Hallwood Struggles To Regain Footing

Four months after a car fire destroyed records, town still trying to recreate paper trail

By Linda Cicoira

In the midst of suspicion, speculation, sums and a state police investigation Monday night, former town clerk Angel Taylor attended a Hallwood Town Council meeting — her first since her car burned in October, destroying all the town records just before an audit deadline.

Taylor resigned right after the fire, leaving those who trusted and depended on her to fend for themselves. Town officials realized there were discrepancies and are struggling to obtain records by asking citizens to bring in receipts, sending out notices, getting canceled checks and balances from the bank and by going to utility and service companies to gain figures.

Taylor was at the session to complain about how officials are running things. She had obvious mistakes in a notice for delinquent taxes she received Jan. 22 and was upset about an incident in which her brother, Tim Johnson, was told he could either sign an affidavit saying he had paid her in cash for his taxes, which is what he had claimed, or pay again. Mayor Jackie Poulson told him he could be forced to testify in court if he signed.

Johnson refused to sign and paid another $200. Town officials said they would take anyone by their word and their signature.

During the meeting, Poulson and others publicly commended Taylor for all she did for the town. They even asked her opinion on issues that arose because of her expertise.

But at other meetings where she was not present, Taylor has been blamed for missing funds she has been accused of using to pay the electric bills at home and at her husband's auto business. Taylor has not been charged with any crimes. The state police has not completed its investigation. Officers told Poulson they wouldn't confiscate a computer he said belongs to the town but is still in Taylor's possession.

"It's pretty hard to go against friends," Poulson said after the session. "Actually, she is a family member too, (a) cousin. They (Taylor and her husband) helped me get elected," he continued. "I took a sworn oath to the town's people. But it's hard … I've got an ungrateful job now and I'm going to stick this out." Poulson said he will likely have to run for re-election to finish the task but will resign once it's over. "She did a..." (Continued on Page 26)

Man Dies in Accomack’s Second Fatal Fire in 8 Days

By Linda Cicoira

A man who has not yet been identified by authorities died in a blaze north of Locustville early Wednesday morning. He was found inside the remains of the ranch-style manufactured home on Stone House Road.

Deputy Chief Shaun Fate of Wachapreague Volunteer Fire Company said about 30 volunteer firefighters arrived to find the structure burned to the ground. It took about 10 minutes to control the blaze. State police were called to the scene to investigate.

In addition to his firefighters, Fate said, volunteers from Onancock, Melfa, Parksley and Tasley responded to the scene. The fire was reported at about 3:30 a.m. by a passerby.

The cause of the fire and death have not yet been determined. This is the second fatal fire to be reported in Accomack County in eight days. Donald Wayne "Bo" Taylor, 61, of Bloxom, died Jan. 29 in a blaze that quickly engulfed his residence in T&E Trailer Park in the 2500 block of Wayne Drive.

Northam Addresses Health Care Forum

By Stefanie Jackson

Gov. Ralph Northam said it’s “immoral” to force families to choose between food and medical care, and that expanding Medicaid could help many of the 350,000 Virginia workers without access to healthcare.

He made the remarks in an address to local health care administrators and state politicians crowded into the Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital lobby Sat-
Exmore Residents Concerned About Hadlock Road Drainage, Rodents

By Stefanie Jackson

The conversation at Exmore’s latest town meeting kept flowing back to the subject of water as the redeveloping hub of enterprise shores up its infrastructure for businesses and residents.

Dawn Kellam is concerned the ditch at Hadlock Road near her residence is not draining properly, stating it has not been cleaned out in 20 years or more, and is filled with trash discarded by customers of two local fast food restaurants. She reported to council Feb. 5 that the ditch is generating an unpleasant odor and attracting rodents to her home. Kellam said she’s “scared to death” of the rats she has witnessed in her driveway and on her porch, and has the place exterminated every three months.

Linda Spence agreed trash is a problem outside the town center, and suggested the ditch in question should be covered by a culvert, but the Virginia Department of Transportation would not consider the project due to lack of funding.

Spence and Kellam inquired of Town Manager Robert Duer where the ditch drains; Duer answered Nassawadox Creek, and assured them that by the time the water reaches the creek, “it’s cleaner than you’d think.”

Spence is still experiencing drainage issues at her residence; she reported to council that since they last spoke in December, VDOT had visited her property once for two hours, but had not yet followed through on any corrective action. VDOT had agreed in late 2017 to conduct an on-site evaluation and develop a corrective action plan regarding the insufficient drainage which caused Spence’s porch to flood.

Kellam said there is also a large population of feral cats living in a nearby, uninhabited building, but animal control has not responded to her complaint. Police Chief Angelo DiMartino said he would contact animal control the following day, and they would require permission from Kellam and her neighbors to eliminate the nuisance.

Brenda Sample Bailey asked council if it is advisable to connect to the town’s water supply instead of a well. The town wells are scheduled to be replaced and a green sand filtration system installed before the end of the year. Duer recommended Bailey hold off as long as possible, but said switching to town water would be cheaper than digging a new well, and the water is safe to use. Utilities Director Taylor Dukes agreed Exmore’s water, which is tested twice per month, is “completely healthy to drink” and “may be the best water on the Shore.” The water does contain iron and manganese, which the new filtration system will remove, improving taste, odor, and color, but these minerals are not hazardous to health.

Celeste Pepitone Nahas, of Pungoteague, who recently relocated to the Eastern Shore from Chicago, has been attending town meetings and other local events to get to know residents and spread the word about her work on nonprofit Mighty Earth’s “Clean It Up, Tyson” campaign. Organizers like Nahas are rallying for the nation’s largest meat producer to adopt policies reducing industrial pollution. One major concern is the amount of manure produced by the poultry-growing industry, which the environmental activist says contaminates local waters with excess nitrogen and phosphorus due to stormwater runoff.

In her discussion of local poultry farms, Nahas referred to the establishments as CAFOs, or concentrated animal feeding operations, a term coined by the Environmental Protection Agency. She has taken an aerial tour of the Shore to gain perspective on the proximity of CAFOs to other local businesses, such as a tree nursery.

The campaign against pollution from industrial meat production is running in nine communities across the country; Nahas volunteered to come to Virginia and is the sole Mighty Earth organizer working on the Shore.
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40+ Years of fulfilling dreams for folks of the Eastern Shore
By Linda Cicoira

Nearly 470 building permits were granted on Chincoteague in 2017 with construction costs totaling more than $10.5 million and permit fees bringing in about $42,000. This is the first time in several years a report on the figures was compiled, Town Manager Jim West said.

The largest was the $3.2 million amusement park at the former Maddox Campground. That permit cost the company nearly $6,000. It cost $78,000 to erect Chincoteague High School’s field lights. No fee was charged for that permit.

Other permits included ones for nine garages that cost $326,000 to construct; four mobile homes that cost $163,000 to erect; eight open porches that cost $236,400 to build; 134 roofs at $796,605; 11 residences at more than $1.7 million; $236,400 to build; 134 roofs at $796,605; 11 residences at more than $1.7 million; six residential additions at $730,800; five screen porches with $122,166 in construction costs; and five siding permits costing $220,680 to erect.

The council voted 3-3 to appoint Larry Welch and Robert Shendock to the planning commission. Mayor Arthur Leonard broke the tie with his vote for Shendock, who will serve. West said Shendock attends all the town meetings and was a system engineer at NASA, NOAA and DOD for more than 40 years. Welch is the town’s transportation director. Shendock will take the seat previously held by Spyridon Papadopoulos, who is making his main home in Charlottesville.

West also announced the town’s application for no-wake zones was verbally granted. He expects to get a formal notice in the mail soon. West also reported that NASA will continue to provide treated water to the town until May 1, “while we are exploring options to develop alternative water supplies. On Jan. 31, we began drilling a second exploratory well. In reiteration, this well was to explore the possibility of a greater yield water supply at a greater depth in the Yorktown aquifer.”

Chincoteague Chamber Reports It Reached More Tourists Than Ever

By Linda Cicoira

Social media helped Chincoteague with tourism last year via the chamber of commerce’s Facebook page, as 42 percent more visits were tallied in 2017 than in previous years, with a total of nearly 3.2 million people being reached, Director Evelyn Shotwell told town leaders Monday.

On Twitter, there were 130,908 impressions. Instagram had 14,424 interactions. YouTube showed an increase of 245 percent in 2017 compared to 2016 with 5,925 views.

The chamber also had 9,135 visitors, 4,949 telephone calls, 5,275 emails and 187,539 website hits. Shotwell said more than 1,000 lined the streets to watch the Christmas parade.

“Chamber-sponsored events stimulate the economy during the shoulder seasons, bringing visitors in for long weekends,” she said.

This year the chamber plans to upgrade its website, chincoteaguechamber.com, adopt a strategic action plan, use the $10,000 grant from the state to encourage long weekend stays called Crush Fridays, expand their print media market to southeastern states and regional markets, promote day trips through a Richmond visitor guide and distribute more Chincoteague visitor guides along the Pennsylvania Turnpike.

For every $1 invested in tourism, the community reaps $6 in economic benefits. The ultimate goal of the organization is to communicate the message that Chincoteague, the “Beautiful Land Across the Water,” is the most desirable location to visit and/or vacation with family or friends, she said.

In 2016, the Eastern Shore of Virginia was the fastest growing tourism region in the state with a 4.8 percent increase.

The Chincoteague Chamber assisted 40 travel writers and journalists and sent 20 releases to about 400 media contacts globally to promote the island. It also pitched 50 leads from the Virginia Tourism Corporation.
No Tax Increases Proposed as Part of 2019 Accomack Budget

By Linda Cicoira

No tax increases on real estate or personal property are part of the proposed $57.5 million fiscal 2018-19 budget plan for Accomack despite the 1.8 percent reduction in real estate values in a recent assessment.

The financial document was presented Monday to the board of supervisors by County Administrator Mike Mason. The total is 4 percent lower than the current plan, includes $547,700 for an addition to the fire training center, $50,000 in matching funds for a Chincoteague water study, $115,000 for lighting at the Sawmill Park’s ball field and $119,000 to start increases for county deputies in December (see story on Page 7).

The biggest spending included in the plan is for education. That accounts for more than $17.8 million, which is about 31 percent. The proposal includes an additional $493,000 for schools compared to the current budget and $885,000 more than the previous fiscal year. The school portion is based on a formula that has been used for years.

Mason also included a proposed policy that would allow the school division to have a contingency fund, “a small amount … to address unanticipated expenditures.” The move could be controversial since unbeknownst to the supervisors, the division had about $6 million stored away a few years ago. The surplus figure that would be allowed has not yet been decided, Mason said. The budget mentions allowing .50 percent to .75 percent of total budgeted school operating expenditures.

Another issue that took center stage in discussions at Wednesday’s budget session was about $400,000 available to the Department of Public Safety (DPS) for fire medics.

Mason favors hiring additional “backfill” staff to supplement the current system so that Director of DPS, C. Ray Pruitt, can move employees around as needed. “I support this request because I believe, and the data supports, it deploys our resources to the areas of greatest need, fully recognizing that this is an extremely important and sometimes emotional decision.”

Greenbackville and Saxis fire and rescue companies want new workers to be posted at their stations during the day when volunteers are not available. Leaders from both companies think their way adds critical life-saving time for the two isolated areas.

“Every single company in that (fire) commission backed us,” said Aubrey Justice, president of Saxis Volunteer Fire & Rescue. He was unable to get in touch with the Wachapreague unit but otherwise said, “They’re all behind it. They see the reason we’re pushing so hard. … It’s not about the money. It’s about the people getting the service they need.”

About $856,000 will be added to the county’s Rainy Day Fund but was not included in the budget. Mason said he wanted the budget to only show spending, not savings.

An increase in the landfill tipping fee of $5.50 is included in the draft. That is a 7.9 percent increase and would go from $69.50 to $75. The last increase was in 2016. Mason said it is “needed to cover costs of disposal operation and future closure and post-closure expenses. Cell 6a (is) slated to reach capacity/close by October 2021. Failure to increase the rate will necessitate the General Fund subsidy.”

The majority of funding, more than $32.3 million, or 56.7 percent, is anticipated to come from property taxes. Federal aid is expected at 3.7 percent or more than $2.1 million, other taxes will raise nearly $7.7 million or 13.5 percent. More than 7 percent, or about $4.1 million, will come from revenue charges for services. State aid is estimated at 16.6 percent, or nearly $9.5 million.

Health and welfare were noted as getting 11.2 percent or $6.44 million. Public Works accounted for 10.3 percent of the budget or about $5.9 million. Parks and Recreation & Cultural is proposed to receive more than $1 million. Planning & Community Development is included for 4.1 percent or nearly $2.4 million.

What is not included, but according to Mason is needed, is $471,000 for a new financial software suite, $452,000 for building repairs to the circuit court, $140,000 for dock and ramp maintenance at Folly Creek, $105,000 in repairs to the old NASA ferry dock and $58,000 for the Hammocks boat ramp, which “is practically unusable” because “the sandbar runs from the center of the ramp out approximately 105 feet. We received a quote for $47,820 for dredging alone.”

The budget also includes a 2 percent pay increase for other county and state-supported positions effective Dec. 1.

The Eastern Shore Coalition Against Domestic Violence (ESCDV) requested $30,000 to help with the stagger-
SUPERVISORS AGREE TO FUND HIGHER SALARIES FOR ACCOMACK DEPUTIES

Story and photo by Linda Cicoira

The more than 60 deputies who work for the Accomack County Sheriff’s Office need higher salaries. That was the plea Sheriff Todd Godwin and Capt. Todd Wessells made of the board of supervisors Wednesday and one that some officials immediately said they would heed with $191,000 for increases beginning in December.

“We want a pay raise for our deputies because they deserve it,” Godwin said. “We need to give our brothers and sisters a pay raise.”

He said experienced officers are leaving to work for state and town agencies because they can earn more money. The county lost $309,500 in training costs since January 2016 because of turnover.

“The ACSO wants the ability to compete and retain qualified and experienced deputies,” said Wessells. He is concerned because the state police is actively recruiting his officers with promises of higher starting salaries, abbreviated schooling, 100 percent paid medical benefits and local assignments.

There are seven openings locally. “It’s going to have a huge impact.”

“Twenty of 24 law enforcement deputies qualify for this program,” Wessells added. “Since Jan. 1, 2016, 19 deputies have left the department.” Seven retired.

Starting pay for deputies is $31,629 with increases in a year of up to $35,471 depending on job assignments as road deputies, correctional officers, animal control or court workers. In local towns, the officers are being offered more. The amount is set by the state compensation board. Other counties are supplementing the pay with local money.

On Chincoteague, an officer starts at $35,131; in Onancock it’s $36,000; Exmore pays $37,500 and Onley offers $38,022. Chincoteague, Onancock and Onley offer full medical coverage.

“We recently had a 13-year experienced deputy leave for $43,000 to another local jurisdiction,” said Wessells.

In Worcester County, the sheriff’s office pays $43,659 to start, with $48,152 after three years. Wicomico County, Md. pays $42,520 in the beginning and $50,446 after three years.

Chairman Robert Crockett, a former sheriff, and Supervisor Billy Joe Tarr, a retired jail director, both said they would favor the increases because they know they are deserved. Supervisor Reneta Major, a recent victim of a carjacking, also praised the officers and said she would be on board with providing increases. County Administrator Mike Mason included the figures in the proposed fiscal 2018-19 budget.

“I can’t say enough about the sheriff’s department,” said Major. “I guess I know it firsthand. They were definitely Johnnys on the spot. I think they do a fantastic job. They are very thorough ... professional. I can’t say enough about them.”

The draft includes a $6,000 supplemental increase for certified law enforcement deputies and $3,000 for civil/correction deputies. For a year, the cost is $282,000.
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Accomack Grand Jury
Indicts 12

A dozen local residents were indicted Monday by an Accomack Grand Jury on a variety of felony charges.

George Michael Cline, 59, of Sea Mist Drive on Chincoteague, was indicted on a count of a third offense of DWI on Dec. 30, 2017. A breathalyzer test showed him at .19 grams per 210 liters of breath, according to court records. The legal limit is .08 grams. Officer S. Lennhoff of the Chincoteague Police Department investigated.

Patrick Thomas Guzi, 56, of Ridge Road on Chincoteague, was indicted on a count of possession of phenethylidene (PCP) on Dec. 24, 2016. Trooper B.M. Tripp investigated.

Sha’iqua Kiara Holland, 25, of John Cane Road in Parksley, was indicted on a count of embezzling goods from Food Lion in Oak Hall between June 4 and 30, 2016. Investigator C.A. McPherson of the Accomack County Sheriff’s Office (ACSO) investigated.

Kevin Dwayne Johnson, 24, of Gall Street on Chincoteague, was indicted on a count of possession of heroin on Sept. 14, 2017. Deputy K. Reese of ACSO investigated.

Zelmayia Wanita Kelley, no age available, of Accomac, was indicted for possession of a firearm by a felon on Aug. 20, 2017. Reese investigated.

Aimee Beth Long, 41, of Wallops Mill Road in Horntown, was indicted on a count of an unauthorized use of a vehicle belonging to David Long on Sept. 25, 2017. Tripp investigated.

Brandon James McGee, 23, of New Church, was indicted on a count of possession of heroin on Sept. 14, 2017. Reese investigated.

Carlton Marcus McKinley, 34, of Mary N. Smith Road in Accomac, was indicted on a third offense of assault and battery of a family member on Oct. 6, 2017. Deputy S. Henning of ACSO investigated.

Dorian Antione Noncent, 18, of Matthews Street in Mappsville, was indicted on a count of maliciously shooting at an occupied vehicle on Nov. 21, 2017. Deputy S. Rose of ACSO investigated.

Steven Joseph Ramsey, 27, who was listed as homeless, was indicted on a count of grand larceny of property valued at more than $200 from Walmart in Onley on Oct. 16, 2017. Officer Patrick Coulter of Onley Police Department investigated.

Dean Richardson, 20, of Mason Street in Belle Haven, was indicted on a count of destroying property belonging to Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital and valued at $1,000 or more on Oct. 30, 2017. Reese gave information to the grand jury.

Stephen James Trader, 24, of Parks Street in Bloxom, was indicted on a count of making a false statement on a consent form to buy a firearm on May 8, 2017. Tripp investigated.

Keller Man Sentenced

A Keller man was given prison terms for two felony convictions last week in Accomack Circuit Court.

Thirty-five-year-old Patrick Steven Sharbor was sentenced to three years with two years suspended for possession of a firearm by a felon and three years with all but four months suspended for hit and run in connection with a crash that occurred Jan. 15.

In another case, Gloria Grillone, 29, of Bayside Road in Greenbush, pleaded guilty to possession of cocaine and possession of drug paraphernalia. A presentence report was ordered. The case was continued until April 2.

Bernard Wynder, 57, of Cheriton Crossroads in Cheriton, pleaded guilty to two counts of felony shoplifting at Walmart in Onley. The case was continued pending completion of a presentence report.

Samuel K. Dennis, age not available, of Bloxom, pleaded guilty to eluding police and possession of cocaine in connection with incidents that occurred Sept. 8, 2016. A presentence report was ordered.

Exmore Man Sentenced For Credit Card Fraud

An Exmore man was sentenced Tuesday in Northampton Circuit Court to prison terms for credit card theft and fraud.

Lewis Andrew Daggs, 47, of Hare Valley Trail in Exmore, was sentenced to three years for the crimes that occurred in January and February of 2017. All but five months was suspended.

In another case, Kadeem Carpenter, 21, of Lankford Highway in Cape Charles, pleaded guilty to failing to register as a sex offender. The case was continued pending completion of a presentence report.

Woman Charged With Embezzling Lottery Tickets

A Northampton woman was charged with embezzling Virginia Lottery tickets from a local Shore Stop convenience store, according to records filed in Accomack General District Court this week.

Kenesha Shanita Camper, 36, of Seaside Road in Birdsnest, was accused of taking four books valued at $800 on Jan. 31, 2018. Court records state she confessed to the crime. She is free on $2,000 unsecured bond. Sgt. E.J. Nottingham of ASCO investigated.

Josh Landon Russell, 44, of Sand Cove Road in Accomac, was charged with four counts of shoplifting from Walmart in incidents on Dec. 30, 2017, and Jan. 11, 2018. Secured bond was set at $3,000. Deputy K.A. Reese of ACSO investigated.

Elizabeth Lee Shuler, 31, of Saxis Island in Sanford, was charged with possession of a Schedule I or II substance on Jan. 24, 2018. An unsecured bond was set at $2,500.
Mrs. Linda Anne Trader Johnson

Linda Anne Trader Johnson, 82, beloved wife of James R. Johnson and a lifelong resident of Parkes, passed away with her husband by her side, on Sunday, Feb. 4, 2018, at Riverside Shore Rehabilitation Center.

Born Aug. 23, 1935, in Parkes, she was the daughter of the late George T. Trader Jr. and Maude Johnson Trader. Mrs. Johnson graduated from Parkes High School and received an associate degree from Goldey-Beacom School of Business (now Goldey-Beacom College) in Wilmington, Del.

Mrs. Johnson was manager of medical records for 37 years at the former Northampton-Accomack Memorial Hospital (now Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital) in Nassawadox. She was the first accredited record technician (now registered health information technician) on the Eastern Shore.

Mrs. Johnson held honorary lifetime memberships in the American Health Information Management Association and the Virginia Health Information Management Association and was a former member of Southern Worcester County AARP. She was a lifetime member of Grace United Methodist Church in Parkes, loved reading and traveling, and keeping in touch with “old” friends. At the end of a very lengthy illness, Mrs. Johnson greatly appreciated the love and support of her husband and daughter, and her sisters-in-law and their husbands.

In addition to her loving husband, Mrs. Johnson is survived by her daughter, Debra Johnson McWhinney and her husband, Mark McWhinney, of Mountain View, Calif.; three grandchildren, Patrick James Johnson and his wife, Cari Johnson, of Greenbackville, and Emma Olivia McWhinney and Katherine Taylor McWhinney, of Mountain View, Calif.; five great-grandchildren, Richard James Johnson II, Taylor Johnson Gardner, Warren Scott Johnson, Kylie Lynn Johnson and Bristol Lynn Johnson; two great-granddaughters, Kailynn Marie Gardner and Riley Grace Johnson; and several cousins throughout Virginia. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her beloved son, Richard James Johnson.

Funeral services will be conducted from the chapel of the Williams-Parkes Funeral Home on Friday, Feb. 9, 2018, at 2 p.m., with Rev. Philip Godwin and Mr. George Fulk officiating. Interment will follow in the Parkes Cemetery. There will be a visitation at the funeral home on Thursday, Feb. 8, 2018, from 6 until 8 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Riverside Shore Hospice, P.O. Box 616, Onley, VA 23418, or to the Eastern Shore Public Library, P.O. Box 554, Accomac, VA 23301.

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

Arrangements were made by the Williams-Parkes Funeral Home.

Elizabeth Bagley Tankard

Mrs. Elizabeth Bagley Tankard, 65, beloved eldest daughter of Philip Bernard Tankard and the late Jane Underhill Tankard, passed away peacefully on Feb. 6, 2018.

Ms. Tankard battled arthritis most of her life but refused to let it define her. Gracious and giving, she always had a smile. She traveled, was active in the Ye Accomacke Garden Club and was an avid gardener, ice skated, played softball, rode horses, was a high school cheerleader and was on the dive team at Virginia Intermont College. Ms. Tankard loved books, which led to working for The Book Bin and Accomack Public Library. She was an artist and painter at Turner Porcelains.

Other than her father, Ms. Tankard is survived by her sister, Cynthia “Cindy” Tankard Lattimore; brother, Philip Bernard “P.B.” Tankard Jr.; nephews, Josh Lattimore (Kelly) and Adam Lat timore (Somiah); niece, Polly (Mark Jr.) Bundy; and nine great-nephews and nieces.

A memorial service will be conducted Friday, Feb. 9, 2018, at 2 p.m. at Johnson’s United Methodist Church with Rev. Clarence Bowen officiating. Interment will be private. A time of fellowship in the social hall will follow the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Johnson’s United Methodist Church in care of Marge Kacik, 12337 Trout Ln., Machipongo, VA. 23405 or the Northampton Free Library, P.O. Box 639, Nassawadox, VA. 23413.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at foxandjamesfh.com.

Arrangements were made by Fox and James Funeral Home, Eastville.

June W. Townsend

Mrs. June W. Townsend, 89, passed away on Jan. 27, 2018, at Heritage Hall Nursing Home in Nassawadox. She is survived by her sons, Dana and Bill Townsend; grandchildren, Tiffany and Jason Townsend; sister, Marge Walfrey of Charlottesville, Va.; and nieces, Demi and Jennifer Wood of Pocomoke.

Mrs. Townsend was the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. Wesley Webb. She was born in Eckard, Md., but moved to the Eastern Shore in 1944, where she resided until her death. She was predeceased by her soul mate, love, and partner of 40 years in business and happiness and her equal, Earl Lee Holden, of Hallwood, and her husband, William Townsend. Mrs. Townsend graduated from Atlantic High School, now Arcadia High School.

She co-owned and managed the Redwood Grocery Store and Vibrations Unlimited Spiritual Center in Temperanceville from 1981 to 1997 with her partner, Earl Holden. She also worked for Arcadia High School.

She loved traveling and experiencing new places with Earl. Their long car trips included visits to Swannanoa Spiritual Center in the Virginia mountains, and visiting many states along the East Coast.

Mrs. Townsend studied metaphysics as a Rosicrucian, and karate. Her open and inquisitive mind enjoyed courses like philosophy at the Eastern Shore Community College.

She and Earl both loved the ocean and visited Chincoteague often. A small private memorial service will be held there in spring.

She is sadly missed by many of her friends and family who loved her dearly.

Arrangements by Cooper & Hum bles Funeral Co. Inc., 24497 Mary N. Smith Rd., Accomac, VA 23301. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Riverside Shore Hospice, P.O. Box 615, Onley VA 23418, or the Eastern Shore Community Service Board, 10129 Rogers Dr., Nassawadox, VA 23413. To send an online message of condolence or for grief support, visit www.cooperandhumbles.com.

Annette Custis Widgeon

Mrs. Annette Custis Widgeon, 95, wife of the late David J. Widgeon Sr. and a resident of Painter, passed away Sunday, Feb. 4, 2018, at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital in Onancock. A native of Craddockville, she was the daughter of the late Harry E. Custis and the late Elizabeth Nottingham Custis.

She was retired from J. Edward Bundick Department Store and a member of Painter-Garrison’s United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Widgeon is survived by two daughters, Patricia W. Sturgis and her husband, Jimmy, of Painter, and Connie W. Campbell and her husband, William, of Painter; four grandchildren, Jennifer S. Dauzier and her husband, Marc, of Midlothian, Va., David J. Widgeon III and his wife, Angela, of Christiansburg, Va., Matthew Widgeon, of Roanoke, Va., and Amy C. Budd and her husband, Chris, of Painter; four great-grandchildren, Ben and Evelyn Widgeon and Blake and Brooke Budd; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by a son, David J. Widgeon Jr.; a daughter-in-law, Jane Johnson Widgeon; and three sisters, Irma C. Dix, Pamela C. Brockwell and Elizabeth C. Campbell.

A graveside service was conducted Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2018, at Quinby Cemetery, with Rev. Curtis P. Lucy officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to Painter-Garrison’s United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 502, Painter, Virginia 23420.

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

Arrangements were made by Doughty Funeral Home in Exmore.
Katherine Elizabeth
“Kathy” Young

Mrs. Katherine Elizabeth “Kathy” Young, 44, of Chincoteague Island, Va., passed away on Feb. 2, 2018.

Mrs. Young is survived by her loving spouse of 20 years, Dean Young Sr., of Chincoteague; three sons, Justin, Joseph, and Dean Jr. (“D.J.”), all of Chincoteague; a daughter, Cassandra (“Kassie”), of Chincoteague; her father, Wayne Henninger and her stepmother, Pat, of Seaford, Del.; three sisters, Terri Lynn Redmond and her husband, Erik, of Onancock, Va., Deborah Sheryl Spencer and husband, Dave, of Raleigh, N.C., and Kristine Bannasch and her husband, David, of Baltimore, Md.; her stepsister and stepbrother, Trish and John Codick, of Buffalo, N.Y.; her father-in-law, Everett Young and his wife, Lorelei, of Springfield, Ore.; two grandmothers-in-law, Eula Bell and Dana Chambers, both of Chincoteague; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles, sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, and extended family members, as well as many friends she made in life.

She was predeceased by her mother, Wanda Anne Henninger.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Feb. 10, 2018, at 2 p.m., at the Salyer Funeral Home on Chincoteague, with Pastor David Reed officiating.

Obituaries may be emailed to editor@easternshorepost.com or faxed to 757-789-7681
Northampton Education Foundation Engages Community to Support Schools

By Stefanie Jackson

After a decade of volunteer service for the betterment of local public schools, Northampton Education Foundation experienced landmark growth and development, increasing its membership by about 70 percent in little more than a year.

NCEF raised nearly $11,000 in its eleventh year of operations as a non-profit helping support Northampton students and teachers.

In 2017, the NCEF board of directors welcomed Andy Buccholz, Darlene Burton, Sharon Renner, Kristin Webb, and Faye Wilfong. Kevin Schwenk and Ron West joined in early 2018. Most of NCEF’s newest members are former Northampton County public school teachers, and several attended Northampton schools or have children who do.

NCEF’s two biggest contributions of $2,675 and $2,350 went to Kiptopeke Elementary School and Occohannock Elementary School, respectively, for their Pre-K camps. The four-week programs serve 30 participants at each school, both children and families, providing support and resources to reduce or eliminate risk factors leading to early academic failure.

Kiptopeke band teacher Megan Gallagher received a $1,000 grant called “Bridging the Gap with Musical Instruments,” for new equipment for the growing band program. Gallagher has expanded the elementary school band from two to 34 students.

Last February, Schwenk, who was Northampton High School’s music teacher, received a $750 contribution towards the band and chorus’s trip to New York City to participate in the Heritage Festival, a music competition for high school and middle school choruses, bands, and orchestras.

Northampton Middle School received a $500 grant for students to see “Hidden Figures” at the Palace Theatre in Cape Charles, a movie based on the true story of three African American women from Hampton, who were mathematicians at NASA in the ‘60s and played a vital role in the U.S. space race.

Kiptopeke Elementary was awarded $420 for a second grade class field trip to Hunt Club Farm in Virginia Beach, where students interact with and learn about various farm animals and plants.

NHS and NMS were granted $300 in prize money for winners of the 2017 reflections contest. Students submitted drawings, photos, poems and essays with the theme, “Within Reach.”

Occohannock Elementary was awarded $96 for Jamestown representatives to visit the school and teach children about Native Americans and their way of life.

NCEF’s crowning achievement in 2017 was likely its first annual State of the Schools Community Forum at NHS, where about 100 educators, local business owners and public officials collaborated grassroots-style on strategies for schools and businesses to work together improving education and building a strong workforce.

NCEF has been working closely with principals on ideas to engage the business community with schools, and expects to officially announce new projects within the next month or two.

NHS Career Mentor Program

Northampton High School’s career mentor program, founded by NCEF member Andy Teeling, and operating independently from the education foundation, had a successful first run in 2017. More than 35 retired and working professionals and tradesmen signed up to be mentors.

Among the first mentors to participate in the program were the mayor of Cape Charles, George Proto, and his wife, Nancy Proto, a member of the Northampton school board. The Protos discussed career options in their respective areas of expertise; George Proto talked about engineering with science students, while Nancy Proto spoke to psychology students. Another husband and wife mentoring team, Bill and Barbara O’Hare, both statisticians, met with math students. Teeling talked shop with the industrial arts class about woodworking.

Anyone interested in volunteering as a career mentor may visit the Northampton schools website, www.ncpsk12.com, to find more information on the program and to register. Those who signed up last year and are still interested in career mentoring are encouraged to re-register for the new school year.

Cape Charles Chooses Head Main Street Project Leader

By Stefanie Jackson

Cape Charles’ community enhancement board has chosen Master of Business Administration Shelly Gorman as the program manager for its Main Street Virginia project, aiming to preserve the town’s history while seamlessly weaving it into the developing community and economy.

Gorman earned her MBA from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, and has more than 15 years of experience in program leadership, workforce and entrepreneurial development, stakeholder relationship management and global consulting.

Gorman began her new position in January, and reports to Town Manager Brent Manuel and the community enhancement board, chaired by Andy Buccholz, a town council member. Tammy Holloway, the board’s vice chairman, is the president of the Cape Charles Business Association.

“I am thrilled for the opportunity to partner with the incredibly passionate and dedicated board and Cape Charles community,” Gorman said. “I look forward to becoming an official Main Street Virginia designated community in the near future.”

She explained the four-point “Main Street Approach” to revitalize and sustain Virginia’s historic downtowns, which she will apply in her new position as program manager. “Design” includes physical improvements to the downtown environment. “Organization” means building partnerships to help manage the revitalization effort. “Promotion” is creating and marketing a positive image for the downtown area. “Economic Vitality” is fortifying and expanding existing economic assets.

Gorman is originally from Connecticut, but was raised in Saudi Arabia from age four and has traveled all around the globe. Her parents worked multiple jobs in the U.S. to make ends meet for their four children, until they attended a teacher conference where they were offered teaching positions in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. Though they had never traveled and knew nothing about the foreign country, they took a family vote, which was unanimous in favor of moving to Jeddah - though, “at four, I am not sure how much I understood about my vote,” Gorman said with a smile.

The school where her parents worked was owned by a major Saudi Arabian airline, and a perk of the job was the family could fly for free anywhere in the world.

Of all the places Gorman has traveled, it’s Cape Charles that got her “hooked.” She first visited the town when a friend who was building there invited her to stay for the weekend and attend Pork and Pearls in Bay Creek, a fall dining event featuring barbecue, oysters, and clams.

Gorman was inspired to spend a whole summer in the little beach town. It only took about a week for Gorman to fall in love with the “incredibly unique place with wonderful ‘characters,’ deep and rich history, endless nature and magical sunsets. ... What else could you ask for?”

Virginia Main Street is a program of the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development which recognizes the significance of the commonwealth’s historic commercial districts and acknowledges that “downtowns still provide the center around which most of Virginia’s communities revolve,” according to program guidelines. Through the Main Street program, communities like Cape Charles can apply for VDHCD grants that “provide assistance in making our historic downtowns vital and providing opportunity for growth throughout Virginia.”

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By Connie Morrison

The Roseland Cinema and Entertainment Center is bringing “The Post” and the Post to the Roseland Theatre in Onancock on Feb. 10. It won’t have the glitz and glamour of the film’s star-studded premiere at The Newseum in Washington, D.C., but it will have an Gov. Ralph Northam and staff from the Washington Post as the evening’s luminaries.

“The Post” is an Academy Award-nominated film about the Washington Post’s decision to publish the Pentagon Papers, which disclosed to the American public that the Vietnam War was a lost cause.

RCEC recruited staff from the Washington Post for a question and answer session following the film. “We love to share the story of the Post with new audiences,” said Steven Ginsberg, the Post’s national editor.

The audience should hold at least some familiar faces for Ginsberg, who grew up in Onancock and graduated in 1990 from Broadwater Academy.

Joining Ginsberg will be Emily Heil, author of the “Reliable Source,” the Washington Post’s gossip and celebrity news column. She is a 1995 Nandua High graduate, who was married at Onancock Town Hall.

Ginsberg and Heil were profiled by Bill Sterling for the Eastern Shore Post in April 2017.

Yet another Washington Post staffer with Eastern Shore ties will be part of the Post contingent — National Security Reporter Devlin Barrett. He has family in Machipongo.

Dan Balz, chief correspondent

RCEC Brings ‘The Post’ and the Post to the Roseland Theatre

A&N Electric Seeks Approval for Solar Pilot Program

Submitted Article

In late January, A&N Electric Cooperative, along with three fellow Virginia electric cooperatives, began seeking formal approval for a pilot program to provide additional solar energy to interested members. If approved, the Community Solar Pilot Project will allow members of the cooperative to subscribe to solar energy generated from two facilities in Virginia.

Currently, a portion of all power supplied to cooperative members comes from solar. The new program will allow members who want a larger percentage of solar power to receive a dedicated, predetermined amount of solar power each month. By doing so, participating members can further support the development of solar energy in Virginia, while also locking in the price paid for the dedicated solar portion of their generation service during the three-year pilot period.

“ANEC is excited about the opportunities the proposed community solar offering will provide our members,” said Leo Radkowski, Project Manager for ANEC. “The pilot program will make it easy to enjoy the benefits of solar without the expense and effort related to onsite solar installations. Additionally the pilot will make solar generation accessible to our members that may have limited opportunities to install solar generation at their residence.”

If approved by the commission, the community solar pilot program will allow the cooperative’s members to choose solar power to cover all or a portion of their electric usage each month. The cost to members of a 50 kWh “solar block” will be about $5.50 per month, a modest increase over the current cost of wholesale power. The program also offers members the opportunity to lock in the cost of their solar power supply for the future.

The cooperatives participating with ANEC in the pilot program are Mecklenburg Electric Cooperative in Chase City, Northern Neck Electric Cooperative in Warsaw and Rappahannock Electric Cooperative in Fredericksburg.

All four are members of Old Dominion Electric Cooperative, which provides wholesale electricity to the local cooperatives. ODEC’s generation portfolio currently includes 30 megawatts of solar from two Virginia solar facilities; 20 megawatts from the Cherrydale Solar Facility in Northampton County; and 10 megawatts from the Clarke County Solar Facility in White Post, Va.

The pilot programs must be approved by the Virginia State Corporation Commission. The 2017 Session of the Virginia General Assembly approved the “Community Solar Act,” which allows for such programs. The cooperatives expect to receive approval of their Community Solar pilot programs later this spring, and hope to begin offering solar subscriptions this summer.

By Linda Cicoira

Four people who work for Eastern Shore Rural Health reported having their identities stolen and their tax refunds intercepted, Sheriff Todd Godwin confirmed Wednesday.

“The reports just started coming in yesterday,” the sheriff said. “It is an active investigation.”

No other details were available. He would not say who the victims were, how the scams were done or how much money was involved.

Rural Health Employees Victims of Tax Scam
Northam wants Virginia to join the 32 states already participating in Medicaid expansion. Making families choose between “whether they see a (health care) provider or put food on the table … that’s immoral,” Northam said. “No individual or family should be one medical illness away from financial demise.”

Northam supports the Affordable Care Act and asserted, “whether you like it or not, it’s the law of the land.” The ACA ensures access to health insurance for patients with pre-existing conditions, and allows children to remain on their parents’ policies until age 26.

He also said the health care expansion issue must be fixed before legislators can touch Certificate of Public Need (COPN) laws that could address some of the concerns about reimbursement rates for rural physicians, hospitals and nursing homes. Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital Administrator John Peterman said Virginia hospitals are only paid 77 cents on the dollar by Medicaid.

Peter Lalor, chairman of the hospital board of directors, said the nonprofit hospital provided $15 million in “uncompensated care” last year to patients who could not afford to pay. While RSMH’s charitable care may appear to be a positive, it’s financially challenging. “Forty-three percent of hospitals in Virginia are in the red,” Northam said.

Sen. Lynwood Lewis echoed Northam’s sentiments about Medicaid expansion. “Thirty-two states have done this. ... We can do it, too,” Lewis said. Both Democrat and Republican-controlled state governments have expanded Medicaid, he noted. Lewis reminisced about past “bipartisan give-and-take with Medicare and Medicaid,” currently lacking in Medicaid expansion, and hoped for lawmakers “not to let politics overwhelm common sense.”

Del. Robert Bloxom, offering a different perspective, said for states participating in Medicaid expansion, “the cost has never equaled out.” Instead, health insurance costs “skyrocketed” after Anthem’s 10-day hiatus from the marketplace. He claimed emergency room visits haven’t declined since the ACA took effect. If anything, they’ve risen because people who can’t afford care wait until they become really sick before seeking treatment.

Bloxom supports expanding access to health care, with a stipulation: “Straight Medicaid expansion is a non-starter.” He implied ACA protections for patients with pre-existing conditions have contributed to rising health insurance costs, stating his position against “shifting the uninsured population from those who can’t get insurance, to those who can’t afford insurance.”

ESRHS CEO Nancy Stern elaborated on Lalor’s statement on hospital and rural health system care coordination. If your primary care provider belongs to ESRHS, and you are admitted to the hospital, RSMH notifies your PCP, Stern said. The role of general practitioners has also expanded. “Prevention is no longer secondary,” Stern continued. Health care is “not just the acute visit,” but “the wellness visit.”

Stern asked legislators to make “an investment strategy” to help with health care expansion and physician recruitment. There is a shortage of medical, dental, and mental health practitioners on the Eastern Shore, Stern said.

Peterman reported that since the new hospital opened a year ago, it has established a “world-class” electronic health record system and hired 10 new health care providers, but more are needed. There were 20,000 emergency room visits, 3,000 admitted patients, and 400 babies delivered at RSMH in 2017.
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Live Auction by Chester Jackson.
By Krystle Bono

The Arcadia Firebirds and the Nandua Warriors varsity wrestling teams traveled to Poquoson last Saturday to compete in the Region 2A Tournament.

Matthew Teasley represented Nandua at the top of the podium, earning first in the 152-pound weight class after defeating Arcadia's Kyle Sosnowski during the third-place match, earning Sosnowski a fourth-place showing. Vasquez went 3-1 for the event.

Arcadia's Angel Vasquez brought home a third-place finish in the 106-pound weight class after defeating Nandua's Juan Flores in the third-place match, earning Flore's a third-place finish, earning Flores a third-place finish.

Arcadia's Julian Dedicatoria fell to Poquoson's Robert Henesey in the 220-pound second-place match. He finished with a 2-1 record for the day.

Nandua's Matthew Taylor earned a fourth-place spot on the podium in the 120-pound weight class, falling to Nottoway's Travis Wyatt in the third-place match.

Devon Nieves grabbed a sixth-place showing for the Warriors in the 132-pound weight class after dropping the fifth-place match to Goochland's Corey Vincent.

Cameron Mears brought home a fifth-place finish in the 138-pound weight bracket for the Warriors, defeating King William's Clayton Walsh in a close 7-6 match.

Nandua's Carl Bacchi topped Poquoson's Conrad Johnson to grab a third-place finish in the 160-pound weight class by a 8-2 decision.

Another third-place finish for Nandua was earned in the 220-pound weight class by Joseph Castiglia, who defeated Bluestone's Neil Clayton.

The Northampton wrestling team will travel to Riverheads to participate in their regional tournament tonight (Friday) and Saturday.

Submitted Article and Photo

The Eastern Shore Family YMCA (ESY) swimmers, led by Carter Harmon and Madison Johnson, finished third among teams in attendance at the first league meet of 2018.

Madison Johnson led female swimmers with 60 individual points. Johnson recorded first-place finishes in female 13-14 50-meter freestyle, 100-meter breast stroke, and 200-meter individual medley. She was joined by Olivia Siegrist with 53 points, including a first-place finish in the female 13-14 100-meter backstroke, and Morgan Johnson with 49 points as top scoring females.

Carter Harmon scored 60 individual points for the ESY male swimmers, with first-place finishes in the male 15-18 50-meter freestyle, 100-meter breast stroke, and 200-meter individual medley. Luke Duer, Parker Boggs and Brayden Shotwell joined Harmon as top scoring ESY male swimmers. Luke Duer finished with 56 individual points, finishing first in the male 11-12 50-meter and 100-meter freestyle events. Parker Boggs and Brayden Shotwell both finished the meet with 50 individual points.

Among ESY swimmers with first place finishes was Taj Dorn, who won the male six and under 25-meter back stroke.

At the meet, ESY swimmers improved best times in 15 events. Emmalee Blake, Carter Harmon, Madison Johnson, Blaise Siegrist and Sofia Whealton all finished two individual events with new personal bests. Morgan Johnson swam personal best times in all three of the individual events in which she swam.

The ESY swimmers also scored well in the relay events, with five relays scoring among the top three teams in their events. The ESY 11-12 mixed 200-meter freestyle relay team (Blaise Siegrist, Luke Duer, Sofia Whealton and Brayden Shotwell) recorded a first-place finish and the 15-18 mixed 200-meter freestyle relay team (Madison Johnson, Parker Boggs, Olivia Siegrist and Carter Harmon) placed second.

In the medley relays, the 9-10 mixed 200-meter team of Priya Governor, Parker Shotwell, Morgan Johnson and Emmalee Blake, and the 15-18 mixed 200-meter team with members Parker Boggs, Madison Johnson, Carter Harmon and Olivia Siegrist placed second, and the 11-12 mixed 200-meter relay team, consisting of Sofia Whealton, Blaise Siegrist, Brayden Shotwell and Luke Duer, finished third in their event.

The team's next meet will be held at the Eastern Shore YMCA in Onley Saturday, March 10.

Parker Boggs swims the 100-meter backstroke. Boggs finished in second place in this event and was the lead swimmer in the 15-18 mixed 200-meter medley relay team.
Varsity Basketball Action

Story and Photos by Krystle Bono

It was a busy week in the Eastern Shore District basketball home stretch, as the regular season came to a close with a series of make-up games, to the semi-finals in the annual Eastern Shore District Tournament.

Thursday evening, the Nandua girls traveled to Oak Hall to down the Firebirds, 55-53.

The Lady Jackets also had an away contest Thursday, falling to Franklin, 59-57, in overtime. Maeyanna Delk led Northampton on the scoreboard with 30 points. Teammates Jada Giddens posted eight and Brianna Bochman threw seven.

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Northampton fell to the Franklin boys, 95-79, on the road Thursday night. Vonte Coston posted 33 points in the Yellow Jackets’ cause and Sheldon Payne followed his lead with 28. Tamaze Brisco grabbed the most rebounds with seven.

The Firebirds boys hoops squad edged the Warriors, 68-59, in Onley, Thursday.

Aronte Dickerson helped lead Arcadia to its district win, posting 17 points. Jayquan Dorsey threw 14 and Birdell Bishop scored 12 points.

Jaylen Smith led the Warriors with 25 points. Rodrick Bailey hooped 10 and Cade McGregor tossed nine.

Both the Northampton girls and boys teams topped the Nandua Warriors Friday night.

The Yellow Jackets took a 56-48 win over the Warriors on their home court. Delk would take the lead again, posting 18 points, with Bochman and Giddens trailing her with 14 and nine points, respectively.

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The boys topped the Gators 67-58, with help from Wharton, who led with 20 points. Crumb tossed 12 points and Rose had 10.

Tuesday night was the beginning of the Eastern Shore District Tournament with the Ponies playing host for the night for the girls varsity teams.

Northampton secured a spot in the tournament finals Friday night with a hard-fought win over Arcadia, 40-34.

Delk led the Yellow Jackets, throwing 21 points, and Giddens put up nine points.

Wharton’s 13 points led her Firebird squad and Harris tallied seven.

The second game of the night was a battle between the Chincoteague Ponies and the Nandua Warriors, with the Ponies coming out on top, 45-36, over the Lady Warriors.

Caroline Shelley helped lead the Ponies to the district finals with 15 points. Thornton followed close behind, adding 13.

Bailey led the Warriors with 18 points and Rucker posted seven.

The Yellow Jackets and the Ponies will be back on the court tonight (Friday) at Arcadia for the Eastern Shore District Finals at 5:30 p.m.

Broadwater suffered a loss to the Atlantic Shores Christian girls Tuesday night on the road, 80-28.

Leading the Vikings was Sexauer with 15 points and six rebounds; Mackenzie Mabalot threw four points.

The Broadwater boys also fell to Atlantic Shores Tuesday by a 84-79 count.

Wharton led with 29 points on the board. Ahmad Scarborough contributed 16 and Crumb hooped 12. Clay Wardius grabbed the most rebounds with six.

Wednesday night marked the semi-finals for the boys varsity district tournament in Eastville, with the first battle between the Ponies and the Warriors.

After being forced into overtime, Nandua took home the win, with the final score resting 71-65.

Tremere Summerville notched 20 points to propel the Warriors to the win, with help from Bailey, who netted 14 and Smith, who tallied 13.

Braden Watson posted the most on the board for the Ponies with 17. Trenton Clark added 16 points and Davis put in 13.

The second face-off of the night between the No. 1 seeded Yellow Jackets and the Firebirds ended in favor of the home team, 70-65. The two teams were also tied at the conclusion of regular play, with the score having to be settled in overtime, but Northampton prevailed to earn the second spot next to the Warriors in the district tournament finals.

Coston led the Yellow Jackets with 22 points. Payne posted 19 and Brisco tallied 12 points with 14 rebounds for the team-high.

Dickerson’s 20 points led Arcadia. Williams tossed 14, Trey Ballard threw 13 and Kam Downing scored 10 points.

The boys will compete after the conclusion of the girls game in the District Tournament finals at 7 p.m. tonight (Friday) at Arcadia High School.
Shore Swim Competes in Regional Finals

Photos Courtesy of Connie Burford

Shore Swim traveled to battle Cambridge South Dorchester Thursday, Feb. 1, and then to Arlington last Saturday, to compete in the regional swim tournament. Lauren Johnston, a junior at Chincoteague High School, will move on to the Swim and Dive VHSL Championship state finals, which will be held beginning Thursday, Feb. 15, in Richmond. Johnston finished third and fifth in her two events in last year's state championships.

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Saturday, February 24, 2018

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Central Accomack Little League Annual Dinner and Auction

Central Accomack Little League will host its annual dinner and auction Saturday, Feb. 24, at the Parkskey Volunteer Fire Department. Doors open at 5 p.m. Dinner is at 7 p.m and the auction begins at 8 p.m. Dinner will include pulled pork, baked beans, cole slaw, buns and baked apples with tea and/or water. Adult beverages are available for purchase.

Tickets are $20 per person and space is limited to 125.

For more information or to purchase, Contact Billy Justice at centralaccomakkittleleague@gmail.com

Hockey at the Y

Little Shooters Hockey starts Monday, Feb. 19, at the YMCA. Practices and games will be held on Mondays at 5:15 p.m., in the youth gymnasium.

The hockey program will be focused on promoting YMCA character values such as caring, honesty, faith, respect, and responsibility. We will also focus on sportsmanship, fundamentals of floor hockey, and how to play on a team. Call the Y for more information at 757-787-5601.

2018 Run for the Animals

The 7th Annual Run for the Animals is set for Sunday, April 15, at the Historic Onancock School. This is a charity event and all net proceeds support animal organizations serving the Eastern Shore.

Early entry fee is $40 ($50 after March 31). Student fee (must be full time) is $20 ($25 after March 31). All distances are with or without your canine companion.

Choose either the half marathon (13.1 miles), 10K (6.2 miles), or the 5K (3.1 miles non-competitive run/walk).

2018 Run for the Animals can be emailed to sports@easternshorepost.com

SPORTS SHORTS

There will be commemorative event T-shirts, finishing medals, trophies by division, and awards will be given for the top fundraisers. Top raffle prizes include a hang gliding session (by VA Hang Gliding) and a scenic plane ride (by Eastern Shore Aviation).

Registration/Check In: 6:45 to 7:45 a.m.
Pre-Race Meeting: 8 a.m.
Gun Time: 8:30 a.m.
Awards: 11:30 a.m.
Luncheon begins at noon

This event is rain or shine. For more information on registering, volunteering, fundraising or sponsor opportunities, call 757-999-4999 or visit www.RunForTheAnimals.com

NCPR Co-Ed Volleyball Registration

Team registration is now open for Northampton County Parks and Recreation Co-Ed Volleyball. Registration deadline is March 19, and the season begins April 2, at Northampton Middle School.

Entry fees are $125 for teams of up to 10 players per roster, with a four-male, two-female minimum. There is a maximum of 14 team.

For more information or to register, call 757-678-0468 or email parks@co.northampton.va.us

Upward Soccer Program

Ongoing registration is happening now for Upward Soccer Program, sponsored by Trinity Unity Methodist Church in Cape Charles.

The first evaluation is March 3, and the program is for children ages 3-12. To register, visit http://registration.upward.org/upw66063

Contact Doug Nichols at capecharlesupward@gmail.com for more information.

Spring Soccer at the Y

The YMCA spring soccer league starts March 12, for all age groups through 8th grade. Our soccer league is designed to teach the basics to beginners as well as improve the skills of more advanced players. We will focus on ball control, team work, sportsmanship, and fair play for all. We will also promote the YMCA character values such as caring, honesty, faith, respect, and responsibility. Every child will have a chance to play with an emphasis on fun.

Call the Y for more information or to register at 757-787-5601.

Bust the Rust Nandua Softball Camp

The Nandua softball team will hold its annual camp at Nandua High School on Saturday, Feb. 24, for players between 8-12. All ability and skill levels are welcome.

Registration will take place from 8 to 8:30 a.m. and is $35 per player. Camp hours will be from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

All proceeds will benefit the Nandua softball program. This will be a great way to shake off those rusty skills and get ready for the spring softball season. Contact Lynn Williams for more information, at 757-710-4242 or find us on Facebook.
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The town sent her a notice threatening to put a DMV stop on her vehicle if she didn’t pay about $1,800 by Feb. 1 for taxes owed from 2012 to 2017. Shrieves explained her car was a 2013 model and she bought it in 2016, so she shouldn’t be charged for 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015.

“You can’t guesstimate,” she said of her bill. “Something different has to be done. … You cannot charge me for a car that was never even built” in 2012. She also said her brother needed to be repaid for some of his charges because the real estate wasn’t bought by him until 2016. “You basically scared him into paying,” she said. Taylor added, estimating wasn’t necessary since information could be found on the county website or by asking the county treasurer for help.

“If people don’t want to sign the affidavit, most of the time, they haven’t paid it,” Poulson said. “We’re giving everybody the benefit of the doubt.”

“It looks like we’re going against her,” Poulson said later. “And in a way, I guess we are, but we’re just trying to make a paper trail of the money for the future. She told me a lot of people in the town paid cash and they didn’t. … I’m not too sure that all the records got burned up,” Poulson said canceled checks showed there were two laptops. He believes she has one that she won’t give back.

“We’ve come a long way. … We’re doing everything that we can to help the people in the town,” the mayor continued. “I’m pretty sure we’re going to make some mistakes. She has created this problem for herself. The checks are showing that she took money. … We report what we see on paper. … The letter did just what we thought it would do, got people to come out. It helped us a lot. I just hope when it’s all settled and done that the town can get back on the right track. We’re trying our best without records. It’s hard.”

On the other side, Taylor told the council she is also stuck. “I have no way to defend myself either; because there aren’t any records,” she said. “It’s accepting their word. My word is maybe they didn’t pay me.”

“That was just a letter that we wanted to get out,” said Poulson. “It wasn’t correct. Everybody knows it. We wanted to get everything settled. It wasn’t intended to get you in any trouble.”

“I’m going to put out a correction,” said Shrieves. “According to Angel, I scared them too much.”

Former Councilman Tim Clougherty was tasked with comparing the town’s account with ANEC and with bank receipts. He found a payment in February 2014 for $93.40 for street lights that was not shown on any of the town’s accounts. Also in 2014, the town paid $712.69 but was only credited for $414.20. In 2015, the town paid $10,386.62 to ANEC but was credited with paying $9,135.71 or a difference of about $1,251. In 2016, $9,622.93 was shown to be paid, with $7,861.43 being credited for a difference of $1,761.50.

“The payment structure bounced all over the place which made this very difficult,” Clougherty said. In 2017, $7,638.54 was paid to ANEC but the town was billed $6,027.36 or $1,611.18 less. Also, Clougherty said on Nov. 23, 2015, there was no electronic payment to ANEC for $704.41 but a check for the amount was written to Taylor; meaning she could have written the check to herself and then paid the electric bill.

“They (ANEC) did tell us they can’t tell us where that money went,” he said of the differences. “That information has to be obtained through a subpoena. “Jackie is going to turn information over to state police,” he added. For “2012 and 2013, payments and bank accounts matched completely.”

Poulson reported his tires were slashed while his vehicle sat in front of his home. He believes the culprit is somehow connected to the investigation. That was a couple of months ago. He paid $428 to replace the two tires and installed cameras. Then, it happened again.

“I had the camera on,” he said. “They shined a light on it” so it couldn’t get a picture. Two more tires on his Subaru Outback were destroyed. As the suspect was leaving, the silhouette of “one big person” could be seen. Poulson said this has happened so often, he now gets a discounted rate of $314 for the pair.

The mayor said more than $32,000 was overpaid from town coffers to Taylor for her salary or to pay the electric bill for her home and at her husband’s auto business. He said she got about $21,000 more than she should have for income.
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Feb. 16, from 6:30-9 p.m.

Pamala Stanley is a Singer, Songwriter, International Recording Artist and Talk Show Radio Host. She came on the scene in the 1980s with 4 top-20 hits and is best known for her worldwide acclaimed songs, “Coming Out of Hiding” and “I Don’t Want To Talk About It” which reached #4 and #13 on the Billboard Charts. Singing her whole life, her show takes you through Pop, Jazz, Broadway, Disco and R&B. She does it all. She’s fun, talented and lively.

Don’t miss this world-class singer and entertainer!

Call for reservations, 442-7831.
Chincoteague Island Arts Organization Events

The Chincoteague Island Arts Organization (CIAO) is sponsoring two live music performances on President's Day weekend. Blues/rock band Bill Toms and Hard Rain returns to the Island Theatre Feb. 17, at 8 p.m. The concert celebrates the release of the band's newest CD, “Good for My Soul.” With his ninth full-length studio release, Toms channels a foot-stomping, wall-shaking blend of soul, blues, gospel, and rock vibes, all brought together with his lyrical specialty—stories of everyday men and women doing their best to stay ahead, while still managing to keep a dream or two in their heads. Tickets are $20. Explore the music of Persia on Feb. 18, from 2 – 5 p.m., with “A Taste of Persia: An Introduction to its Music, Dance and Food.” Experience the rich musical, whirling and culinary traditions of Persia with the acclaimed musician Amir Vahab as your guide. The program begins with a 30-minute workshop in drumming in a Persian Drumming Circle, followed by a 30-minute workshop in the meditative dance known as “whirling,” and ends with tea and Persian treat your own drum if you have one. Tickets are $15. Tickets for either of CIAO event can be purchased online at www.ciarts.org, at Sundial Books or at the door.
Workshop Seeks To Heal Divisions Among People

Submitted Article and Photo

Gerald and Polly Boyd are on a mission to reduce the impact of poverty on the lives of Eastern Shore residents. At the heart of the matter, they believe, are divisions among people. They hope to help heal some of those divisions through their direct work with clients, through mentoring programs and educational scholarships, and building community.

Two organizations they co-founded — Peacewerks Center for Well-Being LLC and its companion nonprofit, ESTACI (Eastern Shore Training And Consulting Inc.), of Exmore — are sponsoring an introductory workshop on healing racial, class and gender divisions.

“Welcoming diversity and inclusion is an issue, a moral imperative, a strategy for social change, a personal commitment, and is a central — and at times vexing — challenge for all people,” said Gerald Boyd. The workshop will explore such questions as: In today’s world, how can we be part of the solution? How do we bridge the gaps that exist between those of different races, ages, faiths, genders, sexual identities, political orientations and financial abilities? How do we move beyond polarization to mutual understanding, respect, collaboration and hope?

Gerald and Polly Boyd will co-facilitate the class, and have been facilitating racial healing workshops for more than 45 years, with extensive experience in diversity training around the country. During this four-hour introductory workshop, they will create a context for diverse individuals to come together and get to know each other as fellow human beings. They hope to increase awareness of the impact of systems of oppression and privilege as they inform our relationships, communities, schools and workplaces through skilled dialogue practices.

Important to healing is creating an environment in which each person feels included and valued. The workshop seeks to create a culture that cherishes differences and diversity as essential to creativity, growth and optimal collective intelligence. It further aims to generate a basis of understanding, compassion, collaboration and hope for creating an equitable and sustainable world. It will introduce leadership skills that foster connections as allies across identity groups.

If you go: The workshop, “Welcoming and Celebrating our Diverse Connections,” will be held Saturday, Feb. 17, 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., at the Barrier Islands Center in the historic African-American Almshouse building. Call Gerald or Polly Boyd at 757-656-3460 for the $30 pre-registration rate. Registration at the door will be $35.

Orchestra of the Eastern Shore to Present Vivaldi’s ‘Four Seasons’

The orchestra’s two concerts feature two brilliant classical works and four amazing soloists, joined by renowned violinist, Akemi Takayama, as violin soloist in Vivaldi’s “Four Seasons,” a frequently-heard work consisting of a concerto for each season revealing the season’s moods and characteristic activities. Ms. Takayama is concertmaster of the Roanoke Symphony and the Williamsburg Symphonia, and an inspiring teacher, serving as Associate Professor and the Victor Brown Endowed Chair in Violin at Shenandoah University’s Shenandoah Conservatory in Winchester.

The Orchestra’s two flutists, Ally Tarwater and Kevin Schwenk, teachers and popular performers here on the Shore, will solo in Bach’s “Brandenburg Concerto IV,” joined by Paul Kim on violin, the Orchestra’s music director/violinist. One of the most popular of Bach’s six Brandenburg concerti, the work is tuneful and soulful. Detailed program notes for both works will be provided at the performances.

The concert will be performed Friday, Feb. 16, at 7:30 p.m., at Cokesbury Church, in Onancock, and Sunday, Feb. 18, at 4 p.m., at Hungars Church, in Bridgetown.

As always, concerts are free and open to the public, with donations most welcome. Support for the orchestra is also provided by Town of Onancock, Virginia Commission for the Arts, United Way of Virginia’s Eastern Shore, and Friends of the Orchestra.

Historic Accomac Church Welcomes Francis Makemie Society Member

The Francis Makemie Presbyterian Church on Back Street in Accomac was the setting for a historic event on Jan. 28. The Rev. Monica Gould, pastor of the little church built in 1837 and named in honor of Francis Makemie, extended membership to Joe and Kathy Boggs, both descendants of William Boggs, nephew of Makemie, and Fitz Godwin, Chairman of the Francis Makemie Society. Francis Makemie, a native son of the Eastern Shore, is recognized as the 17th century founder of organized Presbyterianism in America. The 1908 Alexander Calder statue of Makemie sits in the backyard of the church.

The Francis Makemie Society promotes the memory of Francis Makemie and is the caretaker of his birth and burial place at Makemie Park in Sanford. Makemie Park is a National and Virginia Landmark. Numerous directors of the Francis Makemie Society and Makemie friends attended and Sue Boggs, another Makemie relative, prepared and served coffee and desserts for the special event.
About 130 Eastern Shore Eastern Democrats “danced the blue wave” last Saturday, celebrating Gov. Ralph Northam’s election and inauguration, and the gain in democratic party seats in the House of Delegates in the same election. The event was held at the historic Onancock School, from which the governor graduated in 1977.
By Linda Cicoira

From the main passageways to the back necks of Accomack and Northampton counties, it’s all about the “E’s — economics, employment, aesthetics, environment and equality. Those were the results of an Eastern Shore Post survey taken in January.

“The Eastern Shore needs to start looking like it cares about how it looks,” Linda K. Smith, of New Church, wrote in a recent email survey conducted by the Eastern Shore Post. “When I look at the Eastern Shore, my heart sinks, because I was born here 75 years ago. Places were neat, cared for. There were morals and values. Now ride down Hwy. 13 and back roads (and) what does one see but a never-ending line of litter and debilitated homes. It’s disgraceful to residents as well as visitors. There are no laws to contain this problem,” Smith continued. “To the powers that be, I’d say enact some laws to clean up this place and make it look like we care. If we don’t care about how we look, nobody else will.”

“The nation has to get out of this rut it’s in where the party that rules makes all the rules,” Smith added. “Come together, that’s all!”

But not everyone notices the same things.

“I want to see us continue to keep the Eastern Shore as close to nature as possible,” wrote Robert Doughty, of South Chesconessex. “Few people get to enjoy the pristine environment we have. I also want to see the efforts to clean the Chesapeake Bay continue. A big part of our economy depends on that. As a nation, I think infrastructure is the most important topic. Many of the past presidencies have talked about it but done very little. That brings to mind, will (the people of) Tangier Island get their seawall as promised or will that, too, fall through the crack?”

Trina Bradshaw, of Hallwood, said employment should be the top priority locally. “There are not enough good jobs here on the Shore. And many grow up and move away. Others who stay get into trouble because they can’t get a good job. I would love to see a mentor program for youth with the police departments instead of these kids being locked up with no hope, only to repeat the cycle. I think a better relationship with authority figures will help some, not all, of course.”

“The proliferation of chicken houses” should be the main local concern according to John Stewart, of Wardtown. “Pollution and the threat of war” are the things the nation should be alarmed with, he said.

“Poverty; it limits economic growth,” said Bill Payne, of Cape Charles about the Eastern Shore. Nationally, he said, “Division; it causes social disruption.”

“The most pressing issue we face is the threat to our environment,” said Andrew Morey, of Melita. “I’ve always felt that we need to contemplate the unintended consequences of our actions more. Everyone should study history to better familiarize themselves with repeating themes, like religious wars, and everyone should learn the law of diminishing returns. Our second, by a long shot, most important topic, is the national debt. We need to pay our bills in a timely manner.”

“Many folks that live on the Eastern Shore have great pride in this area for its beauty and outdoor activities, such as hunting and fishing,” said Joanne Laskowski, of Accomack. “However, the roads look like a county landfill. Why is it that the county supervisors think that solar farms along Route 13 are an eyesore, yet do nothing about the litter and the derelict buildings within the counties which are eyesores? Pride is shown by how you take care of where you live.”

“The convenience centers are so ‘convenient,’ they can be easily used to throw away trash,” Laskowski continued. “A little bit of enforcement would go a long way in this area. Also, some (more) advertising campaigns and education in the schools would help.”

Across the country, “I think the biggest concern is that the news we get is now segregated. By that, I mean that depending on what news source you listen to, you get a biased view … Part of this is caused by the 24-hour news cycle that requires news media such as CNN and Fox to talk about and comment on the news. That’s where the bias comes in. And if people only listen to the news that they prefer, they only get reinforced in their viewpoints. The other scary thing is that much of our news is owned by only four or five companies — this includes newspapers, radio, TV and magazines. That is a lot of power … Opportunities for bias abound!”

“The most pernicious idea is that there is such a thing as ‘fake’ news,” she said. “Commentary is one thing and can be biased. But a fact is a fact and if reported as such, is not fake news.”

“Many businesses on the Shore that depend on tourism have been hurt by European boycotts,” said Linda Nicola, of Onancock. “Our agriculture will be hurt by Mexico’s boycott. Our national parks are being hurt by budget cuts and harmful land use. I honestly don’t know how our country will survive this administration.”

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Onancock

By Dan Lytle

“Here on the Eastern Shore of Virginia we are more interested in the ‘national overall picture’ than in our own local needs,” said Bruce MacMaster Jr. “Please let me explain: Illegal immigration affects us all. We worry about what Mr. Trump is (doing) or not doing, while we spend our hard earned money in programs that do not solve one problem here locally! It’s all Band-Aid medicine! What are we doing to remove us from last place in EVERYTHING among all Virginia and some national counties? Nothing! Who takes care of us against the corporate giants: Verizon, ‘Big Oil,’ insurance companies, pharmaceuticals? … No one! This is all we got! The ESVA! Let’s take care of our home first! Sorry, if I offended anyone. I’m not from the ESVA, but we sold everything and invested it here. This is our hometown now!” said MacMaster.

Denise Bowden, vice mayor of Chincoteague, said the Shore’s economy is important “because everyone needs housing, food and basic necessities.” Nationally, she said, “terrorism and illegal immigration” should be top priorities. “We have homeless American veterans who don’t get a quarter of what illegal aliens get. It’s absurd.”

By Linda Nicola

“Preserving our wildlife, nature and farmland” should be a top priority locally, she said. “Once it’s gone, it’s gone forever. It’s a natural and national treasure that needs protection from unplanned development. In the nation, I believe our civil liberties are at risk … freedom of (the) press, internet freedom, freedom to question our government, and most importantly, our freedom to vote in a fair and open election. Citizen’s United, gerrymandering, voter suppression, and computer hacking make all elections suspect.”

Dan Lytle, of Jamesville, wants to “keep chickens out of Northampton.” He also thinks other top priorities are “regulating the Menhaden fishery which has (a) negative impact on (the) food chain of all bay species and sports fishing. Make owners of blighted hulks like the old Trawler and KFC, etc., remove the remains. Stamp out drugs, like every other town in America. Create infrastructure and tax policies to attract businesses and jobs. Clean up roadside litter.”

Nationally, Lytle said, “Bringing honesty and integrity to government, establish term limits for all politicians. Focus on environment and future generations. Regain status in (the) world community.”

“‘Come together, that’s all!’”

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The Eastern Shore hosted its first veterans’ job and resource fair on Jan. 24. The event centered on the Shore’s military and veteran population, but was opened to the public, with more than 20 vendors, including employers and resource providers in attendance. The event was the first of its kind, bringing employers and resources together in one place to serve those who served. The 2018 Eastern Shore Veterans’ Job and Resource Fair was sponsored by the Virginia Employment Commission (VEC), Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce, Community Partners of the Eastern Shore (CPES), and Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore. The Onancock Elks Lodge was the platinum sponsor.

The employers in attendance were Walmart, Tyson Foods, Sysco, and BAE Systems.

In conjunction with the job fair, more than 15 local resource organizations and agencies shared information about their products and services. This year’s participating resource providers included: CPES, VEC, Dept. of Social Services - Accomack and Northampton counties, Didlake Inc., Eastern Shore Community College, Eastern Shore Center for Independent Living, Eastern Shore Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Eastern Shore Rural Health, the foodbank, Norfolk Vet Center, Intrepid Healthcare Services, St. James Zion House Veterans Services, Virginia Dept. of Veteran Services, Virginia Dept. of Aging & Rehabilitation, and the Virginia Army National Guard.

You may have noticed a rather large RV with the Veterans’ Affairs logo on it beside the Elks Lodge. The RV belongs to the Norfolk Vet Center located at 1711 Church St., Suites A & B, Norfolk, VA 23504. The vet center is community based and it provides a broad range of counseling, outreach, and referral services to eligible veterans in order to help them make a satisfying post-war readjustment to civilian life. Furthermore, the vet center can provide mobile services by way of their mobile counseling RV. The RV was available during this year’s resource fair.

If you were not able to attend this year’s fair, there will be other opportunities to connect with employers and resources later in the year.

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, Feb. 20.
**Love Is In The Air!**

*Story and Recipe by Nancy Kennedy*

It’s that time of year where we show our loved ones how much we adore them. After the holidays and taxes, many of us might be struggling for Valentine’s Day ideas. If you are trying to stay on a budget I have many ways for you to celebrate here on the Eastern Shore for little or no money.

I also included my flourless chocolate cake recipe. It’s inexpensive with simple ingredients and looks impressive as well. It makes a gooey cake that packs a lot of fudgy punch. I made this frequently for all my celebrity clients in Los Angeles. Top it with a simple ganache, a sprinkle of confectioners sugar and whipped cream if you like.

It's also really easy to throw together a Valentine’s Day meal. Do a quick inventory with leftovers that are in your fridge and pantry for a quick meal. You can use pasta and add anything you have to it. A little olive oil and or butter, garlic and tomato paste. Done.

Got rice? Add a piece of onion or celery when cooking and a can of tuna from your pantry. Pasta with canned tuna, mayo and spices will give you a quick casserole. Any leftover veggies can be stir fried or added to the above dishes.

Here is my list of top Valentine’s Day freebies.

- Visit the LOVE sign in Cape Charles. The predicted time for sunset is 5:43 p.m. The low tide for Cape Charles is predicted for 3:09 p.m., so it will be perfect for a walk along the bay after visiting the LOVE sign. Take your smartphone for making memories.
- Galleries are a great way to get out and see all types of artwork from local artists. It’s also a great way to open discussions, hold hands and snuggle close to your valentine. Cape Charles, Onancock and Chincoteague all have galleries. Call ahead to check business hours.
- Go to the library and peruse the books. We have all become one with our electronic devices and the library is a great place to unwind and read together.
- You can also treat your valentine to a neck rub and a hot bath after your beach walk. Light a few candles for a romantic feel.
- Savage Neck Dunes is the perfect place to hike. It can be a bit challenging and it’s fun to hike with a partner so you can both assist each other if needed. Check out all the native birds.
- How about a love letter? This is my favorite because it is the perfect way to let your valentine know how much they mean to you. Roses are red, violets are blue … Your love letter doesn’t have to start with this cliché, but if you’re stuck for inspiration, just start!
- Pull out some holiday lights and hang them around your home for a warm glow.

**NANCY’S FLOURLESS CHOCOLATE CAKE**

*Submitted by Nancy Kennedy*

**Ingredients:**

**Cake:**
- 1 cup semi-sweet baking chocolate (chocolate chips may be substituted).
- 1/2 cup unsalted butter
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 3 eggs
- 1/4 cup unsweetened cocoa powder

**Glaze:**
- 8 ounces of semi-sweet baking chocolate
- 1/2 cup heavy cream

**Directions:**
- Preheat oven to 375 Degrees
- Cut a piece of parchment paper to fit the bottom of an 8-inch Spring Form Pan
- Lightly grease the sides and bottom of the pan. (I use cooking spray)
- Melt Chocolate and Butter in Microwave or over low heat until the chocolate is soft
- Transfer the melted butter/chocolate to a bowl
- Stir in sugar, salt and vanilla
- Add eggs, beat until smooth and add cocoa powder just to combine
- Spoon into prepared Spring Form Pan. Bake at 375 degrees for 25 minutes
- Cool for 5 minutes. Loosen edges of pan with a knife

**Glaze:**
- Melt and combine the Chocolate and Heavy Cream
- Drizzle over cake.
- I always put the extra glaze in a small pitcher to add as needed

Nancy Kennedy is a fitness/nutrition expert, healthy chef, cookbook author, and operator of Whitecliff bed and breakfast in Smith Beach. She can be reached at 757-350-2161 or www.nancyscountryfarm.com
Accomack County vegetable and grain producer David L. Hickman, of Horntown, was recognized Jan. 24 for 20 years of service on the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation (VFBF) Board of Directors.

VFBF President Wayne F. Pryor presented an award to Hickman at a Farm Bureau meeting in Richmond.

As the organization’s District 14 director, Hickman represents Farm Bureau producer members in Accomack, Isle of Wight and Northampton counties and the cities of Chesapeake, Suffolk and Virginia Beach.

He chairs the VFBF Specialty Crops Advisory Committee and is a member of the organization’s Compensation Committee. Hickman is a past president of the Accomack County Farm Bureau and former chairman of that organization’s Young Farmers Committee.

In addition to his Farm Bureau involvement, Hickman is a board member and past chairman of the Virginia Irish Potato Board, a member of the Accomack County Board of Equalization, and a member and past director of the Virginia Potato and Vegetable Growers Association.

He is co-owner and operator of Dublin Farms Inc., which produces corn, potatoes, snap beans, soybeans and wheat. He and his wife, Chessie, have three sons, two of whom are involved with the farm operation.

Wayne Pryor, VFBF president, presents David Hickman with his service pin.

Church News is the last Friday of each month. Send your church’s events to angie@easternshorepost.com.

They’re Tops at Occohannock!

Occohannock Elementary announced its students and teacher of the month for January.

Students of the Month are (picture on right, back row, from left) S. Collins, A. Reid; (middle row) W. Jones, T. Arrington, J. Davis; (front row) J. Thomas, E. Miranda Garcia, S. Oh, M. Gonzalez.

Teacher of the Month is fourth-grade Virginia studies teacher Darnell Holley (pictured at left).
NOTICE

2018 Accomack County Dog Licenses are due and payable to the Treasurer’s Office. All dogs at least 4 months of age must be licensed. Any person with dogs not licensed will be fined.

APPLICATION FOR DOG LICENSE

Owner’s Name __________________________
Address _________________________________________

Telephone No. ________________________
Name of Dog ____________________________
Breed ________________________________
Color(s) ______________________________

Circle one: Male    Female    Neutered

Please mail this application and check payable to “Treasurer of Accomack County” to:
Dana T. Bundick, Treasurer
P.O. Box 296, Accomac, VA 23301

Fees are as follows:
Male/Female - $10.00 each
Unsexed Dog - $5.00 each
Kennel for up to and including 20 dogs - $25.00
Kennel for 21 or more dogs - $40.00
Kennel licenses may be issued only if the dogs are kept for breeding or hunting.

COPY OF RABIES CERTIFICATE MUST ACCOMPANY THIS APPLICATION.

Delta Days at General Assembly

Governor Ralph Northam took time out of his busy schedule to greet members of Delta Sigma Theta (DST) Sorority during their annual Delta Days at the Virginia General Assembly on Monday, Jan. 29, in Richmond. Pictured at right with Gov. Ralph Northam is Kanesha Hall, Recording Secretary and Social Action Committee Chairperson of the Accomack-Northampton Alumnae Chapter.

CES Reflection Contest Winners

The National PTA’s Reflections program encourages students to be creatively involved in art and literature. Each year, Chincoteague Elementary School produces hundreds of entries for the contest. Students can express themselves and explore the arts in dance choreography, film production, literature, musical composition, photography or visual arts based on the theme, “Within Reach.” Chincoteague Elementary School’s 2017/18 Reflections winners are pictured above: (front row, from left) Rylee Giddings, Brooke Faith, Jack Richardson, and Emma Chapman (back row) Jessie Duncil (principal), Julia Duston, Ava Barrett, and Corey Saulsbury.

JMU President’s and Dean’s List

James Madison University announced Brooke Madison Justis, of Accomac, was named to the president’s list for the fall 2017 semester. Students who earn president’s list honors must carry at least 12 graded credit hours and earn a GPA of 3.900 or above. Justis is majoring in biotechnology.

The following students made the dean’s list for the fall 2017 semester:
• Nicolas Rafael Diaz of Melfa
• Kathleen MacKenzie Kraft of Onancock
• Tristan Mariner of Machipongo
• Arie Rechael Olivetto of Onancock
• Shelby Taylor Rohde of Accomac
• Christine Elizabeth Swartz of Chincoteague

Students who earn dean’s list honors must carry at least 12 graded credit hours and earn a GPA of between 3.5 and 3.899.

Garden Club Annual Luncheon

Ye Accawmacke Garden Club held its annual lunch recently. The winner of the award for artistic achievement was Lola Custis (above, left) and the winner of the award for achievement in horticulture was Kerry Klein (right).
Chincoteague

The Chincoteague Island Theatre Company will present the play, “Enchanted April,” at the Chincoteague Cultural Alliance’s Community Center for the Arts, 6309 Church St., on Feb. 9, 10, 17 and 18, at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are $15 each and can be purchased at Sundial Books or H&H Pharmacy by cash or check, or online at ChincoteagueCulturalAlliance.org.

Onancock

The Eastern Shore of Virginia Historical Society is hosting two black history events in February. The first is a performance about segregation on the Shore, “Black History Matters: We Must Overcome,” at Ker Place, on Friday, Feb. 9, from 6 to 8 p.m. During the second event, spoken-word performer Nathan Richardson will present “Frederick Douglass: Live Speaking Tour, at Ker Place, on Friday, Feb. 23, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Scholarships, Contests and Grants

**Delta Kappa Gamma Scholarship**

Lambda Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, a professional society of women educators promoting excellence in education, is offering four grants-in-aid (GIA) to female high school seniors, college undergraduates, or graduate students from Accomack and Northampton counties who intend to pursue a career in the field of education.

The four GIAs are: $500 Elizabeth Jones Newton GIA (Accomack or Northampton County); $4,000 Elizabeth Payne Miles GIA (Accomack County); $4,000 Burylls Bruce Payne GIA (Northampton County); $3,000 Eva Wessels Payne GIA (Accomack or Northampton County).

The deadline for requesting applications is March 15. Applications must be received or postmarked by April 16. Only applications completed in full will be considered. Applicants may see their high school guidance counselors for application forms or contact Linda Floyd at 757-442-5893.

**VA Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts Scholarship**

Virginia residents enrolled in or having applied to a college related to natural resource conservation and/or environmental studies may apply for scholarship funding from state sources. The Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (VASWCD) will award four $1,000 scholarships.

Guidelines and application materials may be obtained from Eastern Shore Soil and Water Conservation District in Accomac by calling 757-302-4437, emailing mary.melson@esswcd.org or at www.esswcd.org. Completed applications must be returned by March 2.

**Cooperative Living Magazine’s Youth Art Contest**

Students in kindergarten through fifth grade are invited to participate in Cooperative Living magazine’s annual Youth Art Contest, with entries due by May 1. “What I Like to Do in the Summertime” is the theme for the contest, which will be judged by staff at the Virginia, Maryland and Delaware Association of Electric Cooperatives, publisher of Cooperative Living.

Three winners (first, second and third place) will be selected in each grade category and all winning entries will be published in the July issue. In addition, first-place winner in each grade category receives a $25 prize and the submission judged “Best in Show” will earn its artist a $100 prize.

Artwork should be configured vertically (portrait-style) on an 8 1/2-by-11-inch sheet of white paper. Printed clearly on the back of each entry should be the child’s full name, grade in school, mailing address, and parent or guardian’s daytime phone number. Entries should be mailed flat (unfolded) to: Youth Art Contest, c/o Cooperative Living magazine, P.O. Box 2340, Glen Allen, VA 23058-2340. Original entries cannot be returned. For more information, visit www.co-opliving.com.
FRIDAY FEB. 9
**10:30 a.m.** - Story Time - Northampton Free Library
**12:30 p.m.** - Science & Philosophy Seminar: Life in the Salt Marsh - ESCC, Melfa
**6 p.m.** - Celebrate Recovery Group mtg. - Onancock Baptist Church
**6-8 p.m.** - Flatfooting & Live Bluegrass - LemonTree Gallery, Cape Charles
**7 p.m.** - Life Teach Series - Rachel/Leah Covenant Ministries Center - 787-2486
**7:30 p.m.** - Bingo - Exmore Moose Lodge, Belle Haven
**7:30 p.m.** - Texas Hold’em - Parksley VFC

SATURDAY FEB. 10
**9:30 a.m.-noon** - Mary N. Smith RISE Mentor Prgm. - Mary N. Smith Cultural Ctr., Accomac - lunch provided - 709-3267
**10:30 a.m.** - Empowering Girls’ Group - ESTACI, Exmore - 757-655-3460
**5 p.m.** - Tasley Fire Co. Dinner & Auction - Elks Lodge, Accomac - 787-7870
**6-10 p.m.** - Saxis Island Museum Valentine’s Dance - Saxis Firehouse
**7 p.m.** - Movie: The Post w/Q&A - Roseland Theater, Onancock - $10
**7:30 p.m.** - Bingo - Eastville Vol. Fire Co.

MONDAY FEB. 12
**noon** - AA mtg. - St. Peter’s Catholic Church, Onley
**4-5 p.m.** - Alzheimer’s Caregivers’ Support Group - E.S. Physicians & Surgeons, Nassawadox - 302-2128 (Melissa Glennon)
**5-6 p.m.** - Al-Anon mtg. - Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Onancock
**5:15 p.m.** - Friends of Northampton Memorial Library mtg. - library, Cape Charles
**6 p.m.** - Bingo - Elks Lodge, Tasley
**6:30 p.m.** - Cub Scout Pack 300 mtg. - Grace UMC, Parksley
**6:30-8:30 p.m.** - Free English for Speakers of Other Languages - Metompkin Elementary School, Parksley - 789-1761
**7 p.m.** - Multiple Sclerosis Support Group - Hampton Inn & Suites, 4129 Lankford Hwy., Exmore - 442-7722
**7 p.m.** - AA mtg. - Rock Church, Onley

WEDNESDAY FEB. 14
**7:45 a.m.** - Kiwanis Club of Accomack mtg. - Sage Diner, Onley
**9 a.m.-1 p.m.** - Veterans’ Employment Representative Avail. - Northampton Cty. Dept. of Social Services - no appt. needed
**10 a.m.** - TOPS mtg. - Market St. UMC, Onancock - 787-4718
**10:30-11:30 a.m.** - Overeaters Anon. mtg. - Rock Church, Onley - 757-655-4834
**11 a.m.** - Prayer Time - Downing’s UMC, Oak Hall
**11 a.m.-1 p.m.** - Waste Watchers’ mtg. - Chamber of Commerce, Melfa
**11 a.m.-1 p.m.** - Soup Kitchen - Corner Stone Seventh Day Adventist Church, Exmore
**noon** - AA mtg. - UMC, 75 Market St., Onancock
**5 p.m.** - E.S. Soil & Water Conservation District Board mtg. - USDA Service Center, 22545 Center Pkwy., Accomac
**5-7 p.m.** - Soup Kitchen & Clothes Closet - Grace and Truth Ministries, 19 Boundary Ave., Onancock - Donations: 789-5369
**5:30-6:30 p.m.** - Free Meals for the Hungry - Epworth UMC, Exmore - 442-6391
**6-7 p.m.** - Prayer Line Open (St. Matthew’s Church, Onley) - Call 665-7403, 387-7021 or 894-1521 w/prayer requests
**6:30-8:30 p.m.** - Free English for Speakers of Other Languages - Metompkin Elementary School, Parksley - 789-1761
**7 p.m.** - Ash Wednesday Service - Craddockville UMC
**7 p.m.** - Drinking Liberally mtg. - Charlotte Hotel, 7 North St., Onancock
**7 p.m.** - AA & Al-Anon mtgs. - Franktown UMC
**7:30 p.m.** - Bingo - Painter VFC

THURSDAY FEB. 15
**10 a.m.** - Tales for Tots - Chincoteague Island Library
**10:30 a.m.** - Story Time - Cape Charles Memorial Library
**1 p.m.** - Dennis Custis Presents “Historic Homes and Families of the Eastern Shore” - Woman’s Club of Accomack County Clubhouse, Richmond Ave., Onley
**2 p.m.** - Introduction to Martial Arts - Pocomoke Library
**3:30 p.m.** - Shore Losers mtg. - Drummondtown Baptist Church, Accomac - $1/wk.
**5:30 p.m.** - TOPS VA-550 mtg. - USDA
**6-8:30 p.m.** - GED Class - ESCC, Class A-51, Melfa
**6-10 p.m.** - CERT Training Prgm. - E.S. Regional Fire Training Center, 28598 Beacon Rd., Melfa - 302-4267
**6:30 p.m.** - Kiwanis Club mtg. - St. Andrew’s Catholic, Chincoteague
**7 p.m.** - Celebrate Recovery Group mtg. - Chincoteague Church of God
**7 p.m.** - NA mtg. - Painter Garrison UMC

THURSDAY FEB. 16
**10 a.m.** - Fifth Pastoral Anniversary - Shiloh Baptist Church, Boston
**12:30 p.m.** - Bingo - Vietnam Veterans’ Bldg., Main St., Onley
**4 p.m.** - “Love Letters”: A Play Featuring Clelia Sheppard & Larry Lovelady - LemonTree Gallery, Cape Charles
Happy 36th Anniversary to my loving wife, Deborah T. Wessells, on February 12th

Love you then
Love you still
Always have
Always will
Happy 36th anniversary to my loving wife
in Heaven, Deborah T. Wessells

Love

husband: Tyrone, son: T.W., daughters: Tyrontha, Renae, grandkids: Boogie, LaMeere, Jordan, Carmel, Desi, Derrick, Brandon & Germauri

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Eastern Shore Trading POST

Announcements

Help Wanted

COPY EDITOR
Copy editor needed approx. 8 hours per week. Must know AP style guidelines and be able to work flexible hours. Pay DOQ. This is a contract position.

Respond to hiringmanager@easternshorepost.com

MAINTENANCE PERSON for rental properties in Accomack County. Must have experience in electrical, plumbing, and construction. Must have driver’s license. Call 757-787-4837 for an appointment. If no answer, leave message.

Accomack County Social Services- Local (76501)
Family Services Specialist II
Position # L0008
Hiring Range - $29,930 (May be higher depending on qualifications and budgetary considerations)

For detailed job information and to apply, visit http://www.dss.virginia.gov. Accepts only online applications; job close date 02/09/2018.

Equal Opportunity Employer

IMMEDIATE OPENING FOR A MANAGEMENT POSITION in an automotive repair shop. Must have mechanical & computer knowledge. Salary and benefits based on experience and ability. Call 757-787-4837 for an appointment. If no answer, leave message.

Cherrystone Family Camping Resort...

Now taking applications for Welcome Center Clerks. Smiling faces, can do attitudes and the ability to work in a team environment is a must. Welcome Center staff must have strong guest communication skills, computer experience, and provide maximum levels of guest services.

Please feel free to drop by our Welcome Center for an application or submit your resume between 8am-4pm daily. You can also e-mail your information at amapp@cherrystone.com.

Our location is 1511 Townfield Dr., Cape Charles, VA 23310.
Phone 757-331-3063 Fax 757-331-6874

Registered Dental Hygienist
Eastern Shore of VA: Dentist seeking a full-time Registered Dental Hygienist (RDH). Candidates should fax their resumes to the attention of HR Director at 757-716-4731.

EASTERN SHORE RURAL HEALTH SYSTEM, INC.
is currently recruiting
Chief Nursing Officer
for the
Corporate Office

Join our Senior Leadership Team to collaboratively coordinate clinical programs ensuring patient safety, standardized practice and regulatory/legislative/accounting requirements are met. Use your strategic planning and critical thinking skills to lead clinical transformation in the practice setting and be an advocate for our patients and community health centers both locally and at the state and national level.

Requires a Registered Nurse with a Master’s Degree, licensed in the state of Virginia. Previous experience in a community health center setting is preferred. Must have 3 years of clinical and supervisory experience. A person in this position must be a visionary with supervisory and administrative experience, mature judgment, strong interpersonal, communication and computer skills.

If you are a mission-driven person looking to make a difference, email an application to dh@esrh.org before noon on February 14, 2018. Applications can be obtained from www.esrh.org. Resumes may accompany the application but will not be considered if sent alone.

Join our Senior Leadership Team to collaboratively coordinate clinical programs ensuring patient safety, standardized practice and regulatory/legislative/accounting requirements are met. Use your strategic planning and critical thinking skills to lead clinical transformation in the practice setting and be an advocate for our patients and community health centers both locally and at the state and national level.

Requires a Registered Nurse with a Master’s Degree, licensed in the state of Virginia. Previous experience in a community health center setting is preferred. Must have 3 years of clinical and supervisory experience. A person in this position must be a visionary with supervisory and administrative experience, mature judgment, strong interpersonal, communication and computer skills.

Equal Opportunity Employer

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

• Developmental Services Community Coordinator
• IT Systems Analyst
• Senior Clinician/Clinician
• Developmental Disabilities Aide (PCAs & CNAs welcome)
• Substance Abuse Outpatient Clinician (CSAC required)
• Part-time Driver
• Mental Health Skill-Building Specialist
• Residential Supervisor
• Mental Health Facility Technician

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

Northampton County Sheriff’s Office is accepting employment applications for:

Certified Law Enforcement Officer

Job will require shift work, nights, weekends and some holidays. Qualifications: over the age of 21 and have obtained high school diploma or GED.

Applications may be obtained from the Northampton County Sheriff’s Office located at 5211 The Hornes, Eastville, Va. 23347 or the County’s website www.co.northampton.va.us


Northampton County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
Information Technology Technician

Northampton County is accepting applications for a full-time IT Technician in the Information Technology Department.

The essential function of this position is to assist in the daily operations of the Department, including but not limited to: systems administration, website management, application administration, network administration and providing technical support for all county departments.

Familiarity with the following systems will be advantageous:
- Website development/management software
- Cisco VoIP Systems
- Cisco IOS
- Microsoft SQL
- Microsoft Server and Desktop Operating Systems
- Microsoft Exchange Server
- VMware ESXi

Successful candidates should possess the following traits:
- Proven experience as IT Technician or relevant position
- Excellent diagnostic and problem solving skills
- In-depth understanding of diverse computer systems and networks
- Knowledge of internet security and data privacy principles
- Ability to communicate technical concepts effectively to a varied audience
- Strong sense of discretion and confidentiality
- Strong organizational and time-management skills
- Ability to meet deadlines and manage stress effectively in high-pressure situations
- Experience with LAN/WAN networks
- Experience with website development/management

Bachelor’s degree in Systems Administration or closely related field is desired. Cisco Networking Certification(s) (CNET or CCNA), Microsoft Certified Systems Administrator (MCSA) or closely related certifications are preferred. This position also requires valid Virginia Driver’s License and five years of related work experience. Criminal background check required.

Minimum salary for this position is $37,179.73.

Please refer to Northampton County’s website for further job descriptions, requirements and county’s application form www.co.northampton.va.us/jobs.html. Please submit completed County application form with cover letter and five years of related work experience. Criminal background check required.

Minimum salary for this position is $37,179.73.

Please refer to Northampton County’s website for further job descriptions, requirements and county’s application form www.co.northampton.va.us/jobs.html. Please submit completed County application form with cover letter and copies of certifications to Human Resources, PO Box 66, Eastville, Va. 23347 by February 28, 2018. Northampton County is an EOE.

Northampton County Sheriff’s Office is accepting full-time employment applications for:

Correctional Officer

Job will require shift work, nights, weekends and some holidays. Qualifications: over the age of 21 and have obtained high school diploma or GED. Certifications must be obtained within one year of employment.

Applications may be obtained from the Sheriff’s Office 5211 The Hornes, Eastville, Va. 23347 or the Eastern Shore Regional Jail Office located at 5245 The Hornes, Eastville, Va. 23347 or the county’s website www.co.northampton.va.us


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PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

Position #01427

The Eastern Shore Health District is seeking an experienced Registered Nurse to provide public health clinical and field nursing services support for the Aacomack and Northampton County Health Departments. Position duties include performing Pre-Admission Screening (PAS) within the district to determine the appropriate care levels for Medicaid-funded Long-Term Care Services. For detailed job information or to apply, visit https://jobs.agencies.virginia.gov/. Virginia Department of Health (VDH) accepts only online applications; apply by February 14, 2018. EEO.

The Sheriff’s Office of Northampton County is accepting employment applications for:

JAIL MEDIC

This position will be working in the Eastern Shore Regional Jail and the job will require shift work, days, nights, weekends, holidays and required to be on call at times.

Qualifications: over the age of 21 and have obtained high school diploma or GED. Applicant must possess at a minimum the following: LPN or higher certifications preferred with work experience at EMT B and higher preferred with work experience.

Applications may be obtained in person from the Eastern Shore Regional Jail, 5245 The Hornes, Eastville, Virginia 23347, or online at www.co.northampton.va.us


Northampton County is an EOE.

Water/Wastewater/General Maintenance Technician

Northampton County, Virginia

Northampton County is accepting applications for a full-time Water/Wastewater/General Maintenance Technician in its Public Works Department.

Water/Wastewater Technician performs a wide variety of tasks necessary to ensure the County’s operational compliance with State and Federal water and wastewater quality standards. Works under the supervision of the Public Works Director and with the Facilities Management Staff to operate and maintain all County Facilities.

This position requires high school diploma or GED, or vocational training. Experience in electrical or plumbing trades is beneficial along with previous work experience in water/wastewater. Class 5 State Waterworks Certification is required within first year of employment and position requires a valid Virginia driver’s license. The starting salary range for this position is $27,744.35 (based upon qualifications) plus benefits.

Please refer to Northampton County’s website for further job descriptions, requirements and County’s application form www.co.northampton.va.us/jobs.html. Please submit completed application form with cover letter to Human Resources, PO Box 66, Eastville, Va. 23347 for February 28, 2018.

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Help Wanted

CHESAPEAKE BAY COMMUNICATIONS is now accepting resumes for the following positions: Full-Time Network Engineer and Full-Time Customer Service Representative. All resumes must be submitted via email at careena@chesapeakecommunications.net or to main office at 107 Mason Ave., Cape Charles, VA. Salary is based on qualifications and experience.

EXPERIENCED HVAC SERVICE TECH – Ice Machines & Refrigeration Plus! Clean driving record; Drug Free; Willing to work: Pay based on exp.; Apply in person: Shelton Refrigeration, New Church, VA

Two Positions Available

Bookkeeper/Office Assistant (Part-Time)

Our company is looking for an experienced person to assist in our day-to-day finance and office requirements. Confidentiality, excellent organizational skills and accuracy are important qualifications for this position, as well as good customer relations.

Seasonal Office Assistant (Part-Time)

Our company is looking for a seasonal office assistant to answer phones, help with data entry and any other day-to-day office needs. The ideal candidate must be reliable and flexible.

Pay: doe
Email Resume: ivyfarm@theivyfarm.com
Fax Resume: 757-787-4302
www.theivyfarm.com
**Help Wanted (Cont’d)**

**EXPERIENCED COOK NEEDED** - Applications available at Moose Lodge in Belle Haven. 442-4958.

**Hvac Sheet-Metal Mechanic Wanted** - Hand tools necessary. Min. 2 years experience. Call Pat at 757-442-4428.

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**Boats, Etc.**

- **'02 CATAMARAN - Like new. $450. Call 757-824-5748 or call 757-894-1339 (cell).**
- **PITCH - MERCURY OUTBOARD 757-709-8854.**
- **CENSE – $3,000 CALL: 757-709-442-4635.**
- **TRAILER WITH POWER WINCH. SS prop, very good condition, no top, Lowrance sonar/GPS, Honda, center console, bimini top, Lowrance sonar/GPS, SS prop, very good condition, trailer with power winch. $8,200. 757-336-3312.**
- **'01 18' TROPHY - Very good cond. + extras. Can be seen at K & E Marine, across from Perdue plant. $11K. 757-678-3622.**
- **'01 Shamrock Center Console complete new engine with less than 100 hours. 5.7 liter multi-port injected, fresh water cooled, outriggers, new in 2015 Raymarine chartplotter/deepth finder, older Raymarine depth finder, Garmin GPS, Uniden VHF radio, anchor pulpit with anchor & rode, swim platform w/ ladder, T-top with rod holders & lights, three piece cockpit enclosure, triple axle aluminum trailer in great shape, $27,500. Contact: karica2@verizon.net for further details.**
- **'84 21-Ft. KEN CRAFT - Pilot house, fresh water cooled, V8 inboard, pocket drive w/galvanized trailer. $10,500. 757-665-6564.**
- **'01 26'-ft. Bayliner - 175 h.p. Mercury, fish finder, New Bimini top, potty. Fiber pontoon & trailer & new winch. $6,000 OBO. Call Don at 757-787-2595.**
- **'93 CARVER 30'-ft. fly bridge sedan w/twin (2) 265 HP V8 (300 hrs.), H/C H20, A/C heat, sleeps 6, lightly used, windless, C.G. equip, clean, $10,000. 757-787-1470.**
- **CLASS A FISHING LICENSE - $3,000 CALL 757-709-8854.**
- **MERCURY OUTBOARD PROPRIETOR SS 22'- PITCH - Like new. $450. 757-710-0070.**
- **'02 CATAMARAN - 18', 75 h.p. Mercury eng. & trailer. Bought new in 2002. Low engine hours & extras. $8,000 OBO. 331-1319.**
- **DOUBLE-SCRAPE LICENSE - $1,500 OBO 757-709-8854.**
- **'02 CAROLINA SKIFF 1983 15'-ft. HP 4-stroke Honda, center console, bimini top, Lowrance sonar/GPS, SS prop, very good condition, trailer with power winch. $8,200. 757-336-3312.**
- **'03 AQUASPORT OSLREY - 19'-ft. 4-in. CC, 115 h.p. Johnson (low hrs.), EZ Loader trailer, new upholstery, must see! $7,200. Call 757-678-6098.**
- **'94 GRADY WHITE GULFSTREAM - Two 175-Johnson Outboards, hard-top, full elec., trailer, w/elec. winch, $7,500 OBO. 757-894-8988.**
- **1972-'22 Marshall Catboat Lg. cockpit, Yanmar 2GM20 inboard engine, lown hrs. Fully equipped, sails in exc. shape, shallow draft 2.5 ft., sleeps 3, depth sounder, VHF radio, compass, cushions inside & out, boat lift kept. A sweet sailing boat that turns heads in any port. $19,500 OBO. 757-787-3233.**
- **'93 26'-ft. Bayliner - 175 h.p. Mercury, fish finder, New Bimini top, potty. Fiber pontoon & trailer & new winch. $6,000 OBO. Call Don at 757-787-2595.**
- **1983 Pro-Time 20'-ft. Cuddy Cabin. 2006 150 HP Yamaha V-WAX, 2009 float-on trailer, and many extras, exc. cond. $15,000 OBO 518-369-9458. 757-605-1111.**
- **'78 16'-ft. BOSTON WHALER - 60 h.p. Mercury motor, just overhauled, teak console & bench, always kept inside, $16,000 firm. 410-957-3259.**
- **'87 18'-ft. WINNER Center Console Boat with a 150 h.p. Mariner motor on a 1999 Star trailer. REDUCED: $2,900 OBO. Call 757-710-3726.**
- **'86 FANTAIL 23'-ft. Rio - Asking $900. 757-824-3930 or call 757-824-5748.**
- **1999 23'-ft. SEA ERA $12,500 – Upgrades; great condition; Johnson motor; live well; new wiring; Garmin; new canvas top; Price negotiable. (757) 665-1904.**
- **1993 MINI JAMESMON CENTER CONSOLE 22'-ft. - $4,500. 442-7677 & leave msg.**
- **NEW PORT – $950. 442-7677 & leave msg.**
- **1991 BAYLINER TROPHY - 17' 115 hp. Exc. shape. 787-1469.**
- **'80 26' OUTBOARD - $1,200. Call 757-824-5748.**
- **'82 10'-ft. FISHING BOAT - $100. Exc. shape. Call 757-824-5748.**
- **'80 26' OUTBOARD - $1,200. Call 757-824-5748.**
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**Feed/Seed**

**HORSE HAY - $5 per bale. STRAW – $3.50 per bale. Call 757-824-5748 or call 757-894-1339 (cell).**

**Firewood**

**SEASONED FIREWOOD - Cut, split and delivered. $165. Call 757-665-6172 or 757-665-6564.**

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**Misc. - For Sale**

**DOWNSIZING – TABLE & 6 CHAIRS PATIO SET ORIG. $1,000 NOW ASKING $300. ALSO MANY SMALL APPLIANCES & KITCHEN GADGETS - MANY NEVER USED. REASONABLE. CALL 757-710-9642.**

**COMMERCIAL COUNTER TOP GRILL – Cooking Performance Group 4 Burner, GAS. Hollies Baptist Church owned—New $500—call Carol 757-787-3928 or Pastor David or Melissa 757-787-4655.**

**'93 26/hyphen.cap/f_t. Bayliner – REDUCED: $2,900 OBO. Call Angie at 757-442-2079.**

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**Mobile Homes**

**EXMORE - 3BR, 2BA single-wide m.h. w/addition. $580/mo. + 1 mo. sec. dep. No Sec. 8, No Smoking, No Pets. Ref. & credit report req’d. Call 757-999-1729 or 757-709-9965 & leave msg.**

**FOR RENT - 2BR-1BA mobile home in Withams: $700 or 2 BR-2BA mobile home on Sassix Road: $700 757-787-7697.**

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

2 & 3-3DRM mobile homes rent starts at $550 per month. Refrigerator/range/ washer/dryer hook-up. Weekly trash pick-up/ water/sewer are included in rent. Transit Bus Service. No pets.

**(757)824-0315**
It's a Bungle in the Jungle when
John C. Miller Has The Eye of the Tiger...
Driveway Repairs, Tree & Stump Removal, Crush & Run,
Top Soil, Fill Dirt, Stone, Shells, Excavation
& Backhoe Work.
ALL MATERIALS DELIVERED & SPREAD
Just Call Site Work Specialist
John C. Miller at 757-665-4026

Hartley Hall Semi-Housing
in Pocomoke City, Md., is accepting applications for
1-bedroom and efficiency apartments in an elderly
housing subsidized apartment complex. Contact 410-
957-2252 for application or visit office at 1006 Market
Street in Pocomoke City.
Equal Housing Opportunity.
**Legal Advertising**

**Town of Cape Charles Water System Flush**

Monday, February 12th, and Tuesday, February 13th, beginning at 9:00 PM and continuing until 2:00 AM, the Town of Cape Charles Utility Department will be conducting a system flush of the water system in all districts of the Town.

You are cautioned not to use water at that time. Sediment could be drawn into the residence water lines. When done, the system should quickly return to normal.

For questions, please call David Fauber at (757) 695-1025 or Scottie Neville at (540) 845-9269.

I am no longer responsible for any debts incurred by Eda E. Byrd as of February 5, 2018.

Carlton J. Byrd Jr.

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** INVITATION TO BID – M-18-001 PETROLEUM PRODUCTS FOR 12-MONTH PERIOD BEGINNING JULY 1, 2018 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2019**

The Chesapeake Bay Bridge and Tunnel District (CBBDT) is soliciting bids for Petroleum Products for a 12-month period, beginning July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 6, 2018, and then publicly opened and read in the office of the Director of Maintenance, CBBDT, Administration Building, North Toll Plaza (Wise Point area), 32386 Lankford Highway, Northampton County, Virginia. To obtain the Bid package go to www.ebht.com/request-for-proposals/ or call Timothy R. Holloway, Director of Maintenance at (757) 331-2960.

**NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE SALE**

15049 Shields Bridge Road, Belle Haven, VA 23306

By virtue of the power of sale and power contained in a Deed of Trust (Note from the date of sale to the date said funds are received in the office of the 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:

March 1, 2018 at 1:30 PM

improved real property, with an abbreviated legal description of all that certain lot, parcel of land situated near the Town of Belle Haven, Pungoteague Magisterial District, Accomack County, Virginia, and described in meters and bounds as follows: Beginning at a pipe at Northwest corner of the land hereby conveyed on the northerly right-of-way line of State Route No. 178, hereby designated as the “Point of Beginning”, thence running North 32 deg 33 min 11 sec East a distance of 200 feet to another pipe; thence turning and running South 57 deg 26 min 49 sec West a distance of 100 feet to another pipe; thence turning and running South 35 deg 37 min 27 sec West a distance of 200 feet to another pipe; thence turning and running North 32 deg 33 min 11 sec West a distance of 200 feet to another pipe; thence turning and running South 57 deg 26 min 49 sec West a distance of 100 feet to the original “Point of Beginning”. Said lot is designated as “Lot 2” on a plat of survey entitled “Plat Showing Lots near Belle Haven, Accomack County, Virginia, as Laid Out for Shores Homes, Inc., and Others on Part of Farm Formerly Owned by Paul R. Byrd and Ruth S. James,” made by Floyd E. Sheekler, C.S., and dated February 20, 1972, and of record in the Clerk’s Office for the Circuit Court of Accomack County, Virginia, with a certain Deed from Beatrice E. Vincent, et al., to George T. Vincent, Jr., dated March 6, 1972, in Deed Book 313, Page 336. Said lot or parcel of land is bounded generally on the North by the Land of Shores Homes, Inc., et al.; on the East by State Route No. 178 leading from Belle Haven to Shields; and on the West by Lot 3 on the aforesaid plat, and as more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

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

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

**FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rosenberg & Associates, LLC
(Attorney for the Secured Party)
4340 East West Highway, Suite 600
Bethesda, MD 20814
301-907-5800
www.rosenberg-assoc.com
NOTICE OF OYSTER GROUND APPLICATION

Thomas H James III, (2017184) has applied for approximately 1.4+ acres of oyster planting ground in Nassawadox Creek situated in Northampton City/County and described as follows: North By: Cooley/Cooley App #2017059, East By: Vacant (Channel), South By: Vacant (Channel), West By: Vacant.
Lat/Long: N37-28.3708 W75-56.2335, Notes: Subject to SAV

Send written comments or concerns to:
Marine Resources Commission, Engineering/Surveying Department, 2600 Washington Ave., 3rd Floor, Newport News, VA 23607
For more specific application location information call (757)247-2230.

NOTICE OF OYSTER GROUND APPLICATION

Carroll B Cherrix Jr, (2017181) has applied for approximately 30+ acres of oyster planting ground in Chincoteague Bay situated in Accomack City/County and described as follows: North By: Vacant (VA/MD line), East By: MLW, South By: MLW, West By: Vacant, SAV
Area, Lat/Long: N38-01.4026 W75-16.2367

Send written comments or concerns to:
Marine Resources Commission, Engineering/Surveying Department, 2600 Washington Ave., 3rd Floor, Newport News, VA 23607
For more specific application location information call (757)247-2230.

NOTICE OF OYSTER GROUND APPLICATION

Carroll B Cherrix Jr, (2017182) has applied for approximately 50+ acres of oyster planting ground in Greenback Bay situated in Accomack City/County and described as follows: North By: Vacant, East By: Britton App #2016-230, South By: MLW, West By: MLW, Lat/Long: N37-59.6534 W75-18.0840

Send written comments or concerns to:
Marine Resources Commission, Engineering/Surveying Department, 2600 Washington Ave., 3rd Floor, Newport News, VA 23607
For more specific application location information call (757)247-2230.

NOTICE OF OYSTER GROUND APPLICATION

Carroll B Cherrix Jr, (2017179) has applied for approximately 10+ acres of oyster planting ground in Calfpen Bay situated in Accomack City/County and described as follows: North By: MLW, East By: MLW, South By: MLW, West By: Boardman/Wimer PF #20290, Lat/Long: N37-59.7643 W75-17.1894

Send written comments or concerns to:
Marine Resources Commission, Engineering/Surveying Department, 2600 Washington Ave., 3rd Floor, Newport News, VA 23607
For more specific application location information call (757)247-2230.

The Northampton County Wetlands Board will meet Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at 10:45 a.m. in the Board Chambers located at 16404 Courthouse Road in Eastville, VA, for the purpose of considering the following wetlands/coastal primary sand dunes matters under public hearing and to conduct regular business. The Board will assemble at 9:00 a.m. to conduct site visits.

A) VMRC 2017-1989: Oceanstone LLC is applying to enlarge an existing “T” head pier and change its current use from private to commercial. The existing structure is a 63-foot long by six-foot-wide pier with a 10’x20” “T” head. The alterations will include enlarging the “L” head to 24’ wide by 20’ long, with the addition of an approximately 220 foot “T” head, equally divided between both sides, to the pier’s terminus. Also added will be five mooring piles on the landward side of the “T” head. The angle of the access walkway to the pier will be altered to being higher over the marsh vegetation and a gentler slope to the upland. Some trees may require limbing but no removal.

Anyone interested in the above matters should attend the scheduled public hearing. The applications may be viewed in the Planning, Permitting, and Enforcement Office located at 16404 Courthouse Road in Eastville, VA. Written comments can be submitted to the Planning, Permitting, and Enforcement Office P.O. Box 538, Eastville, VA 23347.

Handicapped Assistance Available: Please call (757) 678-0440 extension 516 at least 48 hours in advance.

Marshall Cox, Chairman
Wetlands Board

COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON
EMS GARAGE
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The County of Northampton, Virginia is accepting sealed Bids for the construction of a new Emergency Medical Services Garage building to be located at 13294 Lankford Highway, Machipongo, Virginia. Bids will be received at the office of the County Administrator, 16404 Courthouse Road, Eastville, VA 23347 until 3:00 p.m., February 22, 2018. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud immediately thereafter.

The successful vendor will be responsible for the design, permitting, and construction of a new approximately 2,400 (40’x60’) wood framed, metal sided building, with an option for a 40’x80’ building, with all corresponding site work.

Contractors can obtain copies of the complete bid specifications from the Public Works Director’s Office at Post Office Box 66, Eastville, Virginia 23347, (757) 678-0414, or ctthomas@co.northampton.va.us.

A pre-bid conference and site visit will be held at the Northampton County Department of EMS, 13294 Lankford Highway, Machipongo, Virginia 23405, at 10:00 a.m., on Thursday, February 8, 2018. Attendance shall be optional for those submitting a bid.

The County reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any irregularities or informalities in the bidding.

No bid may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the opening of bids without the consent of the County. The procedure for withdrawal of bids shall be according to Section 1154 (1) of the Code of Virginia.

The contract is to be awarded on the basis of the lowest responsive and responsible bid.

Bidders must be licensed contractors, Class A, in the Commonwealth of Virginia in accordance with the requirements of Title 54, Chapter 7, of the Code of Virginia. The successful bidder must also possess and maintain throughout the duration of construction Worker’s Compensation and Commercial General Liability insurance coverages.

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Identity Theft: The Invisible Crime

By Richard L. Saunders

Identity theft is an invisible crime when it occurs. Unlike a home burglary, where a home is in disarray with items missing, or an armed robbery, although worse to imagine, there may be visible or physical evidence. With ID theft, there is no immediate indication a crime has occurred. It is only when strange and harmful things start happening to you and your finances that it becomes apparent you may be a victim of ID theft.

Since ID theft is a tremendous hassle to unsnarl, one that can last many months and consume many hours of your time, avoidance and recognition are key.

There are any number of signs that your identity may have been stolen. You may see unexplained withdrawals or charges in your bank account. (In an earlier column I discussed the benefits of reviewing your account(s) online every day if possible.) You don’t get bills and statements that you normally get at a certain time each month. Collection calls for something you never bought or used is another indicator, as are medical bills for services you did not receive. These are just a few of the signs that your identity might have been compromised.

There are many ways that this occurs, some of which you cannot avoid, such as external vigilance is a price for financial security. An outside trashcan or mailbox can be looted by a would-be scammer. Securing these items in some way would be helpful. When you are at a restaurant and pay with a debit or credit card, that card generally leaves your sight, and the number could be sold to a scammer. At a doctor’s office, if you proffer a Medicare card, which contains your social security number, that number is potentially available to any

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Please Tyson, you have the power to find and implement a solution to this pollution!

Peg Snowden Volk, Cherrystone

Salvation Army: ‘Thanks!’

Dear Editor:

The Accomack County Service Unit of the Salvation Army would like to thank the community for its generous support during our 2017 Kettle Campaign.

Through your unselfish efforts, we have been able to help families with various needs, such as fuel, electricity, rent and other essentials. We were able to supply children with back-to-school clothing and we were able to give toys, clothing and food boxes for Christmas.

Thanks to local business for allowing our bell ringers to stand in front of your establishments. Thanks to the bell ringers that weathered the cold, wind and rain to make the campaign a success. Thanks to Nandua High School and Kegotank Elementary clubs for their students, and to the CSB for bringing their clients to ring the bells. Bell ringers on the Shore are volunteers and they ring because they want to give back to their community.

This year we were blessed with a special group of Santa’s elves from Kegotank Elementary who volunteered to help with our toy distribution. A special thanks to parents and teachers for a job well done.

Thanks again for all you do, all that you have done, and all you plan to do in the future.

Earline P. Washington, Salvation Army
Clucking About Chicken Houses

Dear Editor:

Robert Crockett and the other cluck-clucking members of the board of supervisors are nothing more or less than a cabal representing Tyson/Perdue interests over the interests of Accomack County and its citizens. Hopefully the next election will change that.

Gene H. Gibson, Wachapreague

More on Outlaw’s Blacksmith Shop

Dear Editor:

In reference an article in the Jan. 19 edition of the Eastern Shore Post regarding Mr. Boyd and his efforts to fix up the Samuel D. Outlaw Blacksmith Shop in Onancock, I thought more history about the past preservation would be helpful.

In 1998, the Town of Onancock received a grant that was administered by the State of Virginia for the restoration of the building. The state architect prepared plans and specifications for a complete restoration, which included a new foundation system designed by a structural engineer. After that, it was put out to bid to qualified contractors and my company was awarded the contract. Work started in the fall of 1998 and was completed in April of 1999. The building was raised by its roof because of the extent of rot in the sills and floor framing. It was a challenging and interesting project. A uniquely designed foundation system that included large wood sills treated to marine grade specifications were attached with stainless steel pins to concrete pyramid blocks in concrete footings. All of this work was designed not to be seen so it would not detract from the original style of construction.

All rot was replaced with new wood throughout the building. New oak doors copying the original and a new metal roof was installed. The project went smoothly with the people of the town and state working together very well.

Shortly after the completion of the project, some of the restored windows were vandalized. An outside party installed solid wood shutters over the windows to protect them from further damage. The absence of sunlight is a perfect environment for termites and after a few years they caused extensive damage to the building.

I only recall it being open to the public one Saturday where blacksmiths from Furnace Town put on a presentation. Prior to this restoration project the building was leaning and in poor condition. Without the efforts of many people in the ’90s this building would only be a pile of rubble now.

I’m glad to see that there is a group of people interested in further preserving the building as it is a part of our history.

Walt Chandler, Onancock

Dangerous Route 13 Conditions

Dear Editor:

Route 13 north of Fishers Corner going north from the Zion Church for about a mile is hazardous. The ditches are tore to pieces, a house that has had cars and a tractor trailer in the yard now has a cement barrier. When it rains this stretch of road is like black ice. Please, please, please, post this so something will be done before someone gets killed.

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