By Linda Cicoira

Clandestine Video of Poultry Abuse at Wallops Farm Spurs Outrage

A graphic video that depicts chicken abuse at a local poultry farm supplying Tyson Foods was released by an animal welfare group this week causing 10 employees of a contracted crew to be fired and the association with Atlantic Farm LLC to be terminated.

“We’re outraged by what’s shown in this video,” Tyson President of Poultry Operations Doug Ramsey said in a prepared statement Wednesday. “The actions of these people are egregious, inexcusable and will not be tolerated by Tyson Foods.”

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An Interview With Tonya Bundick

Convicted of arson in 2014, Bundick talks of life in prison, relationships, and maintains her innocence in the 77-fire arson spree that terrorized the Shore in 2012-2013.

By Linda Cicoira

Convicted Accomack arsonist Tonya Susan Bundick spoke exclusively to the Eastern Shore Post last week from the Fluvanna Correctional Center in Troy, Va. in an interview conducted through the U.S. Postal Service.

The 44-year-old talked about life as an inmate, the mass graffiti that came before the arsons, the dozens of fires, her dissatisfaction with a novel released earlier this year, the current man in her life, the affair she had while she was out on bond, her love for the Shore, her lawyers, her innocence and Charles Smith, who was her fiancé and co-defendant in the fire spree.

Bundick gave her views about things she had never before discussed publicly.

“Is there anything I would do differently? Yes, run — far away,” she said. “I should have listened when everyone told me ... Smith was bad news. But it started out as a charming relationship. ... Sometimes in the midst of it, you don’t see the bigger picture,” she wrote.

It ended between the two when Bundick’s first court-appointed lawyer, Shannon Dunham, “told me the scope of what Smith was saying” after the two were arrested. “My love for him died. I was done with him, but she (Dunham), along with every other lawyer I had, told me to not let my feelings

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“It’s our responsibility to ensure that everyone who works for and raises animals for our company treats animals properly,” he continued. “Within an hour of seeing this video (Tuesday), we confirmed the location and owner of the farm. We are terminating the contract with the farmer who allowed these actions to take place and are removing any of our birds from his care.”

The recording included baby chicks being hit with pipes and young larger chickens being left in buckets to die with birds that already succumbed, some deformed from rapid-growth hormones.

Atlantic Farm has nine chicken houses and is near Wallops Island. The property was initially owned by Steve and Fred Darby. It was sold several years ago to the limited liability corporation. It is unclear who owns it. But three men use the mailing address associated with the company. They are Ali Razwan, who also owns Shore Livestock LLC, Mohammad Iqbal of Worcester County, Md., and Talib Cheema of Brooklyn, N.Y. The address is on Bethel Church Road in Mears.

“The people in this video were trained in proper animal handling, yet chose to ignore their training,” Justin Whitmore, chief sustainability officer and executive vice president of corporate strategy for Tyson also was quoted in the release. “They failed to alert management about the treatment on this farm and utterly failed to uphold a simple Tyson Foods core value of treating animals in their care humanely. A non-negotiable condition of employment or any contract agreement with Tyson Foods is a dedication to treating animals properly.”

Whitmore said, “Despite these bad actors and their shameful actions, the management of Tyson Foods continues to be dedicated to proper animal handling and cultivating our culture to ensure that animals are treated properly.”

Tyson also plans to stress to employees the importance of proper handling. “We have animal well-being audit and training programs in place, including nearly 60 full-time dedicated animal well-being specialists across our beef, pork and poultry operations … with a zero tolerance for anyone who does not comply,” Whitmore said.

“This latest investigation marks the second time in little more than a year that COK (Compassion Over Killing of Washington, D.C.) has exposed horrific cruelty to birds within the poultry giant’s supply chain,” said Erica Meier, the agency’s executive director. “Our hidden-camera footage uncovers the egregious and systemic horrors Tyson allows its birds to endure behind closed doors. It’s time for Tyson to be a true leader by tackling the most pressing issues in its industry today by immediately ending the genetic manipulation of birds for rapid growth and expanding its investment in the consumer-driven future of food: plant-based proteins.”

“COK has submitted its evidence to authorities and is encouraging immediate enforcement of Virginia’s animal protection laws,” she said. “In 2016, a COK investigation inside multiple Tyson Foods broiler breeder factories in Virginia revealed similar violent abuses: workers punching, kicking, and throwing live birds, birds crushed by forklifts, and more. The video evidence drove the first court trials for cruelty to chickens raised for meat, resulting in nine former Tyson employees being convicted of 24 counts of animal cruelty. It also prompted the company to immediately eliminate the barbaric practice of stabbing a plastic nose bone through the nostrils of male breeder birds, but Tyson has yet to address a root cause of suffering: rapid growth.”

THE NATURE CONSERVANCY’S HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE AT BROWNSVILLE Thursday, December 14, 2017 4:00 - 8:00 pm

Everyone is invited to The Nature Conservancy’s Holiday Open House at Brownsville Preserve in Nassawadox on Thursday, December 14, from 4:00 to 8:00 pm. Bring your family and friends for wagon rides around the preserve and holiday cheer by the campfire. Tour the historic Brownsville home, visit with Nature Conservancy staff and volunteers, and warm up with goodies like apple cider and homemade sweets. This event is FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

We hope you’ll join us December 14th!
11369 Brownsville Rd., Nassawadox

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- SOLD $432,000
- SOLD $418,000
- SOLD $325,000
- SOLD $425,000
- SOLD $325,000
- SOLD $337,000
- SOLD $442,000
- SOLD $430,000
- SOLD $340,000
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Exmore Ruled Ineligible for Sewer Funds; Vows To Keep Applying

By Stefanie Jackson

Exmore is working steadily to raise funds and interest for revitalization of the historic small town.

Utilities Director Taylor Dukes attended a meeting with the Department of Housing and Community Development on Nov. 9 in Richmond, to discuss how Exmore can improve its chances of obtaining a community development block grant next year. Exmore was more successful obtaining funds to improve its water system. The town was approved for a community development block grant of $500,000 for replacing its existing wells and adding a green sand filtration system. Two 10,000 gallon septic tanks to hold backwash and a force main to transport the backwash will be installed. A $813,000 loan and $550,000 forgivable loan will make up the difference of the $1,863,000 project, which is expected to be completed in late 2018.

The Virginia Department of Transportation responded to the town’s concerns about drainage, stating, “on-site evaluations” and “corrective action plans” will be developed in the “near future.”

Police Chief Angelo DiMartino reported the police department held a Secret Santa raffle that netted about $2,600 to help families over the holidays. Bryan Perry, of Onancock, won an AR-15 rifle. About $3,500 was raised before paying for the raffle prize, which was provided to the town at cost. The proceeds will be used to purchase $200 gift cards for randomly selected Exmore families to help them give their children a merry Christmas.

A report from marketing consultant, Clarice McGarvey, stated Exmore is still second only to Chincoteague in the ranks of Eastern Shore town Facebook pages. Exmore’s post welcoming new addition to the police force, Jonathan Gonzalez, was the town’s most-viewed Facebook post to date.

Exmore Christmas Parade To Take New Route

Submitted Article

Exmore’s annual Christmas Parade will take place on Saturday, Dec. 9, beginning at 6 p.m. This year, the festive event, sponsored by the Exmore Community Fire Department, will introduce a new route, traveling south on Main Street and culminating in a family-friendly holiday party in the Exmore Town Park, complete with Santa and a lighted holiday tree.

Floats and marchers, including local first responder units, vintage car owners, non-profit organizations, riding stable and businesses, will begin lining up at 5 p.m. at the north end of Exmore, at the intersection of Main Street and Lincoln Avenue. The first wave of the parade will begin rolling out at 6 p.m., heading south on Main Street through the downtown area, towards Benjamin Avenue. After looping back north, everyone will head to the Exmore Town Park, where Santa and refreshments will be waiting.

Prizes are awarded for the best floats and marching units, with both an official judging panel and parade watchers voting. There are no entry fees, and everyone is invited to participate and attend. Entry forms are available at the Exmore Community Fire Department, or by contacting 757-442-7813.

Free Coat Closet

Where: Onley United Methodist Church
When: Saturday, December 9
Time: 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Who: Open to anyone in need of a coat

For more information, or if you are unable to come at this time, please call the church office at 787-4155 or Jeannette Edwards 787-1436

Loyal Locals Dinner Menu

Week of Dec. 9 - Dec. 15, 2017

Saturday
Petite Crab Imperial $13.99

Sunday
Lunch: 3 Pc. Fried Chicken $9.99
Dinner: Pot Roast & Veggies $10.99

Monday
BBQ Chicken Thighs $8.99

Tuesday
Fresh Roasted Turkey Platter $10.99

Wednesday
Stuffed Pork Chop $9.99

Thursday
Chicken & Dumplings $9.99

Friday
BBQ Combo: Ribs & Pulled Pork $13.99

Christmas Turkey Dinner

(Serves 10 guests)

w/ stuffing, gravy, cranberry, cornbread & 2 sides - $110.00

(place order by Dec. 19th)

(757) 331-1541
Sides:
Turnip greens • Corn Pudding
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Don’t forget to order sweet potato biscuits and sliced country ham!!!
ANEC Must Remove Tower Following Permit Denial

By Stefanie Jackson

Northampton supervisors denied Accomack Northampton Electric Cooperative approval for a 180-foot communication tower they built without the required special use permit. The county planning commission recommended the rejection of the SUP application as it was submitted after-the-fact, and the tower impedes the use of a private airstrip on an adjacent property.

Jeffrey Walker owns the airstrip, which he said has been used for 35 years, but is now effectively “shut down,” as the new communication tower blocks the flight path of any approaching aircraft.

Planning and Zoning Department Director Susan McGhee confirmed the planning commission’s original recommendation was for ANEC and Walker to negotiate an agreement. An October letter from Kelvin Pettit, ANEC’s senior vice president of engineering and operations, stated negotiations had failed, and maintained ANEC’s right to use their property unencumbered.

Walker said he would have approved of ANEC moving the tower 1,000 feet in either direction away from his airstrip. Pettit said the communication tower needs to be within 300 to 350 feet of the control site, and there was no other viable location. “It was imperative for us that we have this tower located in this line … to fortify the [communication] link between Exmore and Bayview,” he stated.

Pettit took issue with Walker’s airport being private and unregistered with any county, state, or federal agency. Chairman Spencer Murray pointed out Walker’s property belongs to the agricultural district; he may operate a private airport “by right” and has committed no zoning violation. But ANEC failed to follow procedure by building their tower before applying for a permit.

Supervisor Robert Duer expressed what he termed “a deep frustration among all the citizens of the county,” that “procedures are not being followed” and “there’s a proclivity among several people in the county to do whatever they want to do, and then come in after the fact and say, ‘I need to be forgiven.’”

Pettit said Walker should have obtained an easement to protect his continued use of the airstrip; Walker responded he would have, if ANEC had been more forthright with the public about their plans to build the communication tower in its current location.

Supervisor Granville Hogg said he respected ANEC’s “unencumbered right” to use their property, but suggested, “by the same token,” Walker also has the right to continue using his property as he has for 35 years.

Supervisor Larry Lemond asked what ANEC would have done if they had followed procedure and the board still denied its request for a special use permit. ANEC CEO and President Butch Williamson said, “We would probably have some other discussion on that … but we would proceed with that location.”

Murray emphasized the importance of zoning ordinances and shared his two personal beliefs why they exist: to allow the “community to say where it wants certain things located” and the “protection of adjacent property owners.”

Murray is a “proponent of ANEC,” who believes the cooperative does a “tremendous job” of delivering power “cheaply and efficiently,” but this was one of the toughest votes he ever made in six years. Lemond agreed ANEC does outstanding work, but was putting supervisors in a “terrible position.” Supervisors voted unanimously to deny ANEC the SUP “after the fact” for the communications tower, which must now be removed.

1914 Jail Demolition

The bid to demolish the 1914 jail was awarded to Madsens Inc. for the base amount of $36,172. In accordance with the lease agreement, the town of Eastville will pay any amount over $30,000 for the demolition, leaving them responsible for $6,172.

The fate of the jail’s historic artifacts, including a unique locking mechanism, remains uncertain, as the Northampton Historic Preservation Society was unable to secure the services of a local welder to remove the pieces as originally planned.
By Stefanie Jackson

Del. Robert Bloxom said it’s time get out of “campaign mode” and into “governing mode” at the Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce-sponsored Eggs and Issues breakfast in Cape Charles Wednesday morning, where local and state politicians, still fresh off last month’s elections, addressed an audience of about 100 attentive Accomack and Northampton citizens and county officials.

Bloxom’s primary focus in the next term is jobs. “Jobs solve a myriad of social issues,” he stated, emphasizing jobs with benefits. The Eastern Shore’s two poultry processing plants are among the best providers of jobs with benefits in the area, Bloxom said.

He is cautious about suggestions that the Shore become an exporter of grain. All of the grain produced on the Shore goes to poultry farming, and grain actually must be imported because there’s not enough to feed all the chickens, Bloxom said.

He praised the Shore’s broadband authority and said, “It’s good to be in the black.” Bloxom addressed the “elephant in the room,” Medicaid expansion, which he does not support because of the collapse of the individual health insurance marketplace. When Anthem pulled out of the marketplace, 60 Virginia counties were left with no individual health insurance option, he said. Since Anthem’s return, individual costs have tripled. One strategy Bloxom would like to implement to control insurance costs is a cap on liabilities.

Bloxom is also concerned that Medicare is unsustainable because those using it are costing the system more than they paid in.

Eastern Shore Rural Health CEO Nancy Stern said in addition to health insurance, the Shore also needs more physicians, and asked Bloxom to consider loan repayment incentives to convince physicians to stay in the commonwealth.

Northampton County Administrator Charles Kolakowski asked what could be done to promote workforce development. Bloxom said there are new programs being put in place that exempt students from having to pass the SOL if they pass an industrial test.

Sen. Lynwood Lewis is “cautiously optimistic” about the Virginia economy, which has been experiencing slow growth and relying too much on federal funding, in spite of the nation undergoing one of the longest periods of economic expansion in history.

He announced the state started a new savings account, to be used as a rainy day fund.

There is $1.7 billion left over from the previous budget, but $1.2 billion is spoken for by Medicaid and education, along with a myriad of other budget demands.

Lewis’s priorities for the new term are sea-level rise and coastal resiliency, bipartisan redistricting, and healthcare.

Redistricting will happen in 2021, and will likely be influenced by the results of the 2020 census.

Medicaid expansion will be revisited, with a new name.

Lewis said broadband is vital to citizens’ quality of life, and to economic development.

He has concerned himself with a “full and frank exchange of views” on the current poultry build-out.

Lewis responded to a question about what the state has to do with the poultry industry: it provides regulation through the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Environmental Quality.

Ken Dufty asked about the fishing industry and what was being done about the harvesting of menhaden, a small marine fish typically used for bait and other non-food uses. Lewis invited John Bull, commissioner of the Virginia Marine Resources Commission, to field that question. Bull said the cap on harvesting menhaden has been reduced by 40 percent, mostly to benefit other states, particularly in New England. The Interstate Fisheries Management Program has remained controversial for the last 100 years, he added.

Nancy Proto asked how to restore funding for education and revise the composite index. Lewis agreed the composite index is “fraught with error and unfair,” especially for a rural area like the Eastern Shore that has a lot of waterfront real estate, yet 75 percent of students receive free or reduced lunch. He said politicians are hesitant to tackle the composite index for fear that districts like District 8 in northern Virginia, which considers itself a “donor district,” will want to give themselves the advantage rather than benefit the salaries of rural teachers.
• From William Hardstock
To Zachary Peterson
3554 Willow St., Chincoteague
For $55,000
• From Ashley and Kimberly Ritter
To Michael Blankenship
Lot 252, Unit 1, Trails End
For $28,000
• From Paul Smith
To Bruce and Ruth Grundman
7355 Emma’s Ln., Chincoteague
For $165,000
• From David Evans
To Teresa Farm LLC
50 acres near Drummond’s Mill,
Greenbush
For $462,500
• From Chastity Martin
To Coley and Tonya Beasley
15170 Quail Ln., Painter
For $34,900
• From Douglas and Tracy Morris
To Brenda Robertson and Jeffrey
Kucek
3293 Ridge Rd., Chincoteague
For $141,900
• From Rodrigo and Nieves Belanque
To Jack and Teresa Smith
6097 Willow Dr., Horntown
For $7,000
• From Rose Ann Moore and Teresa
Vincent
To Robert and Teresa Ludwig
Lot in Exmore
For $239,900
• From John Parsons II, successor
trustee
To Robert and Janet Dorman
Parcel near Seaview, 125.82 acres
For $472,000
• From George and Joan Sharp
To Robert Dorman
Two parcels, known as Edgewater
Farm or Walter Wise Farm, near
Cheapside, 163.34 acres and 2.28 acres
For $1,500,000
• From Hannah Denaro and
Sarah Sharp
To Robert Dorman
Two parcels near Dalbys, 8.86
acres and 9 acres
For $250,000
• From Tyler and Lindsey Dupre
To Frank and Cynthia Hughlett
Lot 47, Bay Creek, Cape Charles
For $390,000
• From Harriet Buchholz
To Paul Henderson
Lot 4, Block 7, Sea Cottage Addition,
Cape Charles
For $425,000
• From James and Sandra Chapman
To Natalie and William Weber III
Lot at Smith Beach
For $125,000
• From Denise Tate
To Robin Rivera
Lot at Treherneville, ½ acre
For $15,000
Mappsville Man Gets Life for Pocomoke Murder

Exactly a year after a Mappsville street-gang member shot a Pocomoke, Md., resident to death, he was sentenced in Worcester County Circuit Court to life in prison without the possibility of parole for first-degree murder.

Anthony Marlin Tunnell, 37, of Turkey Run Road, a member of Gangster Milla Bloods, was convicted of the offense in August 2017. Deputy G.V. Geminiani of the Accomack County Sheriff’s Office (ACSO) investigated. Tunnell is being held without bond.

Tunnell was free on $15,000 secured bond while awaiting sentencing in Accomack Circuit Court to possession of cocaine and marijuana and felony eluding when the murder occurred.

Tunnell was identified by a Virginia officer regarding his gang affiliation. The officer said when Tunnell was arrested in Accomack, “He had literature on or about his person having to do with knowledge consistent with the Gangster Milla Bloods, which is a sect claiming to be under the New York Blood Nation, a sect of the East Coast Bloods.”

Fifteen Indicted By Accomack Grand Jury

Fifteen people were indicted on felony counts by an Accomack grand jury Monday including an Onancock man accused of maliciously wounding two people and throwing a bottle at an occupied vehicle in September.

Christopher Michael Strand, 20, of Pine Street, was indicted on counts of maliciously wounding Anjinai Blake and Kentara Tazewell on Sept. 10. Tazewell told authorities she went to the home of Blake and Strand because the two had been arguing. When Blake got in her van, Strand threw a bottle at the vehicle breaking out the driver’s door window. Strand is being held without bond.

Trooper A. D. Montross wrote in the file, “Both had lacerations on their arms … I observed the window being broken out and the body inside the van. Ms. Blake advised she was in the passenger seat when Mr. Strand threw the bottle.”

Strand told the officer he “did not want to hurt anyone but she (Tazewell) was swinging the bottle at me.” There were two small children in the van, who were not injured, Montross reported.

Tina Marie Cole, 59, of Hopkins Road in Parksley, was indicted on more than a dozen counts of forgery, uttering and theft that occurred in July 2017 and involved more than $1,100 worth of checks belonging to Nora Turcol. Deputy M. Patterson investigated.

Michael Warren Custin, 59, of Cashville Road in Onancock, was indicted on a charge of perjury on March 31, 2017. Officer T. Murray of the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries investigated.

Jonathan Melzer, 43, address unknown, was indicted on a count of possession with intent to distribute LSD (lysergic acid diethylamide) on Aug. 9, 2017. Deputy David Gladding investigated.

Ali Rashawn Savage Jr., 22, of Belle Haven, was indicted on counts of failing to re-register with the sex offender and crimes against minors registry on both March 31 and Sept. 1, 2017. Trooper Montross investigated.

Charles David Snead, 69, of Sunset Drive on Chincoteague, was indicted for driving under the influence of alcohol with at least two prior violations in the past five years. A test taken on June 1 showed him with .11 grams per 210 liters of breath. He is being held without bond.

Officer W. Winter, of Chincoteague Police Department, gave information about the case to the jury.

Jason Brooke Stubbs, 45, of Ridge Road on Chincoteague, was indicted on a count of possession of cocaine on Oct. 1. Deputy K.A. Reese of ACSO investigated.

Christian Tinoco-Hernandez, 20, of Shellbridge Road in Painter, was indicted on a count of carnal knowledge without the use of force involving a 14-year-old girl, between May 1 and July 31, 2017. Investigator Edward Perry, of ACSO, handled the case.

Timothy J. Vanhart, 21, of Taylor Farm Road in Atlantic, is accused of transporting a firearm after being convicted of a felony within the last 10 years and two counts each of stealing property and breaking into the home of Herman Chesser. The incidents occurred in August 2017. Deputy M.R. McCready and Deputy C. Hodgson investigated.

Orlando Darnell Turlington, 61, of Michelle Circle in Melfa, was indicted on a count of car-jacking that occurred on Oct. 4, 2017. Deputy G.V. Geminiani of the Accomack County Sheriff’s Office (ACSO) investigated. Turlington is being held without bond.

Carlos M. Wise, 38, of Pearl Drive, admitted to the June 13, 2017, incident. The victim was Michael Milligan. The case was continued until February when a presentence report is anticipated to be completed. Wise is free on $15,000 secured bond. Wise could also be fined up to $2,500.

In another case, Nicholas Ryan Miller, 35, of Madison Avenue in Keller, was convicted of possession of cocaine and driving while intoxicated, in connection with a May 27, 2017, incident. Sentencing was delayed until Feb. 5, 2018, pending completion of a presentence report. Miller is free on an unspecified bond.

Felony Charges Filed Against Four In Accomack District Court

Felony charges against four men were filed this week in Accomack General District Court.

Martinis Drummond, 38, of Doe Crossing Lane in Melfa, was accused of breaking into a house owned by Beverly Fletcher, stealing property belonging to Mike Smolinski, possession of burglary tools and possession of marijuana on Nov. 29, 2017.

Lachelle Collick, 39, of Worcester Highway in Pocomoke, Md., was also charged with stealing property belonging to Smolinski and conspiracy to break into Fletcher’s house.

Investigator C.A. McPherson of ACSO handled the cases. Both men are being held in Accomack Jail without bond.

Alexis Tazewell, 21, of Woodland Park in Parksley is free on $1,000 unsecured bond after being charged with assault and battery of Officer Tyler Marks of Chincoteague Police Department (CPD) on Nov. 18, 2017.

Jeffrey Wayne Snead, 54, Chick City Road on Chincoteague, was charged with possession of a controlled Schedule I or II substance. Cpl. T. Adams of CPD investigated. Unsecured bond was set at $5,000.

New Church Man Pleads Guilty To Unlawful Wounding

A New Church man pleaded guilty to unlawful wounding last week in Accomack Circuit Court and could face up to five years in prison for the crime, according to court records.

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Obituaries

Bobby Bennett

Funeral services for Mr. Bobby Bennett, of Onancock, will be held at the Williams-Onancock Funeral Home, Saturday, Dec. 9, 2017, at 2 p.m., with visitation at 1 p.m. To view the complete obituary, visit www.williamsfuneralhomes.com

Arrangements were made by the Williams-Onancock Funeral Home.

Mildred Bradley Frosch

Mrs. Mildred Bradley Frosch, 96, of Hilton Head Island, S.C., passed away on Nov. 29, 2017, at her home in Hilton Head Island, S.C., passed away Friday, Dec. 1, 2017, at her residence. A native of Chincoteague, she was the daughter of the late Leland and Louise Bradley. She married Alfred W. Frosch, who preceded her in death in 1994. She is survived by three daughters, Judith Burger (Ray), of Franktown, Linda Frosch, of Hilton Head, S.C., and Susan Frosch, of West Palm Beach, Fla.; three grandchildren, Ray III, Ashley, and Hunter; two great-grandchildren; and one sister, Virginia Hall, of Onancock.

Mrs. Frosch lived on the Eastern Shore of Virginia and Maryland until moving to Hilton Head Island in 1996. She and her husband traveled extensively in her Airstream. She loved the beach, painting and her church.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Seabrook at a later date. Donations in her name may be made to the Seabrook Foundation, 300 Woodhaven Dr., Hilton Head Island, SC 29928. Keith Funeral Home of Hilton Head is assisting the family.

Woodrow C. Gaskins

Mr. Woodrow C. Gaskins, better known as Woody, 76, husband of Ruth Ellen Mears Gaskins and a resident of Melfa, passed away Friday, Dec. 1, 2017, at his residence. A native of Chincoteague, he was the son of the late C. Woodrow Gaskins and the late Louise Bowden Gaskins. He was retired from Floyd Energy, a member of Hollies Baptist Church where he served as deacon, volunteer at Riverside Shore Cancer Center and world traveler. Mr. Gaskins was truly a Christian and has gone to heaven.

In addition to his loving wife, he is survived by two children, Woody C. Gaskins Jr. and his wife, Carol, of Machipongo, and Deborah G. Patterson and her husband, Jim, of Melfa; a sister, Karen Quillen, of Chincoteague; and five grandchildren, Kelsey Gaskins, Jesse Gardner, Hunter Gaskins, Brandon Patterson and Kyle Patterson.

A memorial service was conducted Monday, Dec. 4, 2017, at Hollies Baptist Church with Rev. Robert Smoot and Pastor David Riley officiating. Memorials may be made to Hollies Baptist Church, P.O. Box 7, Keller, VA 23401 or Riverside Shore Cancer Center, P.O. Box 430, Onancock, VA 23417.

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

Arrangements were made by the Doughty Funeral Home in Exmore.

Ruth Williams Lewis

Mrs. Ruth Williams Lewis, 96, wife of the late Donald Edward Lewis and a resident of Cape Charles, passed away Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2017, at her home. A native of Eastville, she was the daughter of the late Leslie Williams and the late Hattie Hinman Williams. She was a member of the Holmes Presbyterian Church in Cape Charles.

She is survived by a daughter, Shirley P. Wilson and her husband, John, of Hillsboro, Tenn.; a son, Donald E. Lewis Jr. and his wife, Sheryll, of Port St. Lucie, Fla.; two sisters, Dorothy Marie McCa- hon, of Cape Charles, and Barbara Reynolds and her husband, Louis, of Atlantic. She was predeceased by a daughter, Linda Lewis, and a son, Gary A. Lewis.

A graveside service was conducted Thursday, Nov. 30, 2017, at Cape Charles Cemetery with Miss Charlotte Elia officiating. Memorials may be made to Riverside Shore Hospice, P.O. Box 615, Onley, VA 23418 or Riverside Shore Cancer Center, P.O. Box 430, Onancock, VA 23417.

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

Arrangements were made by Wilkins-Doughty Funeral Home in Cape Charles.
Hallwood Pieces Together Official Records and Past Accounts

By Linda Cicoira

Things are calming down in Hallwood, officials said Monday night and efforts to piece together town spending are continuing following a fire that destroyed all of the municipality’s records in October.

Still, Mayor Jackie Poulson reported his tires were slashed less than a month ago while the vehicle sat in front of his home. He believes the culprit is somehow connected to the recent town investigation regarding documents that burned in a blaze in the former town clerk’s car just before the deadline for a long overdue audit.

Since he has no proof, he would not identify who he suspects of vandalizing his property. Poulson paid $428 to replace the two tires. Now he has cameras up at his house. “I guess it’s a little too late,” he said just before a town council meeting began.

Last month Poulson said more than $32,000 was overpaid from town coffers to Angela Taylor, the clerk, for her salary or to pay the electric bill for her home and at her husband’s auto business. She got about $21,000 more than she should have for income, he said Monday. He plans to file a form that will ask the electric company to disclose what meters were connected to the town bill.

“We went back through the records,” said Poulson. “We think that it started 2012, when Tim (Raynor) was here, that Angel was taking the money. That’s what we’ve come up with so far.”

Raynor, the former mayor, was in the audience. He said two mayors before him thought Taylor was trustworthy so he signed blank checks for her to pay the bills. “No indication until recently that anything was going on,” Raynor said. “Obviously, she didn’t bring it to anyone’s attention.”

“We’re not in the criminal justice system,” said Shrieves. “We are not cops” or “investigators.” He said the state police, which is handling the probe, has “received the same information we have from the banks.” The authorities will have to ask her why she paid herself more money than she was due. “She would be allowed to defend herself,” he said. Thus far, Taylor has declined to comment.

Poulson said if the electric company reimburses the town, it will likely try to get back the funds elsewhere.

Former Councilwoman Betty McConnnell wanted to know what happened to the $1,000 Parksley paid in February 2014 for Hallwood’s squad car.

Last month, Poulson suggested his sister, Barbara Ferriell, was no longer interested in serving on the town council. She showed up to the December session and said it was difficult for her to get there on Mondays and asked for the meetings to be held on Tuesdays. She was still interested in serving. “I didn’t quit,” she added.

Poulson asked for a vote and all but Councilman Richard Selinsky favored her return. Selinsky wanted to know what happened to the $1,000 Parksley paid in February 2014 for Hallwood’s squad car.

Three months of overdue bills totaling nearly $7,300 was paid for Davis Disposal for trash collection. A monthly electric bill for street lights and the town office was also paid for about $680, less than half what the fee was in previous months. In addition, $540 for the town’s new sign, $350 for Shrieves’ monthly salary, and an insurance bill were paid and revenue in the form of taxes had been collected giving a balance of $8,419.93, records showed.

Shrieves said a new lock was put on the town hall door and three more years of canceled checks were obtained from the bank. The council also voted to buy a fireproof filing cabinet. Shrieves said he would prepare a proposed budget based on what expenses he could get together. Ferriell had copies of previous budgets and had a notebook full of notes she’d kept over the years. She offered Shrieves the budget documents but he said unless she had a 2018 budget in there he wasn’t interested.

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Commission Responds to Plan Criticism

By Stefanie Jackson

Northampton’s planning commission recently released a written response to criticisms of the county’s comprehensive plan, many of which were made by Cape Charles business owner Andrew Follmer in an article published in the Nov. 2017 edition of ShoreLine, the newsletter of non-profit Citizens for a Better Eastern Shore.

The comprehensive plan includes data on poverty rates from two sources, Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates, and the American Community Survey. SAIPE figures suggest the poverty rate has fluctuated little over the past six to eight years, while ACS figures suggest poverty has increased during the same period. Follmer de-emphasizes ACS data, citing the U.S. Census Bureau’s recommendation to defer to SAIPE data on poverty for populations below 65,000.

The planning commission explained its reasons for including ACS data in the comprehensive plan. Many local, state, and federal agencies, such as the Department of Housing and Urban Affairs, use ACS data on income and poverty. Real estate and trade association websites, which provide potential homeowners and new businesses information on area income and poverty, also use ACS data.

“The American Community Survey, which is issued annually, is based upon input from 3 million surveys, which is 1 percent of the population,” the planning commission stated. SAIPE is “based on a sample of less than .02 percent of the population.”

Follmer stated the comprehensive plan uses census bureau data to falsely “claim a 33 percent rise in poverty since 2009.” Page 4 of the comprehensive plan states, “the poverty rate increased 33 percent,” but this occurred “between 2007 and 2013,” not since 2009. ACS data is used to support the claim.

The planning commission acknowledged the accuracy of Follmer’s analysis that a population increase of 75 between 2014 and 2016 means the county “regained a quarter of the residents lost during the hardship years between 2010 and 2014,” but noted that it’s “normal for populations to fluctuate over short periods of time, and so the issue is what is an appropriate period to determine a trend.” Between 2010 and 2016, there was a net loss of 250 residents, an overall population drop of two percent, the commission stated. More older people are migrating to the county, and younger people are leaving, creating “implications in terms of the county’s ability to create and maintain a critical mass of skilled workers to attract new businesses.”

“Some commentators have cited the number of business startups as encouraging,” the statement continued. “However, the figures of startups fail to include the number of businesses which have closed.”

Tourism is not emphasized as a growth industry in the plan because the planning commission questions “whether the methodology used by the Virginia Tourism Commission reflects the true economic impact of tourism, and particularly the failure to distinguish visitor spending from resident spending in regard to such categories as groceries, gas, and restaurants.” The statement noted that analysts Dean Bellas and Terry Clower, in their study, “Socio-Economic Impacts of Conserved Land on Virginia’s Eastern Shore,” also “discounted certain categories the VTC attributed to tourism spending” for similar reasons.

Citizens and stakeholders have stressed the draft comprehensive plan is too negative, but the planning commission suggests a realistic presentation of the county’s economic struggles will benefit it in the long run – “an overly optimistic presentation of conditions in the area are often interpreted as an area’s unwillingness to acknowledge and address its issues, and serve as a reason for eliminating the area from consideration” by potential new businesses.

To the accusation that the comprehensive plan uses “outdated data,” the commission said, “2014 was selected as the base year” for data comparison, because it is the year “for which the most recent data is available for a number of subjects,” pointing out, for example, “You cannot compare rent costs for 2014 with income for 2017.”

Many have also criticized the planning commission for not hiring a professional consultant to work on the draft. The board of supervisors “declined to provide any funding to support the review of the comprehensive plan” or to purchase any data analysis software or subscription, the commission said in its written explanation.

The commission emphasized the September stakeholders meeting was “the beginning of the review process, not the end.” Written comments on the plan are still being accepted, and after a public hearing, there will be a second review of comments before the final draft of the plan is prepared.
be known to him. I was specifically told to play along and pretend I still loved him.”

Bundick said the last time she had contact with Smith was Dec. 2, 2013, about four years ago. That was the day she was indicted by an Accomack grand jury on 62 counts of setting fires including one at a local church. She was whisked away from the clerk of court’s office in handcuffs after turning herself in. Michael Allen, the bail bondsman who put up about $30,000 for her temporary release, was with her.

Bundick was taken to the Eastern Shore Regional Jail (ESRJ) in Eastville. Smith continued to be held in Accomack Jail.

In 2015, Bundick was sentenced to 17.5 years in prison for 65 counts of deliberately setting fire to structures and conspiracy in connection with the incidents that began in October 2012. She is scheduled to be released on Sept. 13, 2028, and plans to return to the Eastern Shore.

Smith, also known as Charlie Applegate, 42, is in Greensville Correctional Center in Jarrett, Va. He, too, agreed to answer questions from the Post through the mail. His responses were received shortly before press time Thursday and will be featured in a future edition of the Post. Smith is scheduled to be released on Jan. 9, 2026, two years and eight months before Bundick.

The former volunteer fire department captain pleaded guilty to setting 67 buildings ablaze and a count of conspiring with Bundick to set the last fire on Airport Drive in Melfa. The remains of the crime can still be seen today.

Officers watched him ignite a bungalow after Bundick dropped him off along the road. She returned and he ran for the vehicle, according to testimony at a trial. The couple was arrested about a mile away.

Nearly 80 arsons were reported in Accomack in 144 days. There was hardly a conversation on the Shore, at that time, that didn’t include the fires. At night, residents would stay glued to their scanners, waiting for the next blaze to be reported. Some were terrified their homes would be next. By the time Bundick and Smith were detained, local residents were suspicious of everyone and everyone. Volunteer firefighters, police and others became exhausted from the nightly ritual.

Smith pleaded guilty to 68 charges and confessed he burned buildings to please Bundick so she would stay with him despite that he was impotent. He said the fires improved her bad moods but did not change his sexual capability. He claimed Bundick set the first fires and chose the targets when he took over.

Accomack Sheriff Todd Godwin and Special Agent Robert F. Barnes Jr. of the state police interrogated Smith. In recordings, Smith told them the spree started with revenge graffiti that he and Bundick spray-painted across roads, signs and buildings in the area. Those scrawls escalated to the fires.

“I don’t know why people have to paint over it,” Smith said, referring to graffiti that covered every available spot from the Maryland border to Northampton in the summer of 2012. “I just used some cheap paint … it was spray paint but it costs like 80 cents … you can take a scrub brush and soap and water and it comes right off.”

The graffiti described Jay Floyd, of the Parkside area, as a “narc,” and was done because Floyd and his girlfriend, Danielle, “were constantly talking … behind my back,” said Smith, “putting me down and telling how no count I was” to Bundick. “Ironically, they’re the ones who set me up with her,” he said.

Bundick and Smith were never charged with any crimes related to the graffiti, and she denies any involvement.

“I considered them friends,” Bundick said of Floyd and Danielle. “She (was) my best. All was fine with that friendship until Charles Smith. He didn’t like the closeness I had with them, especially Danielle. There were several incidents where he felt insecure. I think C. Smith acted with someone or participated or even did it solo. … He could be very vindictive.”

Bundick said Smith burned some places for revenge. She used Mallards, a former restaurant, as an example. Smith admitted he torched it because the owner owed his mom money.

Chief Jeff Beall, of the Tasley Volunteer Fire Department where Smith was once a member, accused Smith of being (the) arsonist long before he was arrested, Bundick said. “Charlie was visibly upset when he came home and told me about this … later he told me he scratched up Beall’s truck while it was parked at his house to deflect Beall’s focus.” She said the note about it he passed to her at Accomack Jail never made it into evidence.

The Post called Beall this week about the incident. He remembered when his truck was damaged. “I was taking my son to school that morning … He said, ‘look at this’. It still had the little curls” where the paint was scratched. After taking his kid to Nandua, “I drove straight to the sheriff’s office. … The deputy came out and looked at it and said, ‘This is a felony because it looks like it’s at least $1,000 worth of damage.”

“I think it was in the beginning of it,” he said regarding his truck and the arsons. “I don’t think I ever accused anyone. … He was so chemically unstable. … We know the true Charlie now. I don’t put much stock in what she (Bundick) says. Just the sheriff’s office and me knew about it. That’s the first I heard about it since 2012. Charlie called me a day or two after that. I had very limited contact with him.”

He said, Smith, who owned an auto body shop told him, “I heard your truck was scratched up, you want me to fix it?” Beall eventually took it somewhere else. He didn’t remember why he didn’t go to Smith. Beall never got a written estimate for the damage and never fixed it. He said the truck was eventually traded for another vehicle. Smith had become “distant” at that time. Smith had mental issues and Bundick took advantage of him, Beall said. “Everyone that met him said, ‘move away from her.’ … Charlie used to borrow money … every other month. … Ninety percent of the time he paid me back.”

Beall said he had no idea Smith vandalized his truck. “I had no clue. He was more even demoted than we even thought. It would behoove Charlie never to approach me” when he gets released. “That’s all I’ll say.”

Smith admitted “he went around scratching up people’s vehicles; some clients who ended up bringing their (vehicles) to him to repair,” Bundick said. A note passed from Smith at Accomack Jail included this information but was never mentioned or pursued, she added.

While Bundick was out on bond, she said she had a “sexual relationship” with Allen, and Godwin “used that to break C. Smith down. My family was very concerned about that relationship,” she said. “I was in a very vulnerable state of mind at this time.”

As a condition of her bond, she needed a phone number “for check-in purposes,” Bundick wrote. “Allen took a real special

Graffiti Charlie Smith attributed to himself and Tonya Bundick.
interest in my case. The first night out on bond, Allen was texting me at midnight. This was a common occurrence. He would show up at my family’s house, where I was staying, at all hours. I spent nights at his house. He said it was okay because I was with him. We went to hotels on Chincoteague. He would pay cash to the owner of the old beach road hotel for a quiet cozy room.” Bundick said she has a card “full of text messages from him. He had me at his office all hours of the night. Todd Godwin became aware of this relationship and used it to get Charles Smith to implicate me even further. The last day I was out on bond … Smith speaks on it during our last phone conversation plus Godwin personally told me, ‘I’ve got you now.’ I will never forget the look on his face.” She said Godwin “had a case he couldn’t solve so he stooped to lower levels … Michael Allen even visited me at ESRJ.”

Northampton Sheriff David Doughty confirmed records show Allen visited Bundick one time while she was at ESRJ.

Michael Allen denied the two had an affair. “Absolutely not true, heh, that’s not quite true, heh, that’s not true at all.” He was busy with a client and said he would call a reporter back. Allen never did.

In the recently published book about the arsons, “American Fire: Love, Arson and Life in a Vanishing Land,” author Monica Hesse describes another book that was sold online and “printed by one of those companies that will print any book whose author is willing to pay for the copies. The title was ‘Burned,’ and it was about a woman named Sonya Booneswick who lived in Accolade County and was framed for a bunch of arsons that her boyfriend Harley committed. The author went by the pseudonym Z. Jasmine Belford and claimed to have the unique ability to see the story from inside the heart and mind of Sonya. The story, which is told in the first person, opens with the couple’s arrest, and follows Sonya as she is pitted against a system that is out to get her; the sheriff, the police, the media, the commonwealth’s attorney, her own attorneys.

“She begins an affair with her bail bondsman, she begins an affair with another man, and all throughout, she tests her innocence sometimes in verse.”

Hesse believed the online author to be Bundick or someone close to her because of details she had heard only from Smith. In response to a question from the Eastern Shore Post, Bundick denied having ever written her own account.

Doughty said there were not records of Hesse visiting Bundick at the ESRJ.

“It seems like she doesn’t like me too well,” Godwin said Monday of Bundick. “It seems like because we got her for setting … fires … or because she got 17 ½ years, she doesn’t like me.” He said he knew nothing about Allen. “We interviewed Charles Smith the day we got him.”

An extensive interrogation with audio and video showed Smith talking to Godwin and Barnes on the night of the arrest and into the morning. It was released to the press after it was introduced as evidence at Smith’s trial.

“The night of our arrest, Smith was kept out in the company of Godwin and others for many, many hours past even the interview that was recorded, before he was ever booked into the jail,” Bundick said. “Then once he was brought to the jail, he was allowed to come and speak to me.”

Bundick said she knew both Commonwealth’s Attorney Gary Agar and Judge Glen Tyler before the charges were brought. “I saw him, Agar, out at several places Charles Smith and I frequented. He would come out to Shuckers sometimes with his son for dinner (and) often times alone. Actually, half of the commonwealth (attorney’s) office was a familiar face at Shuckers. Smith … and Agar … were always kind of chummy, even through the negotiations, trials, etc. Agar was much more favorable towards” Smith. “Even my lawyer commented on it,” she wrote. This, despite Smith was previously convicted of known drug abuser.

“Gary Agar went to the extremes and did everything possible to turn the wheels in his favor,” Bundick said. “I also had requested to take lie detector tests numerous times while at Accomack … and ESRJ and was denied.” Godwin said he knew nothing about requests for lie detector tests.

Judge Glen Tyler, who handed out the sentences for Bundick and Smith, was also known to her. “I served him wine before at dinner parties,” she said.

Bundick longs for the Eastern Shore.

“I miss what the Shore represents to me, my family,” Bundick said. “And yes, I will return there to live. I will not allow these past events to run me from my home. I have a strong base of folks who have believed in me and my innocence and supported me from the start. You can’t take home out of the heart.”

And she has a man waiting for her on the Shore — Rev. Frank Dickerson, who was known as her spiritual advisor at her trial, and who testified on her behalf. “She’s not that kind of a person,” he said. “It’s not in her nature” to commit arson.

“Frank and I didn’t just meet through this legal situation,” Bundick wrote. “We have known each other since I was 18 years old. Rare as it seems this situation just reconnected us. We have a strong relationship, which is probably stronger than some who are married or live together. We speak on the phone daily, email and write. He is my biggest supporter and I, his.” Bundick is not allowed conjugal visits, she said.

So how does Bundick feel about Smith getting out of prison first? “It doesn’t really play a factor in my life,” she said. “No matter when he is released, he will always remain in captivity. A prisoner in his mind because as numerous evidence showed, his fear of being alone, his insecurities, his jealousy ensures he will remain a prisoner.”

“I didn’t act, partake or commit either of the arsons and will stand true to that ‘till the day I die,” she wrote. Bundick agreed in advance to the interview. Then questions were mailed to her and she answered those and added a few of her own.

She said she maintains “a very close relationship” with her children, staying in touch through letters, visits and weekly phone calls.

Look for Part 2 in next week’s Eastern Shore Post about her lawyers. Part 3 will discuss her feeling about the book released earlier this year about the arsons, “American Fire: Love, Arson, and Life in a Vanishing Land,” and more.
Former Accomack Jail Inmates File Complaints About Conditions

By Linda Cicoira

Three former Accomack Jail inmates filed complaints in U.S. District Court recently alleging unconstitutional conditions at the facility and a fourth former notorious detainee said leaving there for the Eastern Shore Regional Jail “was a breath of fresh air, literally.”

“My job isn’t to make this a happy place for people,” Sheriff Todd Godwin, the top administrator at the jail, said Tuesday. “If it wasn’t sufficient for the Department of Corrections, they would shut it down.”

Godwin praised the jail’s condition. “I do not think we need a new jail. This jail will last for many years to come. We don’t need air conditioning. I’m not going to put air-conditioning in this jail. It’s not going to happen. If our deputies can work in this building, I think our inmates can stay in here. It’s not a Holiday Inn.”

Accomack Jail has not been inspected since September 2015, according to the latest report Godwin provided to the Eastern Shore Post. A Department of Corrections employee said there were inspections after that. She referred a reporter to another worker who did not return the phone call by press time Thursday.

“ESRJ is run very professionally, which is more than I can say about Accomack,” the notorious convicted arsonist, Tonya Bundick, who is now serving the rest of her 17½-year sentence at Fluvanna Correction Center in Troy, Va., wrote in a recent interview with the Eastern Shore Post.

“Like the time I was transported to court and one of the officers left the cuffs so loose I could come out of them and did to their dismay,” she said. That officer is no longer working for the Accomack County Sheriff’s Office. Or how the correctional officers have inappropriate sexual contact with detainees. They brush that under the rug and cover it up. Or how male officers come into the women’s block while they are using the bathroom and in (the) shower. Women naked and in various forms of undress. Or how officers will bring items in for inmates. Or how you can have library time with an officer (where) there were no cameras during my incarceration,” she wrote. At the Eastville facility, “David Doughty runs a tight ship,” she said. “Todd Godwin could take lessons from him.”

Regarding the cuffs, Godwin said, “It was never brought to my attention so how do we know that happened? I don’t run this jail like a country club.” He said, “There are no cameras because it is an attorney’s room when the regular room is occupied.” He denied the other allegations. “She’s crazy,” he said.

In court records in late September, Riley Fuller of Stockton, Md., a former inmate, stated he was made to sleep on the floor with leaking toilets, there was no investigation for the $200 of his commissary that was stolen, there was no medical staff on weekends or evenings, he received incorrect medicine, there were periods of more than an hour with no security checks, no-contact inmates were placed together causing altercations, there was price gouging for medical supplies and medicine, overcrowding, unsanitary cell blocks with peeling paint that were unclean and no “help button” or intercom system to get help except to wait.

Fuller asked the court to award him $54,000 or $200 per day. “Want this jail to meet minimum standards or be rebuilt,” he wrote. In addition to Godwin, he named Sgt. Donny Williams, a correctional officer.

Sgt. Veronica Simpkins, who works at the jail, said whenever there is a problem with toilets overflowing, due to all the things the inmates will flush, it gets cleaned up right away. She agreed with Godwin that the inmates tend to complain about everything. Godwin said a special filter had to be put on the sewage system to catch the bags and other large items that wind up getting flushed.

Steven K. Morton, of California, was released from Accomack Jail in September. He also filed a complaint with the U.S. court. Morton cited cruel/unusual punishment, overcrowding, no air-conditioning, inmates sleeping on the floor with raw sewage leaking from toilets, using towels to hold water/sewage back, 10 days without a functional shower, no medical staff on weekends or nights, unqualified correctional staff distributing medications forced to provide medical...
advice, dates and times of medications mixed up, denied access to federal regulations for jails and legal copies, no variety for food (sandwiches twice a day), special diets lack nutrition, female correctional offices not announcing their presence, cameras pointed at commodes and three weeks without care after asking for a psychologist three times.

Morton said the toilets leaked from July 13 to Sept. 12, when he filed the court complaint. He asked for $35,000 or $500 a day. “I also believe others that stayed in G-Block should be compensated. I will request they send in complaints, but thus far they are scared of repercussions.”

“People care more about air-conditioning at the animal control facility than they do at the jail,” Godwin said of his constituents. “The animal shelter will have it this spring. When it gets really hot we provide them (prisoners) with ice water all day long.”

The fans in the jail lower the temperature and make it comfortable, Simpkins said.

“We grew up without air-conditioning,” said Godwin. “Thank God for box window fans.”

“They do sleep on the floor,” the sheriff said. “We’re rated for 96 ... and have 96 beds ... If we have 97 inmates, somebody is sleeping on the floor.” Godwin said the average population is between 105 and 110 inmates.

“We have an RN (registered nurse) and a paramedic,” the sheriff continued. “They are on call at night and weekends. A doctor is on contract. Medical — that’s our biggest liability,” he said. “We’re going to err on the side of caution. If there’s any doubt in reference to a medical condition, we will call an ambulance and take them to the hospital.”

“All of our meals are approved by a dietitian,” Godwin said. “I’m not fixing them filet mignon. We don’t serve them top shelf stuff. If they want Ruth’s Chris, McDonald’s, don’t come to Accomack Jail. Nothing is ‘a la carte’ here.”

Godwin also said cameras are pointed at cell blocks and he showed pictures on a computer screen.

Another former inmate, Lewis Eric Owens, is serving his time at Greensville Correctional Center in Jarratt, Va. He told the court he was forced to live “in inhumane conditions, which are illegal and compromise my health and safety, which has been harmed by exposure to mold, exposed sewer pipes and sleeping on floors next to inmates with Hepatitis C. I have incurred a moderate degree of blindness due to outdoor flood lights placed in front of my cell door. I am housed behind bars, my door is bars and living area is bars and only 25 feet of living space for 15 inmates. I am only allowed one hour of recreation per week. I have had several skin infections and a tumor removed from my back, possibly from not being able to move around adequately or exercise. The toilets and sinks and showers ... are painted over to hide mold ... My 8th amendment and right to be free from cruel and unusual punishment have been violated. Also, my first amendment freedom of religion because the jail also will not provide me with an adequate kosher diet since I converted to the Christian Identity religion.”

He asked for the jail to be condemned. Owens also wrote to the clerk of the federal court in February 2017 asking if the complaint could be filed as a class action.

Other inmates signed the letter and include former inmate Brezaun Douglass, inmate Lamond Perry and Rondell Williams, who is serving time at Greensville.

Because Owens did not notify the court when he was transferred, his case was dismissed without prejudice. His request for a class action suit was “denied as moot.”

Another case filed by Marcus Giddings was dismissed earlier this year because he was moved to Coffeewood Correctional Center and did not notify the court.

Giddings also complained of cruel and unusual punishment. He said he was behind bars 24 hours a day and was deprived of sunlight for two months.

Carver “Cigar” Daisey Remembered

By Linda Cicoira

The late Delbert Lee “Cigar” Daisey, an award-winning and nationally recognized decoy carver, was recognized with a memorial plaque presented last week to the Museum of Chincoteague Island by the Chincoteague Decoy Carvers and Artists Association.

Daisey’s waterfowl work has appeared in the Smithsonian, Ward Museum of Waterfowl Art, Chincoteague Refuge Waterfowl Museum, the Chincoteague Museum and National Geographic.

Chincoteague Mayor Arthur Leonard and Carroll Lee Marshall, also local carvers, presented the plaque to museum Executive Director Maria Grenchik. Several exhibits highlighting the work and life of Cigar Daisey have been offered at the museum. Daisey died earlier this year. He was a staple of the island decoy carving community. His carving, storytelling and friendship lives on.

In March, the museum will open the restored Miles Hancock workshop, which will become a place for local carvers to demonstrate their skills to museum visitors. A permanent display will illustrate the lives of Hancock, Daisey and others.
Story and Photos by Krystle Bono

The Chincoteague Ponies topped Hol-ly Grove last Friday in Westover, 63-55.

Voshawn Davis led the pack, netting 19 points, trailed by Drevon Johnson with 13, Keevin Collins with 11, and Nick McJilton hooped eight points in the win.

Johnson grabbed the most rebounds for the Ponies with 11. Davis threw the most assists with 10 and Collins stole the team-high with four.

The Ponies fell in a close 48-47 home court battle Monday night against Salisbury Christian.

Collins posted 18 points in Chincoteague's effort. Johnson netted 12 points and Davis tossed six. Johnson also led his varsity club in rebounds again with 14.

The Northampton Yellow Jackets suffered a 94-47 loss to Northumber-land last Friday in Eastville.

Sheldon Payne led the Jackets, putting up 19 points with eight rebounds, two assists and one steal.

Devin Hill followed Payne's lead with 11 points and Vonte Coston potted six. Tamaze Brisco stole the team-high with four and rebounded five.

Northampton earned a loss on Monday night against the Norfolk Christian Ambassadors in their second home contest of the season, 103-80.

Brisco led the score count for the Yellow Jackets, throwing 23. He also grabbed the most rebounds and assists for Northampt-on, with 15 and six, respectively.

Coston netted 21 points and Payne totaled 13. Jayden Bumbry had the most steals with two.

The Nandua Warriors boys var-sity team dropped a 82-53 away con-test to Norfolk Christian, Nov. 30.

Scoring leaders were Tremere Summerville with 12, Jaylen Smith and Ryshawn Johnson each put up nine, Connor McIntyre threw seven and Jaden Davis netted six points.

Smith led the team in rebounds with eight; he also led the steal count with three and tallied seven assists. Cade McGregor followed his lead, grabbing four rebounds with one assist.

The boys went on to face Middlesex in Onley last Friday night, and suffered a hard-fought 55-50 deficit to the Chargers.

Smith led the Warriors on the score-board with 16 and in steals with three; Summerville followed his lead with 16 points and McIntyre with nine.

Davis grabbed the most rebounds with six; McIntyre rebounded four.

Nandua suffered a loss to Lafayette Monday night in Onley, 75-27.

Johnson led the point count against the Rams with 11. Smith and McGregor posted six apiece.

McIntyre tallied the most rebounds with five; Smith and Chris Locklear threw the team-high in assists with two, each, and Johnson and Cha'Corey Wise each stole one.

The Broadwater Vikings met the Arcadia Firebirds in Oak Hall Tuesday night for an electrifying rivalry that would end up having to be settled in overtime.

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Despite the back-and-forth tipping of the board, the Vikings would just inch by in the last seconds of OT with a shot from Nathan Crumb, to make it a 72-70 win for Broadwater.

Leading the Firebirds were Aronte Dickerson with 20 points. William Scarborough threw 15 points, Kamron Downing and Lethan Williams netted 10 points each, and Jayquan Dorsey tossed eight.

The Nandua Warriors girls varsity team dropped their away matchup against Norfolk Christian Nov. 30, 37-16. They hit the road again on Monday to face Middlesex, where the girls brought home a 55-23 loss to the Chargers.

Northampton also dropped a pair of games this week during their two road games. The Lady Jackets fell to Northumberland, 54-50, last Friday, and then to the Norfolk Christian Ambassadors on Monday by a 42-39 count.

The Chincoteague Ponies girls club fell just short to Salisbury Christian, 30-29, in an out of town contest.

Tuesday night in Oak Hall, the Arcadia Firebirds edged out the Broadwater Lady Vikings, 38-32.
Northampton Wrestling Tops Cape Henry in Cape Henry Duels

By Krystle Bono

The Northampton Yellow Jackets traveled to Cape Henry Collegiate, Dec. 2, to participate in the Cape Henry Duels. The Yellow Jackets defeated their host, 57-24. Individually, Northampton’s Masen Ingram, Josh Splawn and Jose Terron would earn forfeits in the 220, 285 and 106 weight classes, respectively.

Cape Henry’s Taz Thompson would take a forfeit over the Yellow Jackets in the 113 weight class.

Myles Lewis pinned his opponent, Mason Enhrenzeller, in the 120-pound battle with a fall time of 1:26.

Yellow Jacket Brandon Odom fell to Cape Henry’s Tucker Bruner in the 126 class in 48 seconds.

Cape Henry’s Aedan Somers topped Northampton’s 132 Devon Johnson by fall of 1:35.

Yellow Jacket Trenton Johnson fell to Cape Henry’s 138 Michael White by fall of 57 seconds.

Northampton’s Logan Farlow claimed the 145 match by pin over Samuel Goshgarian with a fall time of 1:07.

Sean Marsh of Northampton grabbed a win over Colin Sharp by a 11-6 decision in the 152 weight class.

The Yellow Jackets’ 160-pound grappler Gary Peart III came out on top over Flynn Somers by fall of 1:29.

Northampton’s Aiden McNeal pinned Gianni Bezada-Schenone in 39 seconds during the 170 battle.

The 182-pound match went to Yellow Jacket Jaquan Johnson over Cape Henry’s Jackson Kassir by fall of 3:54.

Durell Robinson of Northampton claimed the win over Joe Dail by a fall time of 5:18.

The Yellow Jackets are back in action as they host the Arcadia, Nandua, Mathews, Nansmond River and Maggie L. Walker in the Jacket Invitational on Saturday, Dec. 9, in Eastville, beginning at 10 a.m.

Looking Ahead

Saturday, Dec. 9 –
10 a.m.: Jacket Invitational @ Northampton High School
(Northampton, Nandua, Arcadia, Mathews, Nansmond River, Maggie L. Walker)

Wednesday, Dec. 13 –
5:30 p.m.: Nandua Tri @ Nandua High School
(Nandua, Northampton, Arcadia, Woodbridge)

Friday, Dec. 15 –
4 p.m.: Nandua, Arcadia @ Parkside Holiday Tournament

Saturday, Dec. 16 –
*Nandua, Arcadia @ Parkside Holiday Tournament
*Northampton @ Lancaster Duels

Monday, Dec. 18 –
*Mathews Duel @ Northampton High School
(Mathews, Northampton)

Thursday, Dec. 28 –
8 a.m.: Colon E. Baker Elite Classic @ Great Bridge High School
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Wednesday, Jan. 3 –
*Nandua @ Maggie L. Walker Governor’s

Saturday, Jan. 6 –
*Northampton @ Mathews Invitational
*Nandua @ John A. Holmes High School
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ACPR Youth Basketball and Cheerleader Sign-Ups

Accomack County Parks and Recreation’s youth basketball and cheerleaders sign-up and practice will be held Saturday, Dec. 9, at Arcadia High School. Youth basketball participants ages 5-8 will meet 9 – 10:30 a.m., ages 9-12 from 10:30 a.m. – noon and ages 13-15 noon to 1:30 p.m. Registration is $35 per child if paid by Dec. 23, after that date, the fee is $40.

Cheerleaders registration fee is $45 for youth ages 5-13, and will meet 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

For more information, call 787-3900, 824-0314, 710-1947 or 678-2137.

ACPR Annual Toy and Coat Drive

Accomack Parks and Recreation, WESR, Saxis and Parksley Fire Department are collecting new bicycles and slightly new or used coats for their annual drive. These items will be donated to youth of Accomack and Northampton Counties. Applications for bicycles must be submitted by Dec. 12. Applications are available at the Parks & Rec office and on the county’s website. Bicycles will be distributed on Dec. 16.

Drop off locations are WESR, Giddens Do-Drop Inn and the Parks and Recreation’s office. Special thanks is extended to Sheila Mapp and the Family Career/Community Leaders of America of Nandua High School and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority INC. Beta Alpha PI Zeta Chapter for their participation in the bike, toy and coat drive.

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By Michael Garbacz

Game 1: Charles E. Morgan Termite and Pest Control Penguins 2, Grounds Keepers Lawn Care Capitals 3

On a beauty of an afternoon for December, the Pens and Caps kicked things off with an exciting, tight matchup. Edging the Pens in shots 22-19, the Caps managed to do a great job of containing the General, holding him to three shots and forcing his team to look elsewhere for scoring. That effort really paid off in the third, as they thoroughly controlled the ball and forced the General to keep his teammates fresh, exhaust his opponents, and help his goalie, Justin Wheeler, hand out a goose egg. For his efforts, El Presidenté allowed himself a tidy hat trick; Guy Shover scored twice, and Michael Vargas netted the other Wings goal. The Huntsman, meanwhile, contented himself with a pair of helpers.

Game 2: EZ Loan Bruins 0, Delmarva Soil and Concrete Red Wings 6

Taking a completely opposite tack from the first game of the day, the Wings/Bs tilt had all the makings of a perfect storm. Facing a short bench, missing the Smooth Criminal in particular, and with their backup goalie in the net, the Bruins found themselves on the wrong end of the triumphant return of El Presidenté, Randy Stapleton. He danced, he dangled, I swear he was eating a sandwich at some point out there while confounding the Blues. He played keep-away long enough to keep his teammates fresh, exhaust his opponents, and help his goalie, Justin Wheeler, hand out a goose egg. For his efforts, El Presidenté allowed himself a tidy hat trick; Guy Shover scored twice, and Michael Vargas netted the other Wings goal. The Huntsman, meanwhile, contented himself with a pair of helpers.

Game 3: Grounds Keepers Lawn Care Capitals 3, Blues 5

In a stunning upset, the suddenly-hot Blues hustled out a win against the mighty Pat Trick and company. Coming out firing, the Blues scored three quick goals in the first period and dominated possession. But the Caps fought back, slowly but steadily tilting the court back their way as the game wore on. It was not to be, however, even as Robby Parker solved the Parksley Original for a hat trick. Michael Garbacz put home the game winner plus one more for insurance in the second period, and that was that. Scott Millikin scored twice and produced a helper for the Blues; Jenny Rice had one of each. For the Caps, the Pat Trick and Keith Hagler each picked up an assist.

Game 4: Delmarva Soil and Concrete Red Wings 4, Charles E. Morgan Termite and Pest Control Penguins 1

El Presidenté, still hungry for some danglin’ and scorin’ action, came back for a second helping against General Mills’ Penguins. Although Pens’ goalie Ray Johnson managed to deny Stapleton another hatty, El’s Matrix-like ability to alter the flow of the game at will allowed his teammates to pick up where he left off. The Pens played a staid, competent containment game, but could not withstand the suddenly terrifying offensive depth of the Wings. The General spoiled Justin Wheeler’s second shutout bid of the day, giving them something to build upon.

El Presidenté scored two goals; Guy Shover scored a goal and an assist; the Huntsman tickled the twine for the Red Wings.

Game 5: Blues 7, EZ Loan Bruins 3

Riding high after having knocked off the Caps in their first game, the Blues were feeling none too generous against the shorthanded Bs. Right from the outset, the Blues went wild after the ball, using their complement of hustle and skill to disrupt and frustrate the opposition. Interestingly, all of the game’s ten goals came from the sticks of just three players, as Tayler Parks of the Bruins tricked the Parksley Original, while Scott Millikin matched that and Danny Miller raised him another, plus one to grow on. CJ Jones rang up two assists for the Bs; Brad Ford and Chris Potter each had one. For the Blues, Trae Merritt chipped in three helpers; Paul Thornes had a pair; Jenny Rice and Michael Garbacz each produced one.

ESSHL action returns Sunday, Dec. 17, at 1 p.m., at Stapleton Rink in Parksley.
Fishing from the Shore
By Bill Hall

Lower Shore – It took a 50-0 cow to take first place in the 22th Annual Kiptopeke Rockfish Riot tournament held last weekend and based at Chris’ Bait & Tackle.

Chip Johnson brought the huge catch to the scales which measured 52 inches in length! Second place went to Bill Dougherty and Clinton Lessard of Team Village Builders on the Bay with a fish weighing 48-0. Third place went to Mile Breedlove and Randy Owens for a fish weighing 46-8. The tournament raised more than $2,000 for the Eastern Shore Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Chris Snook said that a few larger fish have moved into the waters off Cape Charles. Most of the fish during the tournament came from the area between buoys #42 and 54, with a few as far north as buoy #60. She also said that a few puppy drum were caught inside some of the southern most barrier islands.

Some of the most exciting angling news of recent has been the arrival of giant bluefin tuna just a few miles off the tip of the Eastern Shore. The 300-500 pound class fish have been hanging around some schools of menhaden which have been approximately six miles offshore of the Smith Island Flats. The recreational fishery for bluefin 73 inches in fork length and longer has closed. Some of the bluefins encountered out there has been under the maximum 73 inch limit. Unfortunately the menhaden fleet has been in the same area and are pursuing the same baits that the bluefin are targeting so I do not expect the fishery to last too long. There have been reports from a friend’s son who is aboard one of the menhaden boats confirming that the fleet has actually had to unroll some of the giant tuna out of the menhaden nets. At least one giant bluefin was hooked and lost over 26 Mile Hill out of Wachapreague.

The current bluefin regulations through Dec. 31, for the waters off Virgin-ia are as follows: the bluefin tuna (BFT) daily retention limits are: for Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Angling-permitted vessels: 2 school BFT (27 to <47”) + 1 large school/small medium BFT (47 to <73”); for HMS Charter/Headboat-permitted vessels: 3 school BFT + 1 large school/small medium BFT. The recreational BFT trophy fishery (73”+) is closed in all areas. An HMS permit is required for any recreational vessel landing a bluefin tuna.

Chincoteague – Jimmy Vasilou, at Captain Steve’s Bait & Tackle, reported that fishing from the beach on Assateague has produced a few puppy drum. Spiny dogfish, however, have moved in and are now dominating the action in the surf. The dogfish have been readily hitting pieces of cut bait. Jimmy commented that the dogfish are providing good action as well as good table fare as long as you bleed them out. A few legal sized striped bass (greater than 28 inches) have also been landed. Cut bunker has been the top striped bass bait.

Inshore, stripers are showing up in increasing numbers around the structures. Best action has occurred by casting and retrieving 4-5-inch swim shads as well as trolling swim shads around points. Inshore structures and offshore wrecks have been producing some nice-sized tautog and even an occasional late-season sheepshead. Limit catches of black sea bass have been made on some of the offshore wrecks. Captain John, aboard the Close Enuf had a six person limit on sea bass as well as some large bluefish on a trip on Sunday. Vasilou advises offshore anglers to be on the look out for schools of large bluefin tuna as they head south on their nearshore migration. The shop remains open seven days a week and is stocking live eels and fresh bunker.

Upper Shore – Captain Matt Abell at Sea Hawk Sports Center reported that there has been plenty of bird play everywhere over the last week. However, the fish feeding under the birds have been mostly small. He has been locating fish for his charters by bottom bounce trolling until he found halfish, then jigging 2-4-ounce Crippled Herr- ring and Jig Fish jigs off the bottom. One pattern that he had picked up was that the fish moved into shallower wa- ter as the light diminished towards the end of the day. Recent action had been encountered near buoy 72A off Patux- ent. Anglers soaking live eels were finding a larger class of fish in the Banana Hoke as well as the Ghost Hole.

The 12th Annual Rockfish Derby will be held Dec. 9-10. This event is sponsored by the Atlantic Volunteer Fire & Rescue Company and will feature total cash and prizes valued at over $4,000. Entry fee is $30 for adults and $15 for youth (12 and under). For more information, call (757) 824-4844 or check out Atlantic Rockfish Derby on Facebook.

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.

Chip Johnson took first place in the Kiptopeke Rockfish Riot Tournament with this 50-0 striped bass.
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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:**

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By Alexander Hightower

Many of you are familiar with the Veterans Identification Card that is issued to veterans at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). However, that card is not an identification card, per se; rather, it’s issued to allow access to a VA medical center.

Recently, the VA announced that the long-awaited Veterans Identification Card (VIC) application is now available. It was mandated through legislation in 2015 as a way to honor veterans.

The one requirement to obtain a VIC is that the recipient must be a veteran with honorable service. Veterans who served in the armed forces, including the reserve components, and who have a discharge of honorable or general (under honorable conditions) can request a VIC.

The card itself can be used just like a military ID card at retailers to obtain promotional discounts and other services offered to military service members and veterans.

Home Depot and Lowes offer military and veteran discounts. Veterans however, must have a service-connected disability and it must be annotated on the VA medical card.

According to Dr. David J. Shulkin of the VA, “The new Veterans Identification Card provides a safer and more convenient and efficient way for most veterans to show proof of service. With the card, veterans with honorable service to our nation will no longer need to carry around their paper DD-214s to obtain veteran discounts and other services.” The VIC is a more secure way for veterans to identify themselves and avoid the risk of their DD-214 being lost or damaged.

In order to receive a VIC, veterans must visit vets.gov, click on “Apply for Printed Veteran ID Card” on the bottom left of the page, and sign in or create an account. According to the VA, veterans should receive their VIC within 60 days, but can check the status of their cards by visiting vets.gov. A digital version of the VIC will be available online by mid-December.

Local Veteran News

Veterans Workshop: Every third Tuesday of the month, the Veterans Workshop is held at the Virginia Employment Commission in Onley, 10a.m. – 12 p.m. All active service members, veterans, dependents and survivors are welcome to attend. The next meeting time is Tuesday, Dec. 19.


Send your community, church, and calendar events to angie@easternshorepost.com
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Oh Deer! Veteran Hunters Fawn Over Hunting on the Refuge

By Max Lonzanida

Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge hosted more than 25 veterans from all branches of the armed services Nov. 17-21, for a white tail deer and sika elk hunt. The refuge hosted the Freedom Hunters, a non-profit military outreach program dedicated to providing outdoor adventures to active duty and combat veterans, families of fallen heroes, children of the deployed and wounded or injured veterans. Park Ranger Chase Sands, an Army veteran, served as the refuge's liaison to the group and coordinated the placement of hunting stands and hunters throughout all of the hunt zones. Over the course of four days, 12 white tail deer and sika elk were harvested by the group, and volunteers assisted with recovering and field dressing harvested animals.

Dan Theole, a retired United States Marine Corps officer, coordinated support within the Chincoteague community. The hunters enjoyed free lodging provided by local hotels, and donated time-share condominiums from private citizens. Throughout their hunt, the Chincoteague American Legion Post #159 provided dinners, and catered lunch was provided by local businesses. The Legion also provided each hunter with a cooler, firearms cleaning kits, and other gifts. Local churches and businesses donated baked goods and snack food items. This successful event supported by the refuge and the community led to lasting memories and a unique opportunity for veterans to enjoy wildlife dependent recreation.

Chincoteague and the Eastern Shore of Virginia National Wildlife Refuge are two of more than 300 National Wildlife Refuges that allow hunting. This is permitted under the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997; which permits hunting and fishing, along with a variety of wildlife dependent recreation by visitors.

Max Lonzanida is the visitor services park ranger at Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge Complex.

HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGER

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Bring a Toy when you come out to see Pamala to benefit TOYS for KIDS Cheriton Baptist Church.
This past Saturday, Hermitage Eastern Shore hosted its 4th Annual Alzheimer’s Arts and Crafts Bazaar. The Hermitage was decorated beautifully for the event and also for this up and coming Christmas season! Vendors were lined up everywhere you could turn and Old St. Nick was there checking off his Naughty or Nice Christmas guest list. When Matt Parker, Sales and Marketing Director at Hermitage Eastern Shore and one who also plans for this event was asked, “Matt, what makes this event so special?” Matt simply replied, “Everything, just look around the room at all the smiling faces. You have friends and families singing, shopping, getting into the Christmas spirit and telling stories of old.” This is what Christmas is all about and I feel very happy and fortunate enough that these people want to do it here at the Hermitage. It’s just a tremendous feeling!”

Matt has also told us that this years’ Bazaar raised almost $2,200, all of which goes directly to the local Alzheimer’s Association. Not a dime is taken to offset costs the Hermitage endures for hosting and marketing such a worthwhile event. This he says “Is what sets this Christmas Bazaar apart from all the others; it’s truly a one-of-a-kind experience for all!”

Matt would also like to thank all the volunteers and team members from the Hermitage who made this event run smoothly and who made each and every guests experience that day, memorable.

Merry Christmas to all, from Hermitage Eastern Shore!
By Connie Morrison

It started, as do many Eastern Shore stories, with a boat. Or maybe that’s the middle of the story, because it started with a man – an Eastern Shore surgeon by the name of Dr. A. Stephen Boyer, who died in 2014. It was his boat that was spotted in the garage where his widow, Pat Kellam Boyer, still lives.

As kind to his patients as he was meticulous in their care, Dr. Boyer was a surgeon who gave everything to work. “Everyone loved Dr. Boyer,” said Pat Boyer. “His patients adored him.”

Although he was born in New Jersey, his family moved to Snow Hill when he was 12 years old. “He always would deny being born in New Jersey,” Pat Boyer quipped. He was a proficient furniture builder, but living on the Eastern Shore, the water exerted a strong pull. “He always wanted to build boats,” she said.

When he retired in 2000 and was no longer pouring all his time into patient care and keeping up on the state of the practice, he was able to ramp up his woodworking hobby from a sideline to a passionate pursuit. He went from building mostly furniture to building mostly boats.

His first build was a rowboat, following plans from Devlin Boat Builders in Olympia, Wash. He flew to the West Coast to meet the well-known boat designer and builder, Sam Devlin, and to learn from him. The two developed a friendship.

Working from his shop on his and Pat’s Stillwater property at Wellington Neck, Dr. Boyer went on to build about eight boats, including rowboats, canoes, a 15’ skiff, and a 22’ cabin cruiser. All were built using the Devlin signature “stitch and glue” technique, where wire sutures are used to hold wood panels together while they are glued. Once the glue is hardened, the wires are removed. The exterior is coated with fiberglass or a special cloth coating, and exposed wood is protected with epoxy coatings.

Pat Boyer says Dr. Boyer found an element of the divine in his work. “He said when he was out in his shop he was close to God; his shop and his land were his cathedral.”

She described him as not especially religious, but “a very spiritual man” who wanted to leave a legacy. She suggested the many patients he helped were his legacy, but he wanted something more tangible, and he saw the boats as fulfilling that purpose.

“After he passed away, I didn’t know what to do with his boats, so I just kept them,” she said. Some had made their way into other hands, like the one that was built for an auction at Broadwater School, or the rowboat that was built for a neighbor, the late artist Babbie Dunnington. But others were beginning to show signs of decay.

Her brother, Ed Kellam, retired from Virginia State Police and living in Richmond, saw the 15’ Cackler skiff in a garage on a visit to his sister’s house. (Cackler is the name of the Devlin boat model.) The two were raised in Belle Haven, and Kellam still visits regularly. He asked about the skiff, and she said he could take it.

“It had probably not been used more than three or four times,” said Kellam, but being stored had taken a toll. “It had gotten in rough shape,” he said. “It had dust caked all over it,” he said.

Kellam trailered the vessel to East Coast Fiberglass in Melfa to see if they were interested in helping to restore the boat. “They were in awe,” he said. As they inspected the details, they commented on the unique craftsmanship.

“I could tell they really wanted to work on it,” Kellam said.

Royce Stafford listened as Kellam spelled out his plans for a standard blue-and-white paint job. “That’s not doing anything for me,” Kellam said Stafford told him. Pointing to Kellam’s Virginia Tech baseball cap, Stafford asked, “How about Tech colors?”

This week, Kellam retrieved the finished product. He named the refurbished skiff “Doc of the Bay” in honor of Dr. Boyer.

“That brought tears to my eyes,” said Pat Boyer. “He loved the Chesapeake Bay.”

The 15-foot skiff built by Dr. Stephen Boyer, fully restored. Pictured is the team that undertook the restoration: Erick Solano, Cristian Garcia, Chris Stanhope, owner of East Coast Fiberglass and Finish, Chris Tsiotsias, Royce Stafford, and the boat’s new owner, Ed Kellam.
Who Has a Beard That’s Long and White? Must Be Santa!

The train wasn't running this year, so Santa, Mrs. Claus and Santa's elves got an assist from some local fire companies to visit boys and girls up and down the Eastern Shore. The photos above are from his stop in Exmore.

Photos by Stefanie Jackson
Mural Depicts Family's Nautical History

By Connie Morrison
Photos by Linda Cicoira

When the new road to the hospital was cut along the south side of Four Corner Plaza, shopping center owner Rick Hall thought the newly exposed brick needed a little something. “That wall just looked so big and red,” he said.

He had seen an article about mural artist Sam Welty, who had finished a mural in Portsmouth, and he and Hall began talking about commissioning a mural.

Hall knew he wanted his mural to include boats. His initial thought was “boats in history,” starting with explorer Capt. John Smith, and continuing until present day. He quickly abandoned that plan after thumbing through family photos and noticing how many photos contained boats.

That's when he decided to focus on boats that belonged to him, his father, and grandfather over the years. “It took two months to figure out which boats to put in,” he said of the email exchanges between him and Welty. “I left out more than I put in.”

Work began Monday, Nov. 20, at 7 a.m., with Welty projecting images onto the wall to use as a template. By the afternoon of Nov. 30, the mural was complete.

Hall said the Boston Whaler skiff in the right foreground was his first boat. The Westward Ho, on the far left, was featured in the June 1956 edition of Esquire magazine.

Next to it is one of his father's boats, the Jen Clem. “The two boys in that boat are my father and Wescott Northam,” Hall said. Northam is the father of Governor-elect Ralph Northam. “They were friends.”

Other family members featured in the mural include his two daughters waving from the dock; his mother, in yellow, on the deck of the Sand Dollar (the white boat in the background); and his wife, Cynthia, on the deck of the blue Cynthia D. Rick is in the Boston Whaler with his dog, Sissie, and again at the controls of the Sand Dollar. Although his daughters have not yet had a chance to see it, he said his wife and mother both like the finished art installation. He likes it, too, and believes others will enjoy it.

“People on the Eastern Shore just mostly like to look at boats anyway,” he mused.

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Town of Cape Charles Alerts Residents to Scam

Submitted Article

Cape Charles town offices were notified that a local business received a phone call Tuesday morning stating they were with ANEC. The caller threatened to turn off the electricity if the business didn't pay $1,000 within 45 minutes. The business was instructed to go to Food Lion to purchase two $500 gift cards. The callers were very specific about which payment card to purchase.

Gourmet Alley contacted ANEC and was told that ANEC does not ask for payment in this manner. It contacts its customers with a recorded phone message then sends a paper notification.

Be aware of the increase in scam calls, especially during the holiday season. Scams may attempt to be legitimate by saying they are from a familiar agency, like ANEC.

If you receive a scam phone call, please contact the Northampton County Sheriff's Office at 757-678-0458 to report the call. The Sheriff's office will contact the appropriate agency.
Christmas Around the Shore

Top: Christmas lights in Onancock, photo by Linda Cicoira.
Right: Chincoteague Christmas parade floats, photos by Laura Davis. The Boy Scouts Troop #323 float won the Judges’ “Best in Show” award (top right). The Coast Guard won second place for “Best Decorated Boat.”
Above: Eastville Christmas trees, photos by Jonny Stevenson. Left is the five-story tree in the town park. The tree on the right is from the Eastville Inn where everyone gathered for cocoa and caroling.
**Marriage Licenses Issued**

- Anton Schwertheim, 48, of Point Pleasant, N.J., and Julie Sindel, 48, of Brick, N.J.
- Christopher Scheuermann, 39, and Regina Ewell, 32, both of Cape Charles
- Damont Drummond, 35, of Parksley, and Keisha Jones, 28, of Exmore
- Tyrell Larmark White, 26, and Eriberto Simuta-Gomez, 31, both of Melfa
- Humberto Domingo Rodriguez, 42, of Parksley, and Maria Juana Antonia Ayala Hernandez, 28, both of Mappsville
- John Scott Meisenhelder, 63, of Exmore
- Larry Shane Parker, 33, and Katy Beth Fleming, 30, both of Parksley
- John Scott Meisenhelder, 63, of Melfa, and Vicki Lynn Cluck, 61, of York, Pa.
- Marisela Rosales Sanchez, 19, and Eriberto Simuta-Gomez, 31, both of Exmore
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### MILE POSTS

**Milestones**

**Marriages**

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### Awards

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**Cokesbury Christmas Music Festival**

2:00—6:00 pm. December 9, 2017

6:00—Carolining in the Town Square

Onancock, Virginia

- The Orchestra of the Eastern Shore, Dr. Paul Kim, Director
- Lee Jordan-Anders, piano
- Ally Tarwater, flute and Jeremy Tarwater, bass and guitar accompanied by Alicia Brady
- Circle of Friends, Marilyn Kellam, B. J. Rogers, and JoAnn Molera accompanied by Pat Davis
- The Waterfront Band
- Market Street United Methodist Church Choir
  - John Hershey, Director
- Carolining, Town Square, with the Accomack CommUnity Band
  - Charles Stellingwerf, Director

*denotes a short break to assemble/disassemble orchestra and band equipment.

Free admission to the Music Festival. Please come and go at your convenience.

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**Warren Named MOD Nurse of the Year**

Compassionate. Dedicated. Teacher. Leader. There are many ways to describe Cheryl Warren, BSN, RN, CCRN. Now you can add 2017 March of Dimes Critical Care Nurse of the Year.

Warren was among 90 finalists from which a winner was chosen in each of 18 categories at a Virginia Chapter March of Dimes Gala in Richmond earlier this month. Warren was recognized for her achievements in Critical Care. According to the March of Dimes, the award is designed to “recognize and honor distinguished nurses for their outstanding contributions.”

A registered nurse for the past 32 years, Warren works in the ICU at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital (RSMH). She was nominated by Jeanine Freeze, nurse educator at Eastern Shore Community College and RSMH. In her nomination, Freeze noted not only Warren’s commitment to patient care, but also her passion for educating and mentoring nurses, and elevating the role of nursing in patient care.

Warren enjoys her role as a diabetes resource nurse, which gives her the opportunity to work with patients.

“Teaching comes pretty naturally to me. I just love to learn, and I love sharing my knowledge with others,” she said. One of her of teaching tools is a diabetes patient care was so successful, it was implemented at the four other acute care hospitals.

Warren’s sharing doesn’t only apply to patient care. She also enjoys educating and coaching nursing students and fellow nurses. Through membership on numerous committees, Warren has helped create mentor programs and skills fairs, as well as implement changes to clinical policies.

She recently went back to school after more than 20 years to receive her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Old Dominion University in 2015.

“Care for patients does not end at discharge. They need help once they are home again, too.” Warren helps keep community members healthy by providing guidance on managing high blood pressure and diabetes through community events and health fairs.

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**Nelson Receives Outstanding Community Leader Award**

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The ESCIL empowers people with disabilities to make their own life choices. Its mission is to provide education and encouragement and impact policies that affect participants daily lives. Nelson recently assisted Library Director Cara Burton in developing a policy that supports service animals in the libraries. For more information, call 757-414-0100 or go to http://vaescil.org
Accomac
The Accomack County branch of the NAACP will meet at Abba’s House, adjacent to the Mary N. Smith Cultural Enrichment Center, on Monday, Dec. 18, at 7 p.m. Plans will continue for the Dr. Martin Luther King Day Celebration, Black History Month observance, and youth activities. The branch has also extended its Freedom Fund Drive until Dec. 31. Donations are accepted and will go towards youth activities, cultural awareness, and the fight against social injustice. For more information, call 757-709-3753.

Cheriton
The American Legion Post 56 will hold a blood drive for the American Red Cross, at the Post Hall at 21210 S. Bayside Rd., on Wednesday, Dec. 20, from 2 to 6 p.m.

Onancock
Onancock International Films presents “The Big Sick,” at the Roseland Theatre, on Thursday, Dec. 14, at 8 p.m. This is a romantic comedy with effective drama based on the real-life courtship of the film’s writers, Kumail Nanjiani and Emily Gardner. Tickets are $8 each.

Tasley
The Tasley Vol. Fire Co. will host its 3rd Annual Clam Chowder Fundraiser at the Tasley Fire Station, 24223 Tasley Rd., on Saturday, Dec. 16, from noon to 4 p.m. A pint of chowder is $7.50 and a quart is $14. The volunteers will also be selling raffle tickets for a brand new Kamado Joe Classic Smoker/Grill. Tickets are $5 each or 5 for $20. For more information or to pre-order chowder, call 757-787-7870 or 757-710-1996.

Holiday Events Calendar
- Dec. 8: 5 p.m.–Second Fridays–Downtown Onancock
- Dec. 8: 5-8 p.m.–Festive Fridays: Lighted Horse Parade, Live Local Music, Santa & Mrs. Claus in Strawberry Plaza, Open Houses, Kids’ Activities, Flatfooting at Lemon Tree Gallery, Carriage Rides & more–Cape Charles
- Dec. 8: 8 p.m.–Movie Night: A Christmas Story–Historic Palace Theatre, 305 Mason Ave., Cape Charles–Free Admission
- Dec. 8 at 7:30 p.m. & Dec. 9 at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m.–Best Christmas Pageant Ever: The Musical–North Street Playhouse, Onancock–Adults/$20, Seniors/$18, and Students/$10
- Dec. 8, 9, 10, 15, 16 & 17: 6 to 9 p.m.–Walk Through Bethlehem–Lynnhaven Baptist Church, Pocomoke, Md.
- Dec. 9: 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m.–Santa Ride–Santa Visits Hallwood at 9 a.m. and Bloxom at 10 a.m.–Refreshments at Bloxom Vol. Fire Co. at noon
- Dec. 9: 10 a.m.–Santa Comes to Library–E.S. Public Library, Accomac–Each child gets a book in English or Spanish, & a candy cane
- Dec. 9: 10 a.m.-noon–Sensitive Santa Event–Northampton Free Library, Nassawadox–A Visit with a Sensory-Friendly Santa
- Dec. 9: 11 a.m.–Santa Comes By Boat–Downtown Onancock
- Dec. 9: 11 a.m.-4 p.m.–Ker Place Open House–Onancock–Santa Visits Until 3 p.m.
- Dec. 9: 1-5 p.m.–Onancock Christmas Homes Tour–Six Homes–Tickets At Book Bin, C.D. Marsh, Chamber of Commerce, Ker Place & More
- Dec. 9: 2-6 p.m.–Christmas Music Festival–Historic Cokesbury Church, Onancock–Performances and Christmas Carol Sing Along
- Dec. 9: 5 p.m.-midnight–Christmas Boat Parade and After Party–Oyster Farm Marina, Cape Charles
- Dec. 9: 6 p.m.–Exmore Christmas Parade–South On Main Street to Exmore Town Park–Santa and Refreshments
- Dec. 9 at 7 p.m. & Dec. 10 at 3 p.m.–Beggar’s Christmas: A Play–Arts Enter, Cape Charles–Tickets/$15
- Dec. 10: 9 a.m.–Accomack Community Band Performs Holiday Music–Oak Grove UMC, 30053 Seaside Rd., Melfa
- Dec. 10: 9:30 a.m.–Christmas Program–Craddockville UMC
- Dec. 10: 1-5 p.m.–Cape Charles Cookie Trail–Begin at Cape Charles Civic Center–Discover Treats at Bed & Breakfasts and Private Homes–Non-Perishable Food Donation Requested
- Dec. 10: 2 p.m.–Children’s Christmas Carol Sing–Travis Chapel UMC, 6417 Sunnyside Rd., Oyster
- Dec. 10: 2:30-4:30 p.m.–Nativity Collection Exhibit–Eastville Baptist Church, 5413 Willow Oak Rd.
- Dec. 10: 4 p.m.–Santa’s Christmas Wonderland & Santa Arrives By Helicopter–Pocomoke City Firehouse
- Dec. 10: 5 p.m.–Onancock Christmas Parade–Market Street
- Dec. 14: 4 to 8 p.m.–Holiday Open House–Brownsville Preserve, 11369 Brownsville Rd., Nassawadox–Wagon Rides, Cider, Tours
- Dec. 15 & 16 at 7 p.m., & Dec. 17 at 2 p.m.–ESO’s The Nutcracker–Nandua High School, Onley–Adults/$20 (At the Door), $5/Children
- Dec. 16: 7-11 a.m.–Breakfast with Santa Buffet–Atlantic Vol. Fire & Rescue–Adults/$20 (At the Door), $5/Children
- Dec. 16: 7-11 a.m.–Breakfast with Santa Buffet–Atlantic Vol. Fire & Rescue–Adults/$8; Ages 3-6/$3; Ages 2 and Under/Free–Photos with Santa/$3
- Dec. 16: 8 a.m. to noon–Greens, Gifts and Goodies Holiday Sale–Woman’s Club of Accomack County Clubhouse, Onley
- Dec. 16: 1-3 p.m.–A Visit From Santa–Chincoteague Police Dept.
- Dec. 16: 1-3 p.m.–Cookies By the Pound Sale–Woman’s Club of Accomack County Clubhouse, Onley
- Dec. 17: 10 a.m.–Christmas Service & Dinner–Tabernacle Baptist Church, Horntown
- Dec. 19: 5 p.m.–Santa Tours North End of Island By Chincoteague Vol. Fire Truck–Chincoteague
- Dec. 20: 5 p.m.–Santa Tours South End of Island By Chincoteague Vol. Fire Truck–Chincoteague
- Dec. 24: 9 p.m.–Christmas Eve Service–Craddockville UMC
- Dec. 31: 10:45 p.m.–Pony Island Horseshoe Drop & Costume Promenade–4083 Main St., Chincoteague

Toy Closet Dec. 13 & 14
The Accomack County Department of Social Services will open their Toy Closet on Dec. 13, 8:30-11:30 a.m. & 1:30-3:30 p.m. (toys permitting), to anyone receiving benefits or services. Proof of benefits and photo ID are required. The toy closet will be open to others in need on Dec. 14, 8:30-11:30 a.m. & 1:30-3:30 p.m. (toys permitting). Photo ID is required. Children are not permitted. If children are brought, no toys will be given.
**FOOD FOR FINES**
The Eastern Shore Public Library is collecting canned goods and canned pet food (no out-of-date cans) to benefit the Food Bank and the SPCA. For each can donated through Dec. 31, they will waive $1 of library fines ($10/maximum).
**Help Wanted**

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**Notice of Oyster Ground Application**

Yvonne W. Bagwell and Curtis Heath, (2017139) have applied for approximately 100 +- acres of oyster plant-
NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE SALE
26395 Payne Road, Bloxom, VA 23308

By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust dated October 14, 1998, and recorded in Deed Book 0579, Page 00620 in the Clerk’s Office for the Circuit Court for Accomack County, VA, securing a loan which was originally $58,525.39. The appointed SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE, Commonwealth Trustees, LLC, will offer for sale at public auction at main entrance of the Accomack County Circuit Court, located at 23316 Courthouse Avenue on:

December 18, 2017 at 1:30 PM

improved real property, with an abbreviated legal description:

All that certain lot or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon, situated north of Bloxom, Montomkin Magisterial District, Accomack County, Virginia, as shown on a survey entitled “Location Survey for Estella V. Armstrong,” dated September 25, 1998, and made by John H. Plummer & Assoc., Inc., said survey being attached to and made a part of a certain deed recorded immediately prior hereto for a more particular description of the property conveyed herein,

Being bounded generally as follows: on the North for One Hundred Fourteen and Twenty-Four One Hundredths feet (114.24 ft.), by remaining lands of Estella Armstrong and Addie B. Handy; on the East for Eighty-Six feet (86 ft.), by the centerline of a Twenty-foot driveway separating this lot from the lands to be conveyed from Estella Armstrong and Addie B. Handy; on the South for One Hundred Eight and Twenty-Eight One Hundredths feet (108.28 ft.), by Payne Road, RTE. 683, 30‘ R/W; and on the West for Eighty-Six feet (86 ft.), by the same street or highway; and on the Southwest, by the Broughton lot now or formerly belonging to the above-mentioned persons.

TERMS OF SALE: The property will be sold “AS IS,” WITHOUT REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY OF ANY KIND AND SUBJECT TO conditions, restrictions, reservations, easements, rights of way, and all other matters of record taking priority over the Deed of Trust to be annulled at the time of sale. A deposit of $20,000.00, or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, in cash or cashier’s check payable to the SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE, will be required at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price, with interest at the rate contained in the Deed of Trust, will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale.

Should the exact number of individuals, or fewer, file for member and officer positions, those individuals will be declared elected and the Chair may cancel the caucus.

For further information or to obtain filing forms, please go to the Committee’s website, www.ESVADemocrats.org.

PUBLIC NOTICE
The Board of Zoning Appeals of the Town of Chincoteague will hold a public hearing on December 14, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at 6150 Community Drive to receive public comments and views on the following zoning matter:

Appeal 17-12-1 A request from Donald Wyrick, 8077 Mire Pond One for a variance from Article 6, section 6.5.2 of the zoning ordinance of the Town of Chincoteague. The applicant had constructed an addition to the side and rear of his camper. Current zoning requires the addition to be placed no closer than 10‘ from the side and rear lot lines. The addition is located 0‘ from rear lot line and 2‘ from side lot line. Section 6.5.2 also restricts additions to campers to not exceed the size of the camper. Both side and rear additions exceed this size limit. The property is located in R-4 Residential.

Kenny L. Lewis
Zoning Administrator

TRUSTEE’S SALE OF
25486 Coastal Boulevard
Onley, VA 23418

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of $108,000.00, dated August 31, 2006, recorded among the land records of the Circuit Court for Accomack County on August 31, 2006, as Instrument Number 200605443, the undersigned appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction, at the main entrance of the courthouse for the Circuit Court of Accomack County, 23316 Courthouse Ave, Accomac, VA on December 20, 2017 at 11:30 AM, the property described in said deed of trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

ALL THAT certain tract or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon, situated in Accomack County, Virginia, having a frontage of 60 feet on the main street leading through Onley and running back 200 feet between parallel lines to a 20 foot alley, the same being bounded on the Northwest, by said alley; on the Northeast, by the land now or formerly of Lillian Marsh; on the Southeast, by said street or highway; and on the Southwest, by the Broughton lot now or formerly belonging to Mae Evans Kellam.

TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder’s deposit of $10,000.00 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required in the form of a certified or cashier’s check. Cash will not be accepted as a deposit. Settlement within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Trustee may forfeit deposit. Additional terms to be announced at sale.

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Parcel Z, as shown on Plat of Survey recorded in Deed Book 564, Page 545, with improvements thereon.

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SAMUEL I. WHITE, P.C., Substitute Trustee

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Virginia Beach, Virginia 23462
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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE SALE
25809 Rogers Street, Onley, VA 23418
(County of Accomack)

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of $102,000.00, with interest, from Christopher Allen Moore and Shannon Chesser Moore, dated November 30, 2006 and recorded in the Clerk’s Office of the Circuit Court of the County of Accomack, Virginia in Instrument No. 200607377 (modified by Modification Agreement dated May 11, 2009, recorded in Instrument No. 200902315 and modified by Modification Agreement dated March 13, 2012, recorded in Instrument No. 201203018); 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 Accomack, Courthouse, 23316 Courthouse Avenue, Accomack, Virginia 23301-0126, on December 18, 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 together with all buildings and improvements located thereon, situate in the Town of Onley, Accomack County, Virginia, fronting on Rogers Street (designated as Virginia Route No. T-1605) and being bounded on the Northeast by the lot now or formerly owned by Suzanne Nicolls Von Hollen and Benjamin R. Nicolls and by the residence property of Doris L. Belote; on the Southeast by a certain Twelve Foot (12’) strip of land recently conveyed by Dreamland Homes, Inc. to the said Doris L. Belote, which said Twelve Foot (12’) strip leads from Rogers Street to the residence property of the said Doris L. Belote; on the Southwest by Rogers Street (designated as Virginia Route No. T-1605); and on the Northwest by the land now or formerly of R.C. Evans, Jr.

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Tax Map No.: 093C1A000003600

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:
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A Girl Can Dream, Can’t She?

By Carla Savage-Wells

Special to the Eastern Shore Post

“Your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions.” The Bible speaks of the importance of our dreams. The recent death of Jim Nabors, (known to most of us as Gomer Pyle), lit up social media with his rendition of the ballad, “The Impossible Dream.” Any of us who are old enough to have watched his character, Gomer Pyle, USMC, may feel that there’s still hope for the fulfillment of dreams, dreamt more than a century ago.

The 1960s were turbulent times. There was civil unrest, rampant poverty and a war in Southeast Asia. Even then, our country was striving to create a “great society.” The nation’s leaders dreamed of ways to create jobs, and improve education and provide healthcare. There were anti-war demonstrations, civil rights protests, and race riots. The headlines have not changed much in the 21st century and the hope of a great society still remains a dream.

I dream of the days when the top-rated toys purchased for Christmas required players to wait their turns to pluck the spinner, which told us how many spaces to advance the colorful plastic token on the game board. Games requiring skill, dexterity, or strategy would have us sit face-to-face, read each other’s nonverbal language and respond, often verbally, with our next move. Battleship, Yahtzee, Uno, Twister, Checkers, Chess and Rummy provided insights into the personalities of your new friends or first dates without the use of questionnaires.

In contrast, high definition video games plop playmates side-by-side on a couch, facing dead-eyed animated opponents on flat screens so large and so realistic, that the gun or sword wielding avatar appears to be a tangible threat. Those are the images of nightmares, not dreams.

Human dreams are unique and personal. For centuries, sages have assigned meaning and searched for messages within them. Itchy hands denote an exchange of money. Washing hands indicates a worrisome issue. Dreams of falling project a lack of control. To dream of the fall season indicates that one thing is coming to an end while another is beginning. Assigning numerical value to the symbols in one’s dreams could prove to be lucrative in a lottery drawing. No wonder so many of us spend time and money seeking answers about their interpretation.

Why, Yes! My dreams as an adult are of a civil society where people use common sense, show self-respect, exercise self-control and practice politeness. I dream my daughter (and by extension, all of us), will live in a society without fear of insult or violence. Millennials define their identities in terms of their passions and their dreams. Yet, there is a disconnect between where they are, and the steps required to get to the place of their dreams. The even younger i-Generation senses that the traditional paths — high school, college, career, death — have shifted. And they are right. There are more options. More choices bring about greater uncertainty. Choose well, young friends. Sleep tight and make the impossible dreams, possible.

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

Cape Charles Mermaid Memories

Dear Editor:

A trip in early September from Norfolk to the Eastern Shore and the sight of a mermaid in Cape Charles, glowing with flower power, flooded me with memories of my own mermaid memories. "They're at the Post"

In addition, Ma Donna Dell’Acqua was born in the steller sign of Pisces and I was born an astrological Virgo. Thus, we were clearly destined by the stars for each other and in addition, the two of us formed a perfect mermaid who by definition is half fish and half virgin.

“Virginia is for Lovers!” In sync with our celestial constellation, coastal Virginia turned out to be our natural terrestrial destination. So not surprisingly, after all those years and lots of sunny and stormy weather, we are still inseparably together, and all those merry mermaid memories still keep moving me to more and more …

modern love songs and mythic rhapsodies, evoking and envisioning time and again those magic moments of mermaid mysteries, as lovers have done since way back when.

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Don’t Torpedo Broadband Progress

Dear Editor:

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