancock in the 1960s, recalls the mishaps. “I was on a business trip in Toronto and was offered two free tickets for a Blue Jay baseball game. I called John and invited him to fly up for the game. But then on the way to the game, I realized I had left the tickets at the hotel and had to go back to get them. I can be cheap, so when I found they wanted $10 for parking, I decided to look elsewhere and backed into a car at the ticket booth. Not a great start.”

They soon found the free tickets were high up in the centerfield bleachers under the Hard Rock Café, so they moved behind first base, where Curl, on his hands and knees under the seats, won a scramble for a Cal Ripken foul ball, somewhat saving the day.

Curl said there was no plan in place to visit all 30 baseball stadiums that first year, not even after several more annual baseball get-togethers.

Curl said it was more a way to maintain a friendship that had begun many years earlier.

“When I was a youth probation officer, I gave a talk at Parksley High School about all the ways a kid can get in trouble without even trying, Curl recalled. “I was nervous and not sure how I came across, but Jack, who I did not know at all, met me at the end of the stage and thanked me for being there and complimented me on the speech. I really appreciated that. Somewhat later, we found ourselves in a friendly poker game that met regularly, and our friendship just grew from there.”

Phillips, who coached football and track at Parksley before joining the Eastern Shore Community College faculty, eventually moved to Utah and now lives about 45 minutes from Kansas City. At 71, he is a consultant who helps companies implement quality controls for improved efficiency.

Curl, 70, retired from the Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice 10 years ago and lives on Nandua Creek not far from Pungoteague. He was raised in Delaware before meeting and marrying an Eastern Shore girl, coming to love the area so much he refused promotions that would force him to live elsewhere.

According to Curl, “After Jack moved away, our contact was only an occasional phone call or email, so attending the baseball games together in the beginning gave us a good reason to get together at least once a year and enjoy something we both love.”

Year two was Kansas City, a short drive for Phillips. The third year, they were in Baltimore, an easy drive for Curl. Both men put Camden Yards at the top of their list of favorite stadiums.

Curl said, “We have found the quality of people they hire has a lot to do with the baseball experience. At Camden Yards, you have baseball-loving seniors instead of kids looking for a paycheck. We have been ignored — Philadelphia — and treated rudely — San Francisco.”

Although a lifelong Phillie fan, Curl added, “If I could go to only one ballpark the rest of my life, it would be Camden Yards, and that has nothing to do with it being so close to where I live.” Curl also noted the Boog Powell beef sandwich at Camden Yards was among the best food he had at any ballpark.

Jack nodded in assent, but added, “In Baltimore, John felt the need to sprint across six lanes of traffic as the stop light was changing. I heard screeching brakes, blaring horns and yelling as he somehow made it to the other side. I was thinking how I was going to tell his wife about his demise. Then we returned to the motel on the light rail after a night game and could not find our car. After several minutes of great anxiety, we realized that we had gotten off the train at the wrong station.”

(Continued on page 23)
Curl notes the twosome always tried to use public transportation or walk from the hotel when possible to get to the game. “We used the L Train in Chicago, BART in San Francisco, light rail, subways, buses, taxis and now Uber. It was always enjoyable meeting and talking to other fans about the game that day.”

In 2003, year five, they were in Chicago to see the Cubs and were told midway through the game by an usher they could move to a section reserved for wives, where they heard the wife of a pitcher who walked two batters on eight pitches remark they were probably going to be living somewhere else soon. She was right. The pitcher, Jeff Fassero, was, soon traded to St. Louis.

It was about this time Curl and Phillips decided they were going to make the baseball trip an annual trip with the idea of seeing all 30 major league ballparks.

In 2005, for the first time, they took in two ballparks, San Francisco and Oakland, with both experiences ranking among their worst. Then the next year they visited the two ballparks high on their list of favorites – San Diego and the Los Angeles Angels.

In 2012, they also ranked Seattle in their top five but felt Dodger Stadium, built in the 1960s, was cramped and needed a new paint job.

Except for games played in domed stadiums, they usually bought tickets for at least two games in the event of a rainout, which happened only once, in Texas, before sitting under a broiling sun the following day. Still, that was not as hot as the 110 degree day in Phoenix to see the Diamondbacks play.

The coldest game was a May night in San Francisco. “I think I saw John turning blue,” said Phillips.

Gaining momentum on their quest, they did a road trip in 2014 and visited Cincinnati, Detroit and Cleveland in the span of three days.

They loved Miami’s stadium in 2015 but hated the hour-long wait just to get out of the parking lot because the stadium was located in a residential section of the city. Somewhat surprising was the Angels Stadium in Los Angeles – the best stadium for moving traffic after the game, partly due to the fact all the lanes flowed away from the ballpark following the game.

Ticket costs ranged from about $65 to the $126 they paid for their final game to see the Yankees. The New York trip included two firsts – a walkout win by the Mets and three homers in one inning by the Yankees.

In the early years they recalled seeing Mark McGwire hit two homers in a game for the final time in his career and Sammy Sosa slamming a line drive that cleared the fence despite never getting 20 feet off the ground. In Boston they saw Dustin Petrio go 4 for 4 in two consecutive games.

Curl started making hotel arrangements after Phillips admitted he made poor choices the first couple of years. In their free time prior to the game they took boat tours of the city and visited museums, racetracks, a favorite of Phillips’, and casinos, a favorite of Curl’s. Neither wagered all that much and were happy to walk away if they won enough to cover dinner.

Now that the 20-year quest to see all 30 major league ballparks is complete, both Curl and Phillips are looking for ways to keep the annual gettogethers alive, pointing out there are new ballparks in Minneapolis, Kansas City, St. Louis and Atlanta since they made trips to those cities.

Still, there is a sense of completing a journey. Phillips, who has two grown children with his wife Charlotte, explains, “As John stated, this venture has been one of friendship and something that we have looked forward to each year. We have had the total support of our families and have met some wonderful people from all over the country.”

Curl, father of one with his wife, Kathy, sums it up by saying, “What made the effort worthwhile, besides keeping our friendship alive, was the support we received from our family, and the genuine warmth that we found in almost all of the cities and ballparks. When we think about the games, what seems to stick with us is not the scores of the games but the folks that we met along the way. Baseball fans really are the best in sports.”
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By Stefanie Jackson

Like many out-of-state educators who come here for their first teaching jobs, Justin Wheeler’s “original intent was to stay for a couple years to gain experience and then move back” to his native Pennsylvania. But he was drawn in by “the beauty of the Eastern Shore,” “the slower pace of life,” and relationships built with students, families, and coworkers. Wheeler likes best how “Northampton County covers a lot of ground,” yet “we are still a close knit community that pulls together to help and support each other.”

Now a sixth year teacher, Wheeler’s devotion to the Northampton community, his students, and their education is evident by all he does above and beyond showing up to the high school every day and presenting Algebra lessons to his students.

In 2014, just two years into his employment with Northampton County public schools, Wheeler became president of the Northampton County Education Association, whose mission is “to unite our members and local community across the county in fulfilling the promise of a high quality public education that successfully prepares every single student to realize his or her potential … by advocating for students, education professionals, and support professionals.” Under Wheeler’s leadership, the association grew from 55 or 60 members to nearly 100.

Wheeler served on the teacher retention committee, began by at-large school board member Nancy Proto, and comprised of Proto, board member Regina Taylor, human resources director Melinda Phillips, teacher mentor Karen Foley, and one teacher from each school.

After two years of surveying Northampton educators and studying the results, the school board rejected the committee’s recommendations which “laid out a very broad path” for the county to develop strategies for teacher retention. Yet Wheeler believes the committee “has achieved a goal of bringing awareness to the district and the importance of needing to retain teachers and stop the constant revolving door.” While some turnover is inevitable, “what needs to stop is the double digit number of teachers leaving,” he said.

“Research states it takes three to five years to train a teacher. If teachers are only staying in Northampton for two to three years then all of that training is wasted and the district and students are not benefitting from the huge amount of energy and time put into helping them become the best they can be,” Wheeler maintains.

He is stepping down as NCEA president as of Nov. 1 to “focus on being the best teacher I can be while also working towards my Education Specialist degree in Administration and Supervision.” This school year, Wheeler was granted his request to transfer from Occohannock Elementary, where he taught sixth grade math, to the high school, where he teaches Algebra 1. He is simultaneously working in a year-long, accelerated cohort program through Old Dominion University as part of his pursuit of an advanced degree.

Wheeler already has a master’s degree in curriculum and instruction.

With personal goals of moving into an administrative position in three years and earning a superintendent’s license within 12, Wheeler says he “would love for my career to continue to stay here on the Eastern Shore and in Northampton County.”

Wheeler wants positive change in public perception of Northampton County schools, facilitated by more promotion and coverage of school events and successes. The recent Hispanic Heritage night at the high school welcomed “more people … than I have ever seen come out in previous years or for other events. It wasn’t only the Hispanic community but people throughout the county that came to honor Hispanic Heritage. Students stayed after school to help set up and clean up.”

Wheeler is dissatisfied that Northampton schools’ successes are often overshadowed by their struggles. He referred to Northampton Middle School’s recent appeal of denied accreditation: “I feel like all the district does is defend itself for asking for more money or why we have schools that are accreditation denied,” yet “the middle school … has increased SOL scores in almost every subject area over the last three years.”

Wheeler’s long-term goal to become a school administrator is built on a rich, personal history of helping students reach their potential as “young men and women who become productive members of our community and society.” The avid sportsman was initially inspired to become a teacher through his experience as a youth hockey coach. He became active in the PTA early in his teaching career. He developed and co-directed the Lego Club at Kiptopeke Elementary. While teaching fifth grade math at Kiptopeke, then sixth grade math at Occohannock, Wheeler volunteered as a math tutor, with data reflecting positive results.

As Wheeler strides through his journey as an educator, he continually emphasizes “that it is important that the community, parents and businesses support our schools and start asking what they can do to help. After all, it is our community who benefits from the end result … The cornerstone of any good community is quality public schools. That is what we need to continue to build here.”
The Town of Cape Charles will permit Trick-or-Treating on Saturday, October 31, 2015 until 8:00 p.m.
Masks will not be permitted for youth over 12 years of age.
Town curfew will be strictly enforced for anyone under 18 years of age.

The Town of Chincoteague
Will have a Halloween Trick-or-Treat curfew of 8pm.

The Town of Eastville Will have a Halloween Trick-or-Treat curfew of 8 p.m., October 31, 2017.

The Town of Melfa
Halloween Curfew
Melfa will celebrate Halloween on Tuesday, October 31, 2017
Children 12 and under only accompanied by an adult.
Curfew for all under 18 will be 8:00

Halloween Curfew in Onancock
Tuesday, October 31, 2017
Only children younger than 13 will be allowed to Trick or Treat. Curfew will be 8 p.m.

Halloween Curfew in Onancock Trick-or-treating will be permitted in the Town of Nassawadox on TUESDAY, October 31, 2017, until 8:00pm.
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The Brady Farm on Greta Road in Atlantic, is owned by Ryan Lee Brady and has three broiler houses with a combined capacity of 63,000 birds per flock with 5.5 flocks per year for a total of 346,500 birds per year and about 433 tons of manure annually. Tysons, Amick Poultry and Mountaire Poultry have been associated with Brady.

A DEQ inspection, in 2015, was made after several citizens complained of smoke and odor. Brady said complaints were due to an incineration method for poultry carcass disposal. Brady’s farm has the potential to runoff into Assawoman Creek, according to documents.

Horsey Poultry Farm LLC, on Farlow Road, in New Church, is owned by Freddie Holland. “There is runoff from concrete pads/aprons located at the front and rear of each of the six houses and from storm ditching alongside houses. Stormwater discharge collects at the southwest corner of house #6 and would travel through a series of farm ditches before entering the headwaters of Pitts Creek, less than a mile away,” records stated.

Holland has 198,000 birds per flock with six flocks per year.

Pungoteague Schools the Rest in Recycling

Pungoteague Elementary School students were the grand prize winners of Accomack County’s recent “Trees for Trash Recycling Program” with 7,060 pounds of recyclable materials collected. Linda Mrozinski, Accomack County Public Works Recycling & Litter Control Specialist, announced this week.

They will receive the $500 school beautification program of trees, plants and bushes, she said. “Within the next week, a committee from the school and I will go and purchase the trees, etc. and schedule a planting day.”

“All of Accomack County should be very proud of our young citizens,” Mrozinski added. Overall the county elementary schools took in 22,450 pounds or 11.225 tons of recyclables.

School totals were Accomack Elementary with 260 pounds, Chincoteague Elementary with 5,770 pounds, Kegotank with 3,780 pounds and Metompkin with 5,580 pounds.

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Jacqueline Chatmon — “Jackie,” as most know her — grew up and attended school in Newport News. She is a graduate of Spelman College and earned a Master’s of Business Administration from the Wharton School of Business of the University of Pennsylvania. She enjoyed a banking career that included executive responsibility at Citibank and the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

In 2006, Jackie returned to Virginia with every intention to begin a relaxed retirement on the Eastern Shore. However, she quickly realized that there were many opportunities in Northampton County where she could make a difference. She began to volunteer her time and energy with a focus on the issues of economic development, excellence in education and importantly, affordable housing for everyone in Northampton County.

Jackie currently is chair of the Northampton County Planning Commission and is the Chief Election Officer in Northampton County’s District 1.

She serves on the boards of the National Council of Agricultural Life and Labor and the Eastern Shore of Virginia Housing Alliance. The mission of these organizations is to facilitate affordable homes and thriving communities for all.

While Jackie has had a successful and accomplished professional life, when asked about her achievements, she will tell you she is most proud of her family—her two children, Dr. Jennifer Chatmon and Mr. Peter Chatmon. Ms. Chatmon resides in Cape Charles.

Paid for by candidate Jacqueline Chatmon
~Hallwood~
(Continued From Front)

Poulson also said town leaders have discussed how the one-man police force was eliminated a few years ago, but Hallwood never showed a surplus of funds after stopping the service.

The mayor said he went to the local BB&T bank Monday to have Taylor’s name taken off the town checking account. He was given a sample of the record and learned the town has about $13,000. It was unclear if that was what was expected or if the others even knew what to expect.

Poulson said Special Agent Austin Pittman and another state officer, who was not introduced to him, plan to obtain seven years of back bank statements and records.

Taylor was reached on her cell phone Tuesday. She said she “appreciated” the opportunity to comment, “but I don’t want to talk while there is an investigation.”

Both Poulson and Councilman Richard Selinsky said no one wants to think that Taylor could be involved in foul play because they “like” her and have depended on her for years.

“We feel decapitated,” Selinsky said Monday. “We’re having a hard time finding our way.”

Selinsky was appointed in the last year and had hoped to inspire others to “fix up, clean up and maybe throw in a little more contributions.” He’s lived in the town for 17 years. Selinsky said there hasn’t been an audit in seven years “and that seemed a little off to me. Everybody wanted to do it but we couldn’t seem to get it done. Nothing could get done.”

He said he wanted to make park improvements and clear ditches. “I wanted to get some digging done and the audits kept coming up.” So, he said, he pushed and pushed and “finally said we needed to put a deadline to get this matter resolved.”

The target date for the town files to get turned in for the audit was Tuesday, Oct. 10. Taylor had promised to get everything the day before that.

“It seems as if there may have been a problem,” Selinsky said. “It seems suspicious … if this was completely innocent then I feel for her. But if there was something illegal, we need to see justice … if restitution is needed, an infusion would certainly help us. I’m not sure that any money is left. It just seems suspicious.”

He agreed that there weren’t more funds after the police department was eliminated. There were no longer costs associated with squad car maintenance, uniforms and any other equipment but the balance was not going up, he said.

Phones rang unanswered for other council members or numbers that were listed were no longer in service when a reporter called. Messages were left and return phone calls were not received by press time Thursday.

Sgt. Michelle Anaya of the state police replied to an inquiry. “The mayor of Hallwood has asked us to investigate an incident that involves the town clerk,” she wrote in an email. “Because this is an ongoing criminal investigation, that is all I can verify to you until information becomes available for release.”

It isn’t the first time a town scandal and police investigation has involved the Taylors. Angel Taylor’s husband, Greg, was recorded in a video in 2009, using Hallwood Police Chief Nelson Glenn’s taser to stun his then 15-year-old son. The video circulated on social media.

Poulson said that was swept under the carpet when Glenn claimed the taser belonged to him even though the town had paid for the weapon. The mayor said Glenn paid for it with compensation time he was owed. But now the proof of that is lost with the rest of the records. Other accounts were that the whole thing was a joke and the boy was never actually hit with the taser.

Court documents show Angela Taylor, of Hall Street, was found guilty of misdemeanor trespassing at Hall Farms LLC on Oct. 4, 2015. She was initially charged with burglary, which is a felony. Taylor was given a 90-day suspended sentence and fined $150. Testimony showed the crime involved a domestic dispute with Greg Taylor involving their dog.

The letter of resignation from Angel Taylor stated, “As you well know, my car caught on fire on my way home from work Saturday night, I had loaded all
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Ask for Pam Parker at the information desk or call 757-302-2150 for more information. And thank you. Again.
Northampton Stakeholders Bring Ideas to Table for Comprehensive Plan

By Stefanie Jackson

Stakeholders who reviewed Northampton’s draft comprehensive plan have expressed many of the same opinions of the document as citizens who have said they have felt shut out of the planning process.

“Each citizen in this county is a stakeholder,” said Donna Bozza, director of Citizens for a Better Eastern Shore. “Organized, community engagement sessions were cut short in 2012 for an undetermined reason,” and the subsequent rewrite of the comprehensive plan was not overseen by a certified planner or consultant.

John McCormick stated the draft comprehensive plan’s “goals are fine,” but “the plan to reach the goals doesn’t seem to exist.”

Sarah Morgan agreed, “The plan as a whole presents little in the way of any plans for any (industry) except the real estate industry.” She echoed citizen concerns about housing density and commercial and industrial development in potential development areas: “With over 6,000 vacant lots and as many vacant buildings currently in Northampton County, the expressed desire to increase density in sensitive areas of the county and permit industrial uses that are inappropriate for our unique ecology is misguided and dangerous to our lifestyles (and) our environment.”

To help protect Northampton’s unique ecology and lifestyle, Jill Bieri said The Nature Conservancy recommends “referencing the customized Virginia Eastern Shore Coastal Resilience Tool in all sections that refer to sea level rise, storm surge, living shoreline and impacts on planning for the future in coastal areas.”

Northampton citizens are less interested in developing real estate and heavy commercial and industrial land use, and more interested in growing tourism and entrepreneurship. John Coker’s stakeholder group indicated the comprehensive plan “needs marketing efforts to grow economy … BRAND-ING,” and called for “more signage to attract visitors to businesses off 13.”

The Route 13 corridor study should be included in the comprehensive plan, the Coker group recommended. Martina Coker said, “much of the roadway is on the recharge area for the area’s sole source aquifer. Care must be taken in decisions regarding building on this area. There are many unsuitably, unused buildings on Route 13 … excess development … could damage the exciting growth being experienced in and around towns, such as Cape Charles and Exmore.”

Andrew Barbour added, “An argument can be made for allowing traveler-centric businesses in nodes along 13 … travelers are likely to stop for gas, coffee, snacks and fast food establishments … the same does not apply to other types of commercial establishments, be they hair salons, pet stores or hardware stores.”

Starting a business on Route 13 is costly due to VDOT turning lane requirements, Martina Coker stated. “Safety is a concern on the highway and needs to be considered in land use decisions,” she said.

New “business development on Route 13 should be accessed by service roads to eliminate curb cuts,” said Jeff Walker, and developers should be “held accountable for safe exits and entrances,” added Julie Head’s stakeholder group.

Denise Lewis said that some traffic could be removed from the highway by taking advantage of the “great opportunity” of the railroad and a “connection with the port of Cape Charles for the transportation of intermodal” freight. “Our ports and rail transportation would provide full time employment,” whereas, “tourism is good for the area for a few months” but doesn’t necessarily “provide steady income and stable, well-paying jobs.”

The Coker group called “public transportation a success” in Northampton County, but more is needed. Steve Sturgis’s group recommended expanding Star Transit.

The broadband backbone along Route 13 is scarcely referenced in the draft plan. The Head group said broadband should be treated as a county asset, and Northampton needs to “find ways to hook up with computer info passing down (Route) 13 fiber optic lines.” The Coker group stated, “broadband needs expansion to homes” via driveways, and should be treated like a utility. This was one of “two ‘nuts’ needing cracked in (the) next five years.” The other is the need for a new high school.

The Head group mentioned that “schools are considered important to attract companies to (the) area,” but aren’t mentioned anywhere in the comprehensive plan’s goals and implementation section. They also said students should “receive training in actual upcoming industries,” bringing to mind citizen comments on teaching students about solar power and smaller-scale farming.

Stakeholders, including the Head group, believe the draft comprehensive plan “seems to identify problem(s) well” but presents “no real plan to fix anything” and is, as the Sturgis group stated, “counterproductive to be negative.” Many also cited the use of the term “ongoing” within the timeframe to implement goals and strategies as “problematic,” indicative of a lack of accountability.

Morgan said there was “too little input by average county citizens for creating plans that represent the wishes of the overall citizenry.” McCormick urged the planning commission to create “a real plan … of what needs to be done to brighten the county’s future. Show those you represent you mean business and not business as usual.”
Fisherman Island Clean Up Yields Interesting Finds

By Max Lonzanida
Special to the Post

Many of us know Fisherman Island through the blink of an eye. It’s the southernmost barrier island, and we inadvertently visit the island as we travel at 55 mph on Route 13 to and from the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel. The island is home to a portion of Route 13 that cuts right through it; birding enthusiasts can tell you that the island is home to migratory waterfowl, shorebirds, nesting water birds and warblers. But what many of us don’t know is that the island’s beaches are home to an excess of trash.

On Saturday, Oct. 14, volunteers from the Eastern Shore Master Naturalists, The Sierra Club and Lynnhaven Dive Center teamed up on a drizzling and overcast day to evict some of that marine debris from the beach. Thirty-six volunteers converged on the beach with trash bags, gloves, grabber sticks, and data cards in an effort to remove as much debris as possible. The cleanup was organized as part of the Ocean Conservancy’s International Coastal Cleanup. According to the Ocean Conservancy, last year’s worldwide cleanup hosted over half a million participants, picked up a little more than 18 million pounds of trash on more than 14,000 miles of land. Some of the more interesting pieces of marine debris picked up last year were 56 toilets, eight microwaves, four drones, five selfie sticks and one piano.

This cleanup was conducted at the end of National Wildlife Refuge Week. This weeklong event, celebrated on the second full week of October nationwide since 1996, highlights the National Wildlife Refuge System. According to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, refuges have been part of our natural heritage since 1903; they help conserve wildlife and habitats. As a benefit to the economy, they generate more than $2.4 billion dollars annually and support more than 35,000 jobs nationwide.

During this cleanup, dedicated volunteers meticulously tallied how many pieces of plastic, glass, containers, cans, and assorted debris they picked up before bagging them in trash bags. Refuge maintenance staff member Jacob McCauley, Park Ranger Rosalie Valente, and volunteers Jack Humphreys and Anita Oppel drove up and down the beach picking up piles of debris and piled them onto refuge trucks. Within a few hours, the dump truck loaned from Kiptopeke State Park and the refuge were both filled to the brim with assorted mesh nets, foam buoys, discarded crab bushels, full trash bags and even a stainless steel refrigerator. A total of nearly 1,800 pounds of harmful marine debris were removed. Everyone left the beach slightly drenched from the rain, and feeling a little more accomplished knowing that they left the beach cleaner than when they started.

Max Lonzanida is the visitor services park ranger at the Eastern Shore of Virginia National Wildlife Refuge near Kiptopeke.

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Any patients wishing to receive copies of their chart may call their primary office to schedule the pickup.

After October 31, 2017, the medical records will be stored and arrangements will need to be made to retrieve copies of them.

Sincerely yours,

Staff and Family of Dr. Harold Blumenthal
Ghent Internal Medicine
On October 2, 2017, Mawyer Garvis competed in the Skills USA carpentry competition at the Virginia State Fair in Doswell, Va. There were nineteen schools represented for the competition. The competition was for two-person teams to construct a project from a set of plans in the allotted time period. Mawyer competed by himself and was able to finish first place in the competition.

First place winners in each contest received a plaque for the school, and a blue ribbon and $200 scholarship for their achievement.
Submitted Article

The Virginia Housing Development Authority recently partnered with a federal agency to pilot a new home loan program in Virginia that helps low- to moderate-income individuals and families buy manufactured homes in rural areas.

By joining the Existing Manufactured Housing Unit Financing Pilot Program offered by the Department of Agriculture’s Office of Rural Development, VHDA has been able to expand its existing loan program from financing only new manufactured housing – defined as one year old and newer – to financing existing manufactured housing that can be between one and approximately 10 years old. As a result, many more manufactured housing units are now available to be financed with the multiple benefits offered by VHDA and USDA.

“The beauty of this loan program is that it offers zero down payment, minimal cash out of pocket, a less expensive guarantee fee, and VHDA’s low interest rate – these benefits combined give rural homebuyers a great deal,” said Allen Andrs, VHDA Mobile Mortgage Field Originator. “Because VHDA typically offers a below-market interest rate and USDA offers the lowest loan guarantee fee available, I believe this is the best home loan program in the state, if not the country.”

The pilot loan program became available in Virginia this year when Michael Urban, USDA Single Family Housing Program Director, transferred from Vermont and was able to have Virginia included with the eight other states in the pilot.

“This program’s out-of-pocket expenses are definitely less for homebuyers,” said Urban. “Our financing is 100 percent of the appraised value, and then we allow closing costs to be rolled in if the property appraises high enough, so some of our candidates could truly get into their home with no money out of pocket, while other loan programs have down payment requirements.”

In addition to new construction, the pilot program allows for financing to purchase an existing manufactured home, on a permanent foundation, that was manufactured after Jan. 1, 2006.

Manufactured homes are defined as homes that are factory-built in the U.S. to federal construction standards. These homes are built on permanent chassis so they can be transported; however, they typically are not moved after they are installed. To learn more about the loan program or eligibility requirements, contact Allen Andrs, VHDA Mobile Mortgage Field Originator, at Allen.Andrs@VHDA.com or 804-837-1879.

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Assateague Pony Fall Round-Up Brings Out Spectators

Above two ponies graze and are playful at the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge just after the fall round-up last weekend. The “16” that can be seen on one Pinto’s hip is a freeze application, a humane form of branding, and means the pony was born in 2016.

All but two buy backs were taken to the carnival grounds for the winter. Those two were smaller and will be staying at the Leonard Farm for a couple of months because the others were pushing them away from the feed.

Denise Bowden, a spokesperson for the Chincoteague Volunteer Fire Company, which owns the herd, said, “All ponies that came in were in good shape and very healthy. In fact our vet even said a few were borderline obese including that hulk of a pony Riptide.”

At right, Jack Justus, of Virginia Beach, looks to cross Beach Road after watching the ponies.

_Photos by Linda Cicoira_
Inside the 150-Year-Old Assateague Lighthouse Is A Sight to Behold

Dark But Not Dreary

Above, George Hunkovic, president of the Chincoteague Natural History Association, looks out a landing window inside the Assateague Lighthouse. The organization is a friends group for the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge.

At left, Doug Hollingsworth, of Painter, stops for a second while climbing the 142-foot-tall lighthouse. At its base, the structure is more than 27 feet in diameter.
Fall Weather Calls for Nourishing Foods that Satisfy

Story by Connie Morrison
Recipes and Photos by Nancy Kennedy

Crisp fall weather makes demands on a body. As temperatures drop, we crave nourishing foods to warm us and bring comfort.

Local author and fitness/nutrition expert Nancy Kennedy says you can have your comfort food and have the extra comfort of knowing you’re eating well. Two examples are this week’s recipes: “Love Me Tender,” pecan-crusted chicken strips, and white bean soup.

“I have relocated to the Shore where I am just madly in love (with) the water, the nature and most importantly, the people,” said Kennedy.

Originally from Virginia Beach, Kennedy spent many years coaching celebrities in nutrition and fitness, as well as assisting high-risk cancer patients and survivors.

Nancy Kennedy owns WhiteCliff, a licensed Bed & Breakfast, at Smith Beach, and she also encourages local visits for workouts, relaxation, and personalized consultations to improve appearance and health.

“I’ll teach you how to shop and stock your kitchen for success and how to cook meals that will get you through your week,” she said.

“Check out my new website www.nancyscountryfarm for weekly recipes, exercise tips and fun things about my silly life here on the Shore,” said Kennedy.

She can also be reached at 757-350-2161.

LOVE ME TENDER

INGREDIENTS
1 / 2 cup corn flakes, crushed
1 / 3 cup pecans, finely chopped
4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts, cut into 1-inch strips
2 egg whites
1 teaspoon dried basil
2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
2 tablespoon honey
1 / 2 teaspoon paprika
Low-fat cooking spray

INSTRUCTIONS
1. Preheat the oven to 400 degrees. Coat a baking sheet with cooking spray.
2. Crush the corn flakes. In a large Ziploc bag, mix together the flakes, pecans, paprika and parsley.
3. Lightly beat the egg whites and dip the chicken pieces.
4. Next, place the egg covered chicken into the bagged corn flake mixture and shake until the chicken is coated.
5. Place the chicken pieces on the baking sheet and cook for 10 to 12 minutes. When the chicken is done, the juices will run clear.
6. Finally, mix the honey and mustard together to make the dipping sauce. Serve alongside the chicken.

Makes four servings.

WHITE BEAN SOUP WITH CHICKEN

INGREDIENTS
2 tablespoons olive oil
1 large onion, finely chopped
1 ½ tablespoons garlic, chopped
Pinch of crushed red pepper
5 cups low-sodium chicken broth
1 pound Swiss chard, stems and ribs removed
2 medium sweet potatoes, peeled and cubed
1 can low-sodium white beans (such as cannelloni beans), rinsed three times
2 pounds boneless skinless chicken breasts, cut into chunks
Fresh ground pepper to taste

INSTRUCTIONS
1. Heat the oil in a saucepan until it’s simmering
2. Add the onion, 1 tablespoon of the garlic and a pinch of crushed red pepper
3. Cook over medium-high heat until the onion has softened (about 6 minutes)
4. Add the broth, Swiss chard, beans and sweet potatoes, and bring to a boil.
5. Reduce the heat and let the mixture simmer until the potatoes are tender and the soup is thick (about 35 to 45 minutes)
6. Add the chicken breast and remaining garlic. Keep simmering over low heat until the chicken has cooked through (about 7 minutes). Season with pepper and serve.

Makes eight servings.
Community Notes

Opioid Forum

A Community Opioid Forum with host Brian Moran, Virginia’s secretary of public safety and homeland security, will be held in two sessions from 3-5 p.m., and 6-8 p.m., Oct. 24, at the Eastern Shore Community College Great Hall.

Moran will give training in the use of NARCAN and offer documentaries on the impact of opioid addiction on the Eastern Shore, including the new state police video, “Broken Dreams.”

Dr. John Ogram, a local psychiatrist, and Kim Wright, the area Virginia Department of Health epidemiologist, are set to be keynote speakers. Afterwards, a discussion panel of local experts on opioid use disorders, will take questions and interact with the audience.

Melfa


Tony Picardi will discuss poisonous varieties and many others he has found locally and their role in the ecosystem.

These seminars are occasionally rescheduled on short notice. Prospective attendees are urged to check the website at www.SciPhi.org shortly before the date.

Onley

College Day for Accomack high school seniors and juniors will be held from 9 to 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, Oct. 24, at Nan-dua High’s gym. About 68 representatives from colleges and military and trade schools from the eastern and southern regions of the country will attend. Students will have an opportunity to secure applications, catalogs and financial aid information from the representatives. For more information, call guidance at 757-787-4514.

Onancock

Statistics show one in eight women will develop breast cancer. And men get it too. Age is a factor, so as each year goes by, screening becomes more important, even if last year’s results were normal. Luckily, huge strides have been made and today more people than ever are surviving breast cancer. Many have benefited from early detection through routine screening.

In celebration of Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October, Riverside Shore Cancer Center is hosting a free Breast Cancer Screening event from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Oct. 24, at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital. Appointments may be made by calling, 757-302-2600.

Exmore

Ebenezer Baptist Church, at 9504 Ocochannock Neck Road, will sponsor its free annual Seasoned Senior Conference from 9 a.m. to noon, Oct. 21. Registration begins at 8:15 a.m. Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. Senior citizens, 55 and older, and caregivers are invited. Call to preregister at 757-442-2684.

Temperenceville

A spaghetti dinner with salad and garlic bread will be sold from 12:30 to 4 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 22, at Temperenceville Masonic Lodge. Tickets are $8 for adults and $4 for children under 12. Carry outs and a bake table are available. For tickets call, 757-824-5834.

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Dr. James J. Federman, vice-president of the Virginia Education Association, will speak about “The Elected School Board: What You Need To Know,” at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 26, at Jerusalem Masonic Lodge. Tickets are $8 for adults and $4 for children under 12. Carry outs and a bake table are available. For tickets call, 757-990-2764 or email her at dstspr97@gmail.com

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50th Anniversary

Louis and Barbara Reynolds celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Sept. 16, with a luau given by their children and grandchildren at their home in Atlantic.

They were married Sept. 16, 1967, in Stockton, Md.

Marriages

Licenses Issued

• Terry Lee Evans, 46, and Jacqueline Anne Kile, 42, both of Pen Argyl, Pa.
• Wesley Tyler Marsh, 23, and Courtney Beth Shelsby, 24, both of Baltimore, Md.
• Alan Michael Donlan, 66, and Shelly Marie Endendijk, 42, both of Hollidaysburg, Pa.
• Jordan O’Bryan Alleyne and Kyla Mackenzie Reid, both 26, of Fairburn, Ga.
• Chrismette Theophile, 34, of Tasley, and Lovely Philistin, 23, of Accomac
• Devin Michael White, 23, and Tamarah Elizabeth Wolford, 24, both of Georgetown, Del.

University Graduates

Longwood University awarded the following degrees at its Spring 2017 commencement:
• Claire Downing Rew, of Accomac, was awarded an undergraduate degree in communication studies.
• Chase Jordan Doughty, of Nassawadox, was awarded an undergraduate degree in social work, magna cum laude.
• Nicholas Cody Evans, of Onley, who was awarded an undergraduate degree in kinesiology.

Frank V. Moore to Head Space Flight Academy

The Virginia Space Flight Academy announced its new leadership team and members to its board of directors.

Chairing the board will be former NASA executive Frank V. Moore, of Onley. He replaces Wayne Woodhams.

Linda Thomas-Glover, president of Eastern Shore Community College, is vice chairwoman. Robert Marshall, former executive at BB&T Bank and former executive director of the academy, serves as treasurer.

New additions to the board are:
• Sean Mulligan, chief operating officer of Virginia Space and director of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Spaceport.
• Robie Marsh, executive director of the Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce.

New members named above join the following continuing members:
Peter Bale, chief executive officer of Sentinel Robotic Solutions; James (Barton) Bull, former NASA engineer; and Evelyn Shotwell, executive director of the Chincoteague Chamber of Commerce.

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Accomack County Public Schools will be closed on Monday, Nov. 6, for a teacher work day, and Tuesday, Nov. 7, for a staff development day.

The first nine weeks will end Nov. 3, and the second nine weeks will begin on Nov. 8. Report cards will be issued on Nov. 14.
**FRIDAY OCT. 20**

**noon - AA mtg. - UMC, Onancock**
**12:30 p.m. - SciPhi Seminar: Can I Eat Mushrooms of ESVA**

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**SUNDAY OCT. 22**

**noon - Social Luncheon - Calvary Bible Church, Accomac**
**12:30 p.m. - Bingo - Vietnam Veterans’ Bldg., Main St., Onley**

**TUESDAY OCT. 24**

**9 a.m. - Al-Anon mtg. - Refuge Inn, Chincoteague**
**10 a.m. - Zumba - Franktown UMC**
**10 a.m. - Bingo - Accomack Senior Village, Onancock - 787-3900**

**WEDNESDAY OCT. 25**

**7:45 a.m. - Kiwanis Club of Accomack mtg. - Sage Diner, Onley**
**10 a.m. - TOPS mtg. - Market St. UMC, Onancock - 787-4718**

**THURSDAY OCT. 26**

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

**THURSDAY OCT. 26**

**9 a.m.-1 p.m. - Elected School Board Information Session - Jerusalem Baptist Church, 10011 Jerusalem Rd., Temperanceville**
**10:30 a.m. - Story Time: Halloween Silliness - Cape Charles Memorial Library, 201 Mason Av., Onley**
**5:30 p.m. - Shore Losers mtg. - Drummondtown Baptist Church, Accomac - $1/wk.**
**5:30 p.m. - TOPS VA-550 mtg. - Zion Baptist Church, Parksley - 787-7099**
**6-8 p.m. - GED Class - ESCC, Class A-51, Melfa**
**6:30 p.m. - Kiwanis Club mtg. - St. Andrew’s Catholic, Chincoteague**
**6:30 p.m. - Elected School Board Information Session - Jerusalem Baptist Church, 10011 Jerusalem Rd., Temperanceville - 990-2764**
**7 p.m. - Celebrate Recovery Group mtg. - Chincoteague Church of God, 5252 Woodland Dr., Chincoteague**
**7 p.m. - NA mtg. - Painter Garrison UMC**
**8 p.m. - AA mtg. - Christ UMC, 6253 Church St., Chincoteague**

**MONDAY OCT. 23**

**1-3 p.m. - Community Bingo - Chincoteague Cultural Alliance, 6309 Church St., Chincoteague**
**3 p.m. - Parkinson’s Disease Support Group - Hospice & Palliative Care, Onancock**

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**SATURDAY OCT. 21**

**8 a.m.-noon - Harvest Bazaar - Bethel UMC, Hallwood**
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The Eastern Shore Community Services Board is seeking candidates for the following positions:

- **Senior Clinician/Clinician**
- **Developmental Disabilities Aide**
- **Substance Abuse Outpatient Clinician**
  (CSAC required)
- **Mental Health Facility Technician**
- **Full-time Housekeeper/Custodian**
- **Part-time Driver**
- **Mental Health Skill Building Specialist**
- **Office Services Specialist**

For more information or to apply, please visit the ESCSB’s website at [www.escsb.org](http://www.escsb.org). ESCSB is an EOE.

Announcements

I catch myself talking about you all the time, Mom. It just doesn’t seem like you’ve been gone for a year as of Wednesday. Me and granddog, we’re still a-kicking.

Love and miss you much, Mom.

Carolyn and Toby.

The family of Catherine “Poochie” Stratton Clayton would like to thank everyone for their prayers, visits, calls, memorials, and other acts of love. Also, thanks to Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital, the ambulance team, Cooper & Humbles Funeral Home, and Grace Church. Special thanks to Uncle Harry, Dorey, and others for their help on September 23, 2017.

God Bless,
The Stratton Family

Northampton County is accepting applications for a full-time Zoning Administrator. The essential function of this position is to enforce zoning ordinances and is responsible for the knowledge and enforcement of County zoning ordinances, related inspections, and preparing reports.

Supervises inspections for compliance with County zoning ordinances; resolves non-compliance issues, and/or issues citations to violators; supervises follow-up inspections to ensure implementation of corrective measures. Supervises Current Planner position jointly with Director.

Requires bachelor’s degree in civil engineering, landscape architecture, planning, public administration or a closely related field.

Requires valid Virginia Driver’s License and a Virginia Association of Zoning Officials’ certification.

Excellent communication skills are essential. The minimum salary for this position is $47,451 plus benefits.

Please refer to Northampton County’s website online for further job descriptions, requirements and county’s application form [www.co.northampton.va.us/jobs.html](http://www.co.northampton.va.us/jobs.html). Please submit completed County application form with cover letter to Human Resources P.O. Box 66, Eastville, VA 23347 by November 3, 2017. Northampton County is an EOE.

Accomack County Sheriff’s Office Accepting Applications

Accomack County Sheriff’s Office is accepting applications for the following positions: Full-Time Certified Law Enforcement Officer, Full-Time Correctional Officers, and Part-Time Dispatchers. Applications may be obtained from the Accomack County Sheriff’s Office or online at [accomackcountysheriffsoffice.org](http://accomackcountysheriffsoffice.org). Applications must be returned to this office by Monday, October 30, 2017, by 5:00 p.m. Accomack County Sheriff’s Office is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Therapeutic Interventions, Inc. is currently seeking Qualified Mental Health Professionals (QMHP’s) for the Therapeutic Day Treatment and Community Based Programs.

- Qualiﬁed applicants must posses:
  - At least a Bachelor’s degree in a human services related field or special education from an accredited college.
  - At least one-year clinical experience providing direct behavioral health services to children and adolescents with a mental health diagnosis.

(Required experience can include work, internships, practicums, and full-time positions for Virginia licensed and licensed eligible therapists to provide outpatient and other services.

To apply, please send resume to swoods@therapeuticinterventions.com

Accomack County Social Services- Local (765-01)
Benefit Programs Specialist III
Position # L0028
Hiring Range – $29,339
(May be higher depending on qualiﬁcations)
For detailed job information and to apply, visit [http://www.dss.virginia.gov](http://www.dss.virginia.gov). Accepts only online applications; apply by 5 p.m. on October 20, 2017. Equal Opportunity Employer

Accomack County Social Services- Local (765-01)
Benefit Programs Specialist II/II
Position # L0042
Hiring Range – $27,366
(May be higher depending on qualiﬁcations)
For detailed job information and to apply, visit [http://www.dss.virginia.gov](http://www.dss.virginia.gov). Accepts only online applications; apply by 5 p.m. on October 20, 2017. Equal Opportunity Employer

Accomack County Social Services- Local (765-01)
Fraud Investigator II
Position # L0060
Hiring Range – $29,339
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For Classified or Legal Advertising CALL Angie at 757-789-POST.
Help Wanted (Cont’d)

Job Notice:
Northampton County is seeking applicants for the position of Director of Finance. The Director, under limited supervision of the County Administrator, works with all County Departments to maintain the financial integrity of Northampton County’s fiscal operations. Responsibilities include budget preparation and monitoring, financial reporting, preparing various reports for the County Administrator and Board of Supervisors, debt management, and financial accounting. The department does accounts payable, payroll activities, fixed assets, and preparation of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report in concert with the County’s auditors. A full description is available on the County website: www.co.northampton.va.us.

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 VBS retirement, health insurance, vacation and sick leave, professional dues and conferences, and group life are provided. Salary DOQ.

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Help Wanted (Cont’d)

NEEDED: Virginia Inspector/Mechanic
Top dollar for individual with state inspector license. Contact Ross Kool at Kool Pond 757-787-7707

COOK & SERVERS Needed. Experience preferred. Apply in person at Yuk & Joe’s in Eastville, at 1-757-331-2746.
HISENSE PORTABLE AIR CONDITIONER - With remote. Only 1 week old! 12,000 BTU. $300. Call 757-710-0608.

LARK ENCLOSED TRAILER 5x8' - Like new, built-in shelf, used 1 time. 665-442-2400.

WASHER & DRYER - Good cond., $330 for both. Located on Chincoteague, 304-218-1090.

OUTDOOR ALL-WEATHER WICKER 5-pc. Dining Set - Exc. cond. 4 chairs w/ cushions, big round table w/ glass top. Paid $950, Asking $450 OBO. Call 757-336-1850.


2012 TRANE AIR CONDITIONING XR13 - 3-ton, in service for 2 years. Call 910-616-2033.

SONY WEGA 55-INCH LCD REAR PROJECTION TELEVISION - $375. Call 709-0813.

RESIDENTIAL HEATING BOILER - Columbia PFG30C, 96K BTU output, runs on propane. Call 910-616-2033.


FIREWOOD - 16'-18" oak and cherry firewood cut 16'-18" - 757-678-2566.


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

WE PAY TOP DOLLAR FOR USED HOMES AND TRADE-INS!! - Call today to schedule your free home evaluation: 302-846-9100.

HARBORTON - Spectacular Victorian cottage on its own little island in the middle of small lake, 1BR, fully furnished & equipped. A must see! $1,000/mo. 442-3375.

RATED 5 STARS - For Rent: 1,800 sq. ft. duplex w/2BR, 3 Pull BA, gourmet Kit., fireplace, central air. In Cape Charles Historic District overlooking park. Furnished. $1,450/mo. Unfurnished $1,350/mo. 757-331-0315.


SINGLE BEDROOM COTTAGE - Accepting applications for extremely nice 1BR cottage home, outside of Parksley. Located in quiet neighborhood, completely remodeled, No Pets, No Smoking, No HUD, $750/mo. + sec. dep. Credit, criminal & previous rental background will apply. For appt. & application call 757-710-2408.

TONY’S TREE SERVICE COMPLETE TREE REMOVAL 14319 DEER PATH HALLWOOD, VA 23359 (757) 990-1131 Residential • Commercial FREE Estimates • Stump Grinding • Stump Removal • Lot Clearing • Excavation Licensed and Insured

Stop: Hammertime! Don’t call some shark out of the blue! Call reliable John C. Miller today because not all sharks live in the ocean... & this summer you may need a bigger boat!

TREE & STUMP REMOVAL, Stone, Dry Clam Shells, Top Soil, Fill Dirt, Excavation, & Backhoe Work Just Call Site Work Specialist John C. Miller at 757-665-4026

Programs: 757-710-8034.

BELLE HAVEN - 2 BR, 6319, 252-340-0972

BETWEEN MELFA AND GOOD PASTURE Firewood Cut 16'-18" - $3.50 per bale. Call 757-894-1339 (cell).
03 DODGE 1500 CREWCAB - Off-road 4x4 SLT 4.7 eng., new tires, brakes, upper/lower ball joints, rth short block 1 yr old, very good shape $10,000 obo. 2009 PT CRUISER LESS THAN 10,000 miles, dark grey, all power including sun roof. $7,750. 757-710-7278


2000 Ford F450 Super Duty Power Stroke, Diesel 7.3, V8, 5-spnd. transmission with Morgan truck body, low mileage, $16,000 OBO. Contact Ray at 410-430-1738.

2000 REPLICA PACKARD LIMO ON A 1968 CHASSIS & MOTOR - With trailer REDUCED: $4,000. Call 709-9456.

1999 SATURN SL $1,600 - Manual transmission, A/C, Traction control, ABS, Dual Airbags. 4-door (757) 710-6679 Skipjackrock@gmail.com

14 HONDA ACCORD LX - 4-door, 4-cyl. auto., A/C, full pwr., backup camera, 30K mi., exc. cond., 1 owner, warranty, $14,000. 757-351-5611.


PRagic TRAVEL TRAILER SAVOY LX32FKD - New This Year: 2-Way Refrigerator, Microwave, Awning, and A/C Unit. $13,500. Call 410-924-0945.

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

'07 Holiday Rambler Travel Trailer Savoy LX 32FKD

'99 YAMAHA 1200CC - RARE 2005 SSR CHEVY SS - Must see to appreciate & many extras. $4,000/Firm. Sand, wide white wall tires (Raspberry Red & Desert Sand), wide white wall tires & many extras. $4,000/Firm. MUST SEE TO APPRECIATE. 757-990-2269.

'98 LAND ROVER DEFENDER 90 - $16,000 OBO. Contact 757-286-6463.

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

'01 VOLKSWAGEN JETTA - 200K mi., mechanically & physically sound. $7,800. Call 757-620-9042 or 757-653-0371.

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'99 HARLEY DAVIDSON Sportster - 1200CC - 17,990 mi., black, new tires, runs & rides great, asking $2,400 NOW $2,900 OBO. Call and leave msg. w/Allen @ 757-894-5150.

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Pine, Oak and more for sale. Rough cut or planed available or we saw your logs. Portable Sawmill. 757-331-4848

SIMPSON TREE & BOBCAT SERVICE - Tree trimming, removal and stump grinding. 757-2100 or 757-8477. FREE ESTIMATES. We accept credit cards.


Affordable Rates Call 894-3151

03 DODGE 1500 CREWCAB - 10,000 miles, dark grey, professionally maintained, 186k mi., mechanically safe, $1,800 OBO. Can be seen on Wachapreague Rd. 518-586-0292.


'07 TOYOTA RAV4 - $6,250. Barcelona Red. One-owner, front-wheel dr. 2.4L, 4-cyl., 4-spnd. auto trans. Cargo area toteau cover, net & poles. Well maintained, good cond., high mi. (195k); call 757-894-4068.

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Yard Sales


LANE, WALLOPS ISLAND, VA MOVING SALE Furniture, clothing and accessories, jewelry, kitchenware, glassware, pictures, lamps and miscellaneous items Oct. 28 8:30 AM-3:00 PM. Oct. 29 11:00 AM-3:00 PM Rain or Shine.

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The Town of Exmore has received an offer for funding from the Virginia Water Supply Revolving Fund to develop two wells, construct a greensand oxidizing water filtration facility, construct a backwash force main, and related appurtenances and improvements. The funding offered through the Virginia Water Supply Revolving Fund includes $813,600 in loan funds and $550,000 in grant funds. In addition, the Community Development Block Grant program has offered $500,000 in grant funds. An Environmental Assessment report describing the project is available for review at the Town office at 3305 Main Street and available for public review between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Town Council will hold a public hearing to receive comments on the project, the alternatives considered, the environmental impact, the estimated cost, and the associated user charges. The public hearing will be held in the Town Council meeting room at 3305 Main Street on Monday, November 20, 2017 at 5:00 PM. Comments may be made in writing to the Virginia Department of Health on the proposed approval of the Environmental Assessment by November 20, 2017. Comments shall include the name, address, and telephone number of the writer and shall contain a complete and concise statement of the factual basis for the comments. The Department will consider only those comments received within this period. Following the comment period, the Department will make its determination regarding the approval.

All comments should be addressed to:
Steven D. Pellei, PE
Director, Division of Construction Assistance, Planning & Policy
Virginia Department of Health
Office of Drinking Water
109 Governor Street, 6th Floor
Richmond, Virginia 23219

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

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Northampton County Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, November 7, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Chambers located in the County Administration Building at 16404 Courthouse Road in Eastville, VA. The purpose of the meeting is to conduct regular business and a public hearing on the following matter.

A. SUP 2017-13: Richard Ward has applied for a permit to construct an antique shop. The property is located on Stone Road, just west of the entrance to King’s Creek Landing. The property is zoned agriculture/rural business. The property is further described as Tax Map 84, double circle A, parcel 63 and contains approximately three acres of land.

The Northampton County Board of Supervisors will also conduct a public hearing on the above items on Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Chambers.

The applications will be on file and open to public inspection in the office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and in the Department of Planning, Permitting, and Enforcement located at 16404 Courthouse Road, Eastville, VA. Anyone wishing to comment on the above items is invited to attend the meetings and make their comments known.

Handicapped assistance available: Please telephone (757) 678-0440, extension 516 at least 48 hours in advance.

Kelley Lewis Parks, CZA
Senior Planner

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Mayor and Council of the Town of Chincoteague will hold a public hearing on November 6, 2017, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers located at 6150 Community Drive to receive public comments and views on proposed changes in zoning:

The proposed changes include requiring “Conditional Use Permits” in R-3, R-4, C-1, C-2, C-3 and C-4 Districts for uses currently “Permitted By Right.” Also proposed is the deletion of some uses that are permitted by right because they are not used or they are duplicated.

The proposed plans can be reviewed at the Town office between 8:00–4:30 daily.

Kenny L. Lewis
Zoning Administrator

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Mayor and Council of the Town of Onley and the Planning Commission of the Town of Onley will conduct a Joint Public Hearing at 6:30 p.m. Monday, November 6, 2017 at the Onley Baptist Church Hall located at 28501 W. Main Street Onley, Virginia for the purpose of receiving comments from members of the public concerning amendments to the Zoning Ordinance concerning pennants, feather flags and commercial real estate “For Sale” signage. The updated Comprehensive Plan for 2017 will also be presented for public comment. The scheduled monthly meeting of the Mayor and Council will immediately follow and will vote on whether or not to approve these items for adoption. The Mayor and Council will also consider passage of Ordinance 004-17, a Property Maintenance Ordinance, created for the purpose of promoting the health, safety or general welfare of the public. A copy of the proposed 2017 Comprehensive Plan, proposed signage amendments and Ordinance 004-17 are available for public inspection at the Town Office Monday through Friday from the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE SALE
7263 Spur Lane, Machipongo, Virginia 23405
(County of Northampton)
In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of $98,000.00, with interest, from Mary L. Goffigon a/k/a Mary Jane Goffigon, dated April 30, 2007 and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Northampton County, Virginia in Instrument No. 070001059 (as modified by Modification Agreement dated May 6, 2009, recorded in Instrument No. 090001281); default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured and at the request of the holder (RKL Mortgage Corporation – VA f/k/a SLM Mortgage Corporation-VA), of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the entrance of the Circuit Court for the County of Northampton, 5229 The Hornes, Eastville, Virginia, 23347-0036, on October 30, 2017 at 9:15 o'clock a.m., the property briefly described in said deed, located at the above address and briefly described as:

All that certain lot or parcel of land situate about one-half mile southwest of Shadyside, Northampton County, Virginia, together with the buildings and improvements thereon, said lot being forty-five (45) yards long and forty-five (45) yards wide, and bounded as follows: on the North by the lands now or formerly of Lizzie Stevens; on the East by the lands now or formerly of Arthur Morris; on the South by the lands now or formerly of Smith Bell; and on the West by the lands now or formerly of John Lane’s heirs.

THIS CONVEYANCE IS MADE EXPRESSLY SUBJECT TO the easements, restrictions and reservations contained in duly recorded deeds, plats and other instruments constituting constructive notice in the chain of title to the property hereby conveyed, which have not expired by limitation of time or otherwise become ineffectual.

Tax Map No.: 00049-0A-00-083
TERMS OF SALE: CASH. A deposit of 10% of the sales price, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with settlement within fifteen (15) days from the date of sale. (TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE.) Additional terms may be announced at the time of sale. PURSUANT TO THE FEDERAL FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, I ADVISE YOU THAT THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT THE INDEBTEDNESS REFERRED TO HEREIN AND ANY INFORMATION WE WILL OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

L. RICHARD PADGETT, JR., P.C., SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE
FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: L. Richard Padgett, Jr., P.C.
521 Boulevard
P.O. Box 1098
Salem, Virginia 24153
(540) 389-0102 phone
(540) 389-0198 fax
Call between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF ACCOMACK
COMMISSIONER OF HIGHWAYS,
Petitioner, v. At Law No.: Cl17-193
Estate of Estelle Crockett
Parcel 004 - consisting of 0.102 acre in fee, 0.02-acre proposed permanent easement
0.02-acre proposed permanent easement;
located at School Road, Tangier, VA 23440
Respondents.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
In this proceeding, the PETITIONER seeks to acquire by condemnation the fee simple interest to certain pieces or parcels located at School Road, Tangier, Virginia, for the use of the purposes of the Petitioner as are necessary for the construction, reconstruction, alteration, maintenance or repair of a highway system known as Route 1306, State Highway Project 1306-001-609, RW-201 in the County of Accomack, Virginia, all of which are described more particularly in the Petition and exhibits attached thereto on file in the Office of the Clerk of this Court, to which reference is hereby made for a full and accurate description thereof; and for the Court to ascertain just compensation to the owners of any estate or interest in the property to be taken or affected as a result of the taking and the use thereof by the petitioner.

For such purposes, the Petitioner will apply to the Court, sitting at 23316 Courthouse Avenue, Accomack, VA 23301-0126, on Friday, December 1, 2017, at 9:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as Petitioner may be heard, for the Court to ascertain just compensation as aforesaid.

It appearing by Affidavit filed according to law the following owners are not residents of the Commonwealth of Virginia, or the names and addresses are not known and that due diligence has been used by and on behalf of the PETITIONER to ascertain such names and addresses without effect: Heirs, Deviseses, Assigns or Successors in Title of the Estate of Estelle Crockett, and unknown owners, as their respective interests may appear,

The source being property acquired by the Landowner from Severn T. Pruitt and Emma Pruitt, his wife, and Edward Pruitt and Mary Pruitt, his wife, and Elisha Pruitt and Amand Pruitt, his wife, John S. Pruitt and Maggie Pruitt, his wife, and Effie Crockett Perry Pruitt and Ida Pruitt, his wife, by Deed dated February 4, 1925 and recorded on August 13, 1925 in Deed Book 129, at Page 120 in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Accomack County.

NOTICE OF REFERENDUM
ACCOMACK COUNTY, VIRGINIA
Take Notice that pursuant to the Order of the Circuit Court of Accomack County, Virginia entered on May 11, 2017, Case No. CL 16000189-00, a Referendum shall be held on November 7, 2017 upon the following question, which shall be on the ballot:

“Shall the method of selecting the school board be changed from appointment by the School Board Selection Committee to direct election by voters?”

Samuel H Cooper Jr.
Accomack County Clerk

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF CAPTAINS COVE GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB INC.
The Captain’s Cove Golf & Yacht Club, Inc., Annual Meeting of the Members will be held Saturday, Nov. 11, 2017, at 10 a.m. at the Marina Club Banquet Room located at 3332 Dock Court, Greenbackville, VA 23356.

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COMMISSIONER’S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

Pursuant to Decrees of the Circuit Court of the County of Northampton, Virginia entered in the cases specified herein, the following real estate will be sold at public auction on Thursday, November 9, 2017 at the Northampton County Circuit Courthouse, 5229 The Hornes, Eastville, VA 23347 at 12:00 p.m., to wit:

PARCEL A: NORTHAMPTON COUNTY vs. EMMA LAURA CHANDLE MAP NO. 00068-04-BLK-00 000000A
All that parcel of land situate at Simpkins Siding, Eastville District, Northampton County, Virginia, containing 2.00 acres, more or less.

PARCEL B: NORTHAMPTON COUNTY vs. DOWNING DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION MAP NO. 00015-0A-BLK-00 0000144
All that parcel of land in Hare Valley, Northampton County, Virginia, containing 29.96 acres, more or less
LESS AND EXCEPT a conveyance of 9.99 acres as shown in Northampton County Plat Book 10, at page 22.

PARCEL C: NORTHAMPTON COUNTY vs. DAVID CARTER DUER MAP NO. 0040B-09-BLK-00-045
All that parcel of land near Birds Nest, Northampton County, Virginia, being Lot 45 on a plat recorded in Deed Book 63, page 286.

PARCEL D: NORTHAMPTON COUNTY vs. GEORGE T. GASKINS MAP NO. 11-A-6
All that parcel of land near Exmore, Franktown District, Northampton County, Virginia, containing one-half acre, more or less, bounded on the Northwest by Virginia State Route 600, the Seaside Road; Northeast by a road separating the property from property of Ruth Collins; Southeast by property of James Sample; and South and West by property of John Rue.

PARCEL E: NORTHAMPTON COUNTY vs. THOMAS GIGLIO MAP NO. 0104A-02-BLK-00 000010A
All that parcel of land in Capeville District, Northampton County, Virginia, known as Lot 10A shown on a plat recorded in Plat Book 19, page 51.

PARCEL F: NORTHAMPTON COUNTY vs. CLAUDETTE HANCHARD MAP NO. 012D1-03-BLK-00 000013
All that parcel of land in Franktown District, Northampton County, Virginia, containing 1.76 acres, more or less, shown as Lot 13 on a plat recorded in Plat Book 15, pages 29-30.

PARCEL G: NORTHAMPTON COUNTY vs. ROBERT LEE HARPER MAP NO. 0091B-03-BLK-00-006
All that parcel of land near the Village of Bayview, being Lot 6 on a plat recorded in Deed Book 148, page 508.

PARCEL H: NORTHAMPTON COUNTY vs. JENNIE MARIE GODWIN KING MAP NO. 83A1-1-131
All that parcel of land in the Town of Cape Charles, Northampton County, Virginia, designated as Lot #131 on a plat recorded in Deed Book 41, pages 483-485.

PARCEL I: NORTHAMPTON COUNTY vs. JENNIE MARIE GODWIN KING MAP NO. 83A1-1-141
All that parcel of land in the Town of Cape Charles, Northampton County, Virginia, designated as Lot #141 on a plat recorded in Deed Book 41, pages 483-485.

PARCEL J: NORTHAMPTON COUNTY vs. TERRANCE LANGSTON MAP NO. 00084-07-BLK-00 0000038
All that parcel of land near Bayview, Northampton County, Virginia, shown as Lot 38 on a plat recorded in Plat Book 32, pages 84-87.

PARCEL K: NORTHAMPTON COUNTY vs. ELAINE JOHNSON MANELSKI MAP NO. 010A1-06-BLK-0A 0000010
All that parcel of land situate at Exmore, Northampton County, Virginia, numbered as Lot 10, Block A on a plat recorded in Plat Book 4, page 159.

PARCEL L: NORTHAMPTON COUNTY vs. ANGELA D. MEISSNER MAP NO. 0041B-01-BLK-00 0000002
All that parcel of land in Eastville District, Northampton County, Virginia, containing 1.029 acres, more or less, shown as Parcel 2 on a plat recorded in Plat Book 14, page 54.
LESS AND EXCEPT that parcel being 20 ft. in width and extending across the Northwestern portion of Parcel 2 and recorded in Deed Book 288, page 261.

PARCEL M: TOWN OF CAPE CHARLES vs. MICHAEL DUANE REID MAP NO. 083A3-02-BLK-04-013B
All that parcel of land in the Town of Cape Charles, Northampton County, Virginia, being the northerly part of Lot 13, Block 4, on a plat recorded in Deed Book 65, page 181.

PARCEL N: NORTHAMPTON COUNTY vs. JOHN MILTON SIMPSON, JR. MAP NO. 10A4-0A-BLK-00-025
All that parcel of land near Exmore, Northampton County, Virginia, having a frontage of 50 ft. and bounded North by road leading from Exmore to Willis Wharf; on the East, South and West by lands of Angie L Lettieri.

PARCEL O: NORTHAMPTON COUNTY vs. JOHN MILTON SIMPSON, JR. MAP NO. 010A4-0A-BLK-00-019
All that parcel of land near Exmore, Northampton County, Virginia, located on the South Side of the roadway leading from Exmore to Willis Wharf.

PARCEL P: NORTHAMPTON COUNTY vs. TORREAN VITONIA WASHINGTON MAP NO. 40-7-G
All that parcel of land near Birdsnest, Northampton County, Virginia, being 2.962 acres, more or less, shown as Tract G on a plat recorded in Plat Book 30, page 92-93.

PARCEL Q: NORTHAMPTON COUNTY vs. SALLIE BURTON WISE MAP NO. 15F-1-1
All that parcel of land near Hare Valley, Northampton County, Virginia, containing 3.49 acres, more or less, being Lot 1, bounded North by lands of Moses Wilkins and Horace Beach; East by Lot No. 2; South by Lot No. 6; and West by lands of Moses Wilkins.

PARCEL R: NORTHAMPTON COUNTY vs. SALLIE BURTON WISE/ DAISY WISE MAP NO. 15F-1-3
All that parcel of land near Hare Valley, Northampton County, Virginia, containing 2.55 acres, more or less, being Lot 4, bounded North by lands of Peter Smith’s heirs; East by Lot No. 4; South by a 15-foot outlet road; and West by Lot No. 2.

PARCEL S: NORTHAMPTON COUNTY vs. SALLIE BURTON WISE/ LIVINGSTON UPSHUR MAP NO. 15F-1-9
All that parcel of land near Hare Valley, Northampton County, Virginia, containing 2.55 acres, more or less, being Lot 5, bounded North by lands of Peter Smith’s heirs; East by Lot No. 5; South by a 15-foot outlet road; and West by Lot No. 5.

PARCEL T: NORTHAMPTON COUNTY vs. SHERI L. YAROS MAP NO. 0112F-02-BLK-00 0000029
All that parcel of land near Townsend, Capeville District, Northampton County, Virginia, being Lot 29, Subdivision of Butler’s Bluff, Section III, shown on a plat recorded in Plat Book 25, page 78.

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

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Eastern Shore Should Use Solar

Dear Editor:

The Eastern Shore has to get into the 21st century. Let’s hear ideas on using solar.

For starters, there are three new buildings in the works: Rural Health in Eastville, the library in Parksley, and a new building at Eastern Shore Community College.

Where are the plans for solar on these probably flat roofs? Tesla now builds battery walls which make energy storage easier and this can be off the grid. Also students in high school and the community college could be trained in the construction and installation of the solar panels. They say there are a lot of jobs in solar. Are there panels on the new houses at Bay Creek or Captain’s Cove?

What about putting solar panels on all the new roofing on the huge chicken barns? Is that being done? Maybe that power could be harnessed for use in nearby homes. Thus, there might be something positive from this “industry.”

The Cincinnati Zoo has covered parking lots with solar panels. The shade keeps the cars cool in the summer, while the solar panel-generated electricity cools the zoo. We have parking lots. There is solar paint. There is a development in Delaware that uses solar shingles. There are LEED energy efficient solar homes, office buildings, etc.

What will it take to bring the Eastern Shore into compliance with the rest of the world? There are solar panels on apartments in North Korea.

Did I mention the cement homes (which can be round and thus probably hurricane proof) that are 3D printed? This is NOW.

Sandra Beerends, Franktown
Editor’s Note: A new solar energy system was recently completed at Sawmill Park in Accomack County.

Congrats to Baldwin on Sale of New Ravenna

Dear Editor:

Congratulations to Sara Baldwin! We knew her since she started in her kitchen using her mosaics to make trivets, small tables, and other small items. She had a vision, determination and seemingly endless talent. The growth of her business has been a wonderful asset to this community ... providing interesting and sound employment for many. She is a prime example of the American entrepreneur spirit and ingenuity!

Jean Morse Wescott, Belle Haven

Setting the Record Straight

Dear Editor:

To correct the distribution of misinformation throughout Northampton County by a “Concerned Citizen” (name not provided in his ad), it is important that citizens know what the Northampton County Planning Commission is authorized to do.

The planning commission does NOT have the authority to mandate changes to the county ordinance. In the past four years, the planning commission has twice been directed — by two different boards of supervisors — to review two different revised versions of the county ordinance, the changes to which were prepared by Northampton County staff members. The planning commission was NOT involved in the drafting of the 2015 zoning ordinance or the revised 2016 zoning ordinance that replaced it the following year.

The Northampton County Planning Commission is comprised of seven independent-thinking individuals. Each has one vote and all decisions require a majority vote. No one commissioner directs how the other six should cast their vote. All planning commission members live in Northampton County; members of their families live in the county or nearby; their children attended school in the county; they enjoy the nature of the county, respect its history and culture and desire to see its continued prosperity. Much of what the planning commission has been accused of and charged with is reflective of an emotional investment in not knowing or misinterpreting the facts.

The current planning commission has never conducted a closed door or private meeting. Its meetings are open at all times to the general public and the public is encouraged to attend. Given the proliferation of contrived “facts” that appear in various and sundry blogs, emails and social media today, the public is encouraged to ask questions, research and substantiate the source of any information provided to them, regardless of the source. It is especially important given those individuals and organizations whose primary focus is misleading the public in order to achieve their own specific agenda and/or outcome.

Jackie Chatmon, Cape Charles
WHY, YES! WE COULD ALL USE A GOOD CRY

Why, Yes! Big boys, big girls and big hearts do cry. Our community is reeling from the recent loss of beloved members of our fold. The death of a loved one, co-worker or friend leaves a void that may seem impossible to fill. But somehow, life must go on. Through crying, many of us may be able to better cope with returning to the new normal, with a piece of our heart missing.

What are the benefits of having a good cry? Clinical psychologist, Prof. Roger Baker reports, “Crying is the transformation of distress into something tangible, and that the process itself helps to reduce the feeling of trauma.” Death is a universal reality. Those who remain, cope with loss in different ways. The passing of a family member, friend, partner or pet is one of the worst things anyone ever goes through. In these situations, words may not express the depth of our despair or may seem insignificant or hollow. Sometimes the only thing we can do is hug someone we love and let the tears flow.

Healthline.com reports there are three types of tears: reflex tears, continuous tears and emotional tears. Reflex tears clear debris, like smoke and dust, from your eyes. Continuous tears lubricate your eyes and help protect them from infection. And finally, there are emotional tears. Researchers have theorized that a good, long, emotion-triggered cry releases oxytocin and endogenous opioids, otherwise known as endorphins. (Why, Yes! The same chemicals released when exercising.) These feel-good chemicals can help ease both physical and emotional pain.

Additionally, researchers have noted that emotional tears detoxify the body by flushing cortisol (the stress hormone) and toxins out of our systems.

Let’s not overlook the importance of the interpersonal benefit of a good cry. Infants and toddlers instinctively know that crying is a way of getting attention from a caregiver. When grieving or feeling blue, crying is a way to let those around us know that we are in need of support. Grieving involves periods of sorrow, numbness, guilt, and anger, and it is an emotion nearly all of us will experience at some point in our lives.

Through crying, we purge emotions so they don’t lodge in the body as stress symptoms such as fatigue or pain. To stay healthy and release stress, some doctors even encourage their patients to cry. After a good cry our breathing and heart rate decrease, and we enter into a calmer biological and emotional state, very similar to what we notice in children. From this more vulnerable state, we can deepen emotional connections and enhance the bonds of intimacy and agape love with our caregivers. For both men and women, tears are a sign of courage, strength, and authenticity.

Washington Irving said, “There is sacredness in tears. They are not the mark of weakness, but of power. They speak more eloquently than 10,000 tongues. They are the messengers of overwhelming grief, of deep contrition, and of unspeakable love.” So, have a good cry. Why, Yes! We’ll all feel better.

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

A Little Good News

Dear Editor:

Since most of the news is bad news, here is a good news story.

The other week, sailing into Onancock, I had a strap break that was holding the boom several miles out. We managed to get to the wharf after hours. The next morning Debbie at the town wharf was ever so helpful finding me a place in Bloxom to have one made.

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Dear Editor:

Why More Chicken Houses?

Dear Editor:

With much bewilderment, amazement, disappointment, and anger, I pen this missive about the proliferation of chicken houses, within sight and smell of so many residences, businesses and heavily traveled roads in Acomack County, all allowed by our sitting county council. Why they continue to allow this raises the question of motive. What could their motive be?

Orest Pelech, Onancock

Onancock Business Schedule Inconvenient

Dear Editor:

I was proud of myself for finally remembering not to go to Onancock on Monday to shop. So I went on Tuesday. Unfortunately, three of the four shops I needed to visit were closed “until Wednesday,” the signs read. I keep trying to obey the ad that asks us to “shop local” (I like “shop locally” better), but my efforts are thwarted. My trip to Onancock is about 30 miles round trip, so it is disappointing. Those of us who are lucky enough to be retired enjoy shopping on days other than the weekend. Unless shop owners reconsider, I’ll try to remember not to visit Onancock until Wednesday from now on.

Anne Rolander, Modest Town

Letters to the Editor may be sent by fax, email (editor@easternshorepost.com) or U.S. mail using the addresses in the Publisher’s Circle at right. While the Post will withhold a writer’s name with just cause, all letters must be signed and include a phone number and town of residence for verification. They may not have been submitted to, posted or published by any other media. So that more readers have an opportunity to have their letters printed, keep letters to less than 300 words; keep political endorsements less than 200 words. Political endorsements will run until our Oct. 27 edition. The Eastern Shore Post retains the right to edit all letters. We reserve the right to edit or reject letters that exceed 300 words, are vulgar or otherwise unfit for print.
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