DEQ Waives $13,500 Fine for 120 Tons of Trash on Sanford Property

By Linda Cicoira

Lance G. Fisher, who dumped an estimated 120 tons of trash, including more than 100 tires, on his property on Shad Landing Road in Sanford last year, will not have to pay the $13,500 fine proposed by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).

He “claimed an inability to pay,” filled out the appropriate form and was granted the waiver.

During one visit to the site, according to a DEQ investigation report, Fisher “arrived driving a dump truck labeled ‘Fishers Environmental.’” His son, Lance Fisher Jr., is an owner of that Maryland company, which advertises on its website as providing services in asbestos abatement, mold remediation, lead paint abatement, demolition services, water damage restoration, fire damage restoration, duct cleaning, air quality control, wet crawl space solutions, hazardous material clean-up and emergency response.

“The consent order was signed by Lance G. Fisher in his personal capacity, not on behalf of the company,” Russell Deppe, Enforcement Specialist Senior II with DEQ, said this week. “As such, the “inability to pay” application was evaluated based on his personal financial information. … Due to the confidential nature of the information submitted by Mr. Fisher, the documents that led to the inability to pay determination are not available for disclosure.”

“What we pursued was (removal of) the waste on that site,” Deppe continued. “He just accumulated this. He said that it was his and he had just gathered it up over time. He removed all the solid waste appropriately. … The site is back in compliance. … Our goal is not to bankrupt someone.”

Deppe said a model obtained from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) was used to determine his inability. Tipping fees, totaling $8,303 and charged by Accomack’s Northern Landfill for bringing the debris there, were taken into consideration when the waiver was granted.

“In this situation, I’m actually very pleased,” Deppe said, adding, he runs into other situations across the state in which violators refuse to clean up their sites.

Fisher signed the consent order Feb. 1. It was notarized by Lionel Fisher, another principal in the Maryland environmental company.

An interagency memorandum states, “The applicant’s sole source of income is his monthly retirement benefit from social security, therefore, at this time, it is concluded that the applicant is unable to pay the penalty amount in question. In the event the applicant’s financial condition improves, the department may reevaluate this conclusion.”

According to county records, Fisher owns parcels in Sanford assessed at a total of about $300,000. He owes back real estate taxes from 2016 of $193.88 and from 2017 of $2,071.26.

Accomack Supervisor Paul Muhly, who pushed for the investigation after coming upon a fire at the site during a routine drive of his district early last year, is not happy with the outcome.

“I’m very disappointed that he gets off the hook so easily,” Muhly said. “Just him taking the material to the landfill, which he should have done in the first place, is no penalty,” the supervisor added.

“I thought there was a clear violation, between the dumping and the Chesapeake Bay Act” regulations, Muhly decided the first time he saw the trash

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Northampton High Is Crumbling, But New School Is Nowhere in Sight

Story and photos by Stefanie Jackson

The 2007 report on the poor physical condition of Northampton High School may have been titled, “Another Brick in the Wall,” but over a decade later, the story of the original 1954 structure and 1978 addition may be better titled, “Another Brick Out of the Wall.”

A recent tour of both the exterior and interior of the school, conducted by Northampton schools Director of Operations Chris Truckner, revealed shifting, misaligned brickwork, large cracks in walls and floors, and, most notably, a hole in the wall of the music room where a concrete block popped out one night and was found on the floor the next morning.

The 1954 structure has two major strikes against it: It has sustained nearly 65 years of wear and tear, and was constructed solely of brick and mortar, with no metal supports to provide stability as the structure is continually exposed to freezing and thawing weather conditions, and building materials expand and contract.

Structural engineering firm, Speight, Marshall, & Francis, P.C., first inspected the school building in 2007 and reported the condition of the 1954 construction “can best be described as poor.” Structural damage was said to be “extensive and needs to be addressed immediately or the level of damage will increase exponentially.” The firm recommended completely reconstructing the 1954 building since the cost to repair would be more than 60 percent of the cost to reconstruct.

About 10 years ago, structural engineers reported the condition of the 1978 high school addition as “good,” and “not progressed to the point of no return,” but acknowledged there were structural issues requiring attention “in the near future.”

Unlike in the original 1954 structure, the brick and mortar walls in the 1978 addition are fitted with metal expansion joints, but they are insufficient, said Truckner, who is also a civil engineer. Some of the structural damage is worse in the newer construction than in the older construction, he continued. In the 1978 section of the school, it appears the mortar has fallen away at most of the expansion joints and was replaced with putty.

In the summertime, Truckner has found cracks and a missing brick. Chris Truckner, right, points out damage to a wall in the mini-gym where shifting walls pushed padding onto the floor. Below, damage to the music room includes a wall crack and a missing brick.

In the summertime, Truckner has found damage so severe, he could raise his hand to an exterior wall and feel the air conditioning blowing outside from the classroom.

Inside, the flooring is cracked, the roof leaks and ceilings have been replaced. The gym was intended for use as an emergency shelter, but does not meet safety standards. Accomack has emergency shelter locations it shares with Northampton.

In the mini gym, or wrestling room, the walls shifted so much that they pushed a section of padding off the wall and onto the floor.

The most dramatic structural damage appears to be in the music room, where a concrete block fell out of a wall, and there are several large, vertical cracks. Cracks begin forming at a wall’s weakest points, Truckner said, explaining why they usually appear in the layer of mortar binding the bricks together, forming a staircase pattern. When cracks run vertically down the wall, straight through bricks or concrete blocks, it indicates the walls are bearing an enormous amount of pressure, Truckner said.

In Truckner’s opinion, a new high school is in order, but thousands of dollars that could help pay for it must be funneled to endless projects repairing structural damage posing safety issues. Northampton’s schools and community continue to wait for supervisors to make a hard commitment to a new high school, and in the meantime, Truckner keeps plugging the holes in the dike as best as he can and hopes the dam doesn’t break.

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Northampton Supervisors Get ‘Clean’ Bill From Financial Auditors

By Stefanie Jackson

An audit of Northampton’s financial statements, conducted independently by certified accountants, Robinson, Farmer Cox Associates, confirmed for supervisors Feb. 13 the records are “clean.” Auditors had no major concerns with the financial statements and agreed with Chairman Spencer Murray that supervisors are “fiscally responsible” with taxpayer money.

Auditors noted one “weakness” in county financial statements - they did not contain all “year-end adjustments” necessary to reconcile the numbers with “internal documents” reflecting some accounts receivable items such as sales taxes and communications taxes.

The audit of Northampton’s financial records for fiscal year 2017, ending June 30, had been delayed, conducted in the interim between former Finance Director John Andrzejewski’s departure and new Finance Director John Chandler’s arrival.

County revenues totaled $32,337,385 for FY 2017. Northampton gets 55 percent of its revenue from general property taxes, which auditors assured supervisors is normal for a rural county, with some counties receiving up to 75 percent of revenues from property taxes.

Northampton’s two biggest expenses are education and public safety, each consuming 29 percent of county funds - 58 percent combined.

Northampton is carrying about $30 million in debt. In FY 2017, the county devoted nearly 7 percent of its funds to pay down debt, and supervisors guaranteed that figure will never exceed 12 percent.

Supervisor David Fauber noted that 18 of every 83 cents per $100 citizens pay in property taxes is spent on paying down Northampton’s debt - that’s 21 percent of total property taxes.

Murray acknowledged the county needs to borrow more money for capital improvements, and said, “we’re seeking new economic engines” to generate more revenue to help fund future projects.

Eastern Shore Rural Health System is moving forward with its capital improvements without funding from the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development. A letter dated Feb. 6, from ESRHS CEO Nancy Stern to Dr. Tamarah Holmes of VDHCD, stated the rural health system will build the new Eastville Community Health Center without the community development block grant the housing department offered in a letter of intent. No reason was given why ESRHS is no longer pursuing the $700,000 grant.

Mary Ann Roehm and Clelia Sheppard spoke on behalf of Renata Sheppard, founder of nonprofit Global Experimental Film Virginia, a global artist residency and film festival held every summer in Cape Charles. The nonprofit is participating in a grant-matching program through the Virginia Commission for the Arts, and if the application is approved, GEAR will receive $5,000 from both the arts commission and Northampton County, for a total of $10,000.

The summer event series includes Art Soaked Weekends, which combine "art, food, and retail," at events like Art in a Barn and Reel and Raw - the latter of which premieres the experimental films produced by the resident artists, and features oysters and other seafood for refreshment.

Renata Sheppard plans to extend Art Soaked Weekends beyond the scope of Experimental Film Virginia, partnering with art districts in Virginia Beach and Norfolk in a project dubbed, “Eat Your Art Out,” which Clelia Sheppard explained will “liven up the towns even in off-season.”

Supervisor John Coker supports the arts nonprofit and called the county’s proposed $5,000 contribution, “very cheap marketing.”

Chandler presented school budget amendments to accept funds from the Virginia Department of Education: $7,500 in National Board Certification Incentive Awards, for three qualifying teachers, and $1,000 for the Career Switcher New Teacher Mentor Program.

There were two budget decreases of $41,447 for truss repair at Occohannock and Kiptopeke elementary schools, and $766 to reflect the final award of state incentive funding for school breakfast.
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FACT: Our information is that NOT ONE of the hundreds of industrial poultry house facilities has received a permit to withdraw water from our depleting Yorktown reserves. We also have been told that perhaps NONE of them were TOLD they needed to undergo this assessment by the DEQ or the SWCB.

OUR DEMAND: We simply demand that the DEQ and the SWCB file for an immediate injunction against any current and future withdrawal of water from our depleting Yorktown reserves. We also demand that our state agencies and elected officials do everything in their power to encourage the hundreds of industrial poultry houses to use the Columbia or shallow aquifer...a source that can sustain the needs of the industry without drinking our future dry. To support this demand, contact DEQ @ David.Paylor@virginia.gov: or Governor Northam @ www.governor.virginia.gov or Lynwood Lewis @ 757-787-1094.

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By Stefanie Jackson

Northampton County Public Schools would have to give teachers and support staff an additional $1.7 million annually to pay them what they’re worth, according to consulting firm Paypoint HR, who recently completed a compensation study for NCPS and shared the results publicly Friday, Feb. 9, at Northampton High School. More than $1.4 million of the proposed pay increase would go to teachers.

Rick and Karin Campbell conducted the “objective, unbiased, third-party study” to determine the salaries NCPS should offer to “attract and retain great employees” in a competitive marketplace.

They discovered that Northampton teachers with bachelor’s degrees, and the superintendent, earn at least 10 percent less than market value.

Northampton teachers with master’s degrees earn at least 5 percent less than market value, at a cost of $1,424,896.

As part of the Campbells’ evaluation of Northampton school job classifications, they asked each employee to take a job analysis survey, called a “position vantage point,” with almost 100 percent of employees participating. Employees answered questions about their professional background, skill level, working environment, and level of authority in their respective positions. Managers were allowed to review and comment on PVPs, but not change employee answers.

Employees also participated in focus groups which revealed a desire for more communication and further opportunities for community outreach. The Campbells noted the impression made during the focus groups by the department of operations, which does “an admirable job with the resources available,” and cafeteria staff, who serve as a “role model” for a positive school culture.

Paypoint HR recommended raising salaries for classified positions at Northampton schools to a “living wage” for the area, which Rick Campbell estimated at about $11 per hour.

The firm also recommended raising the salaries of 142 teachers whose earnings are below or substantially below market value, at a cost of $1,424,896.

New teachers with a bachelor’s degree currently make $35,323. Bringing their earnings up to market value would require raising the entry-level teacher’s salary to $39,835.

Paypoint HR suggested changing the classified and certified salary scales from 31 to 21 steps. This would allow employees to reach the top of the salary scale more quickly, with a larger raise at each step, which Superintendent Eddie Lawrence said would benefit employees by making their progress up the scale more apparent.

The proposed salary scale would have a 60 percent spread, meaning an experienced teacher at the top of the scale would make 60 percent more than a new, inexperienced teacher.

Another Paypoint HR suggestion was “no breaks” on the salary scale. Currently, Northampton school employees with four to nine years of previous experience share the same place on the salary scale, meaning fifth through tenth year teachers make the same base salary. Paypoint HR’s proposal is giving employees step raises every year, until they reach step 21.

Lawrence clarified that grouping employees with differing levels of experience on the same pay step does not equate to a “salary freeze.”

Paypoint HR’s proposal includes phased implementation of the recommended salary increases, and availability of the job classification program the Campbells used in their study for future re-classification of existing positions or classification of new positions.
By Linda Cicoira

Riverside Shore Rehabilitation Center (RSRC), also known as the Parksley Nursing Home, sold for about $984,100 recently, or less than a third of its “actual value,” according to documents filed in Accomack Circuit Court earlier this month.

W. William Austin Jr., chief financial officer and senior vice president of Riverside Health Systems, signed the papers Jan. 30 selling the facility and 14.5 acres to Accomack Health Investors LLC, a subsidiary of Smith-Packett.

The State Corporation Commission lists several health-related limited liability corporations with the address on Pheasant Ridge Road in Roanoke. In a previous announcement, Riverside described Smith-Packett as “a limited liability company that has developed or acquired more than 150 senior health and housing facilities with a total value of more than $1.5 billion.”

The assessed value of the RSRC was listed on a deed as being $3,213,700.

On Aug. 22, 2017, Riverside announced its plan to close the facility’s doors, a move that would have left nearly 90 residents homeless and 120 unemployed. About two weeks before the Oct. 21, 2017 deadline, an announcement was made that Smith-Packett had signed a letter of intent to purchase the facility. Accomack Health Investors LLC was formed on Sept. 1, 2017.

Rehab Sale Complete

No Permit, No Rally

Local activists gathered at Four Corner Plaza to demonstrate their support for expanded Medicaid last Saturday, only to have their intentions thwarted by lack of a special event permit from VDOT. The group had planned to stage its rally in the grassy strip between the plaza parking lot and Route 13. Onley Police Chief John Spivey told the group’s members they would be in violation of the law unless they had a permit to be in the right of way. A representative of Four Corner Plaza said they do not allow protests nor rallies onsite, as it prefers to remain politically neutral. Pictured, from left, are Karen Downing, Al Willis, Meghan McNamara, Lorna Gagneux, Sue Mastyl, and Malaika Mitchell.
Story and photos by Stefanie Jackson

Northampton High School and Broadwater Academy ninth graders went shopping at the “Reality Store” for an education in the expenses of living in the real world. The 4-H program, conducted by Virginia Cooperative Extension, organized the Feb. 13 event held in the NHS gym.

Christina Murray, VCE extension agent, coordinated the event with Northampton and Broadwater guidance counselors. The Reality Store is a lot like playing the board game, “Life,” except instead of randomly drawing playing cards and spinning a number wheel, students gain real knowledge about the cost of education, careers, salaries, and managing household finances.

Murray prepared students for their visit to the Reality Store with four lessons presented during assemblies at Broadwater and English classes at Northampton, about the relationship between education and income, payroll deductions, prioritizing needs and wants in a household budget, and checking and savings accounts.

Students choose their own careers or draw random job titles from a hat. There are 81 career choices grouped in four categories based on the level of education they require: high school diploma, technical school or associates degree, 4-year college degree, or 5- or 6-year college degree. Job choices in the curriculum include advertising sales agent, veterinary assistant, automotive technician, welder, architect, teacher, pharmacist, and physical therapist.

Once students arrive at the Reality Store, they role-play as 25- or 26-year-old workers, married with or without children. All are assigned credit card debt, and student loans if they attended college. Students visit each of 13 tables, where adult volunteers help them decide how to spend their hard-earned money and provide their household needs, recording each expenditure on the worksheet representing their “checkbook.”

The balance in their checkbook reflects a student’s net income after they have deducted federal, state, and local taxes, Social Security and Medicare taxes, health insurance premiums, and retirement and savings account contributions.

Choices made in the Reality Store include buying or renting a home, driving a new or used car - or taking public transportation, purchasing clothing at a department store or thrift shop, and putting food on the table.

Students pay for utilities like electric, gas, water, sewer, and trash pickup; purchase home, auto, and/or life insurance, and pay for phone, internet, and/or TV services.

If they have children, students must decide whether they can afford daycare or a babysitter.

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Malicious Wounding Garners 5-Year Sentence

A Bloxom man was given a five-year suspended sentence for maliciously wounding another local resident in 2015.

Larry Thomas Bailey, 58, of Nelson Road, was also ordered to be on good behavior for the rest of his life. He was convicted in 2016 of using a machete or lawn mower blade to wound Sherwood Bailey of Adams Road in Greenbush on Aug. 23, 2015. The incident occurred in Onley. It is unclear if the two men are related.

A charge of possession of cocaine was continued for a year because it was a first offense for Makalia Elaine Boole, age unavailable, of Main Street in Hallwood. She was given 100 hours of community service. The charge will be dismissed if she remains on good behavior for three years.

Khalil Ahmadge Upshur, 22, of Seaside Road in Machipongo, pleaded guilty to possession of a firearm by a felon in connection with an incident that occurred June 3, 2016. A criminal history was ordered. The case was continued until April.

Accomack Felony Charges

Three Accomack residents were charged with felonies recently, according to records filed in the county’s general district court.

Isaias Gonzalez Perez, 33, of McComas Drive in Greenbush, was charged with child neglect and DUI in connection with a Feb. 9, 2018 incident. Records accuse him of “willful acts or omission of the care” of three children ages 1, 3 and 5, “so gross and wanton as to show a reckless disregard for human life.”

Perez was allegedly driving with the children in the car and failed four field sobriety tests. None of the children were wearing seat belts. The youngest was sitting in a passenger’s lap. A breathalyzer showed .12 grams of alcohol per 210 liters of breath. The legal limit is .08. Secured bond was set at $1,000. Trooper Zachary Beaver investigated.

Timothy Lee Finney Jr., 21, with addresses of Woodland Park Avenue and Metompkin Road in of Parksley, was charged with maliciously shooting at an occupied vehicle on Feb. 9, 2018. Alexis Tazewell told authorities the defendant came to her friend’s house “flashing a light in my vehicle. When I left, he followed me, shot at me once … stopped in front of me, got out of his vehicle and shot again towards me. Then he called my phone and told me if he really wanted to shoot me he would’ve done it by now.”

Finney is being held in Accomack Jail without bond. Deputy C. Hargis of ACSO investigated.

Stuart Eyler, 46, of Silverside Drive in Hallwood, was charged with threatening to burn property on Jan. 15, 2018. He was arrested Feb. 10. Deputy M.R. McCready of ACSO investigated. Court records stated the weight of evidence was “sufficient.” Unsecured bail was set at $3,000.

Subutex Guilty Plea

A Tangier man pleaded guilty Monday in Northampton Circuit Court to two counts of possession with intent to distribute Subutex, a drug used in the treatment of opiate addiction.

The case was continued for 36-year-old William Brent Laird until a presence report could be completed. The offenses occurred on Aug. 10, 2016.

Sonia Moldanado, 33, of Cape Charles, and her father, Lambert Moldanado, 63, of Eastville, were each sentenced to 12 months in jail with nine months suspended for obstruction of justice that occurred Dec. 30, 2016. She was acquitted of hit and run. Charges of giving a false report to an officer were dismissed against both.

Two Northampton Felonies

Two Eastern Shore residents were charged with felonies this week in Northampton, according to court records.

Hakeem Kwame Graves, 27, of Cheriton, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of assaulting a police officer. The offense occurred Feb. 9. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for March 15. Graves is being held in Eastern Shore Regional Jail in Eastville.

Shykeva Neashay Mears, 35, of Parksley, was arrested on a charge of possession with intent to distribute cocaine. The offense occurred June 28, 2017. She is free on an unspecified bond.

~Reality Store ~

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They also are given opportunities to obtain financial advice, manage their credit, and make charitable contributions.

There is even a “Chance” table, for those unexpected expenses in life like flat tires and broken appliances.

Students complete the exercise by crossing the “finish line,” where they must answer one final question: “What is your balance?”

The Reality Store helps prepare students for the “real world” by giving them practical knowledge and skills that home economics classes — now uncommon in high schools — once provided. It also takes a burden off parents who may be uncomfortable sharing their financial information with their children, Murray said.

The curriculum was created by The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio, as part of their PEAK Program (Providing Early Awareness and Knowledge), which began in 2009. It was designed to encourage students, starting as early as second grade, to pursue a college education.

Christian Businessmen Promote Christian Athletes

Nathan Timm, left, and Rev. Steve Jones, center, spoke at the recent meeting of the Eastern Shore Christian Businessmen’s Association on plans to establish Fellowship of Christian Athletes in local high schools.

A meeting will be held on Monday, Feb. 26, at 7 p.m. at Onley Baptist Church, to create a local board. Pictured at right is Garnett Kellam, president of the ESCBA, which meets monthly to promote Christian principles and ethical decisions in all business dealings.
Obituaries

Louise Smack Allen
Mrs. Louise Smack Allen, 95, passed away Sunday, Feb. 4, 2018, at Transitions LifeCare Hospice in Raleigh, N.C. She was born on a farm near Pocomoke City, Md., on Dec. 31, 1922, the youngest of three children to Lola (Ennis) and Harvey Smack. She graduated from Pocomoke City High School and subsequently held various clerical and retail positions. After moving to Salisbury, Md., she worked as a jewelry buyer for Benjamin’s department store, relishing the New York City buying trips to make the season’s selections. The love affair with jewelry persisted throughout her life. She enjoyed collecting jewelry and never removed the many special bracelets and rings gifted by her husband.

In the 1940s, Mrs. Allen worked at the DuPont Company in Seaford, Del., where she met the love of her life, Virgil Allen. They were married on Aug. 31, 1946, and celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary in 2016, just two weeks after Mr. Allen’s 100th birthday.

She was a charter member of the First Baptist Church in Seaford, teaching Sundays school and vacation bible school for many years. Mrs. Allen spent most of her life as a homemaker, caring for her family and enjoying dear friendships - some which lasted for more than 50 years. She never met a stranger; and in her own easy, comfortable way she would reach out and start a conversation with any person standing nearby.

Mrs. Allen is survived by a loving daughter, Vicki Allen; grandson, Dr. Todd Allen Pepper; nephew, Robert Wayne Bennett; and cousin, Tadd Pruitt. She was preceded in death by her husband, Virgil Allen; and cousin, Tadd Pruitt. She was preceded in death by her husband, Virgil Allen; and cousin, Tadd Pruitt. She was predeceased by her husband, Virgil Allen; and cousin, Tadd Pruitt.

Funeral services were held on Feb. 12, 2018, at Watson-Yates Funeral Home, 609 East King St., Seaford, DE, at 2 p.m., with Rev Jon Sutton officiating. Burial followed at Odd Fellows Cemetery in Seaford.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22478, Oklahoma City, OK 73123 or online at www.cancer.org/donate.

Eugene Stephen Carey
Mr. Eugene Stephen “Gene” Carey, 58, partner and best friend of Jeff Coffey, and a resident of Parksley, passed away away Saturday, Feb. 10, 2018, at his home.

Born July 12, 1959, in Salisbury, Md., he was a son of the late Kenneth Wayne Carey and Florence Evelyn Carey. Following high school, Mr. Carey attended Wor-Wic Community College and Greensboro College. In the early 90s, he met Jeff and soon after he relocated to the Eastern Shore, where he has made lasting friendships and countless memories over the years. As a faithful fan of the Maryland Terrapins and the Baltimore Ravens, football was one of his greatest passions, and he rarely missed a game. Mr. Carey looked forward to “Sunday Fun Day” at the Elks with Jeff and their friends, and he especially enjoyed sitting on his back deck, relaxing and enjoying the breeze.

In addition to his partner, Jeff, he is survived by two sisters, Robin Ann Bennett and husband, William, of Salisbury, and Gidget Michelle Carey, of Parsonsburg, Md.; two brothers, Wayne William Carey and wife, Diane, of Cambridge, Md., and Darren Allen Carey and wife, Nikki, of Altoona, Pa.; nieces and nephews, Tara, John, Christopher, Katelyn, Kenneth, Jenna, Phillip, Joy, Timothy, Darren, Brittany, and Brianna; great-nieces and great-nephews, Noah, Riley, Logan, Charlotte, Caroline, Beckham, Asher, and Parker; dear friends, Steve and April Kolbush, their son Riley, their daughter Amanda, and her children, Paige Kelly and Carter Riggs, Uncle Johnny Porter, and Pat and Ruth; and his beloved cats, Winifred and Rabbit.

A Celebration of Life service will be conducted from the chapel of the Williams-Parksley Funeral Home on Saturday, Feb. 17, 2018, at 2 p.m., with Rev. John Culp officiating. The family will greet friends at the funeral home one hour prior to the service.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22478, Oklahoma City, OK 73123 or online at www.cancer.org/donate.

James Neer Fox
Mr. James Neer “Jim” Fox, of Temperenceville/Horntown, passed away on Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2018, at the age of 83 at his home in Horntown. He was the husband of Deanna M. Fox for 13 years. Mr. Fox was born in Onancock on Aug. 8, 1934. His parents were the late Norman L. and Elmira M. Webb Fox. He was a member of Atlantic Baptist Church and was one of the oldest funeral directors/embalmers on the Eastern Shore of Virginia. His affiliations were Temperanceville Masonic Lodge #121, North Accomack Lions Club, honorary member of Rutitans, founder and lifetime member Oak Hall Rescue, Virginia Funeral Directors Association, Tidewater Funeral Directors, National Funeral Directors and Sons of American Legion #159. Mr. Fox enjoyed hunting, fishing, and watching baseball games, especially the Baltimore Orioles.

Other than his wife, Deanna, he is survived by his sons, Norman Dale Fox (Cheryl), of Chincoteague, James Dennis Fox (Ramona), of Hallwood; three stepchildren, Cathy Weichmann (Mike Stevenson), of Pocomoke, Dawn Shenton (Drew), of Chincoteague, John Foxwell (Debbie), of Stockton; several grandchildren, several great-grandchildren; several great-great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his son, Dean Fox; a brother, John T. Fox; and his first wife of 51 years, Nina W. Fox. Other survivors include extended family, Amy Sharpley, Gene Goleman, Ernest Dale Holston, Hector Escalante, Jeff Carey, Roland Witt, Tom Cook, and their families, and many friends.

There will be a graveside service held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 17, 2018, at John W. Taylor Cemetery with Rev. Maury Enright and Rev. Hannah Glisson officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contribution may be made to Christ United Methodist Church, where he was a member of the church choir.

Survivors include three children, AmyJo L. Hardstock, of Chincoteague, Betsy H. Savage, of Temperenceville, and Whitney D. Hardstock and his wife, Susan, of Parksley; daughter-in-law, Debbie Hardstock, of Parksley; ten grandchildren, Bill Custin, Brandy Childress and husband, Shane, John and Zachary Peterson, Alexandra Lenhoff, Sean Lenhoff and wife, Kayla, Mitchell J. Hardstock Jr., Dusty Hardstock, Brittany Hardstock and wife, Lisa, and Jackie Hardstock; six great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and his church family and numerous friends. In addition to his loving wife and parents, he was predeceased by two sons, Guy Edward Hardstock and Mitchell J. Hardstock.

Funeral services were conducted from the Christ United Methodist Church on Feb. 11, 2018, with Pastor Joe Carson officiating. Memorial donations may be made to Christ UMC, P.O. Box 687, Chincoteague, VA 23336.

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

Arrangements were made by the Williams-Parksley Funeral Home.

Carolyn June Pryor
Mrs. Carolyn June Pryor, 71, of Accomac, passed away on Sunday, Jan. 28, 2018. She was the daughter of the late

William Carner Hardstock
Mr. William Carner “Bill” Hardstock, 89, husband of the late Lois Longacre Hardstock and a resident of Chincoteague Island, formerly of Poplar Cove, Onancock, passed away at his residence on Thursday, Feb. 8, 2018.

Born March 22, 1928, in Schenectady, N.Y., he was the son of the late Howard William Hardstock and Louise Camer Griffiths. Following high school, Mr. Hardstock served his country in the U.S. Navy. He was a longtime teacher for Accomack County Public Schools, a draftsman for NASA, and was proudly known as one of the first sea clammers on the Eastern Shore. Mr. Hardstock was a member of Kiwanis International and the Power Squadron, spent decades singing and performing with the Eastern Shore Madrigals, and was a devoted member of Christ United Methodist Church, where he was a beloved member of the church choir.

Survivors include three children, Amy Jo L. Hardstock, of Chincoteague, Betsy H. Savage, of Temperenceville, and Whitney D. Hardstock and his wife, Susan, of Parksley; daughter-in-law, Debbie Hardstock, of Parksley; ten grandchildren, Bill Custin, Brandy Childress and husband, Shane, John and Zachary Peterson, Alexandra Lenhoff, Sean Lenhoff and wife, Kayla, Mitchell J. Hardstock Jr., Dusty Hardstock, Brittany Hardstock and wife, Lisa, and Jackie Hardstock; six great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and his church family and numerous friends. In addition to his loving wife and parents, he was predeceased by two sons, Guy Edward Hardstock and Mitchell J. Hardstock.

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

Arrangements were made by the Williams-Parksley Funeral Home.

Mrs. Carolyn June Pryor
71, of Accomac, passed away on Sunday, Jan. 28, 2018. She was the daughter of the late
Chester and Madeline Simpson, of Wil- lis Wharf.

She was predeceased by her hus- band, J.C. Pryor. She is survived by her loving companion, Billie Harrison; her brothers, Ronnie and Michael Simp- son; her children, Chip Pryor and Eliz- abeth Pryor Tomlinson; her grandchil- dren, Amie Pearson, Kristen Rivera, Cassandra Monson, and Courtney and Toby Tomlinson; and her great-grandchil- dren, Landon, Ryan, Quan, Anna- belle, and Robin.

Mrs. Pryor was a devout member of the SPCA and the Humane Society. She always encouraged kindness.

Elizabeth Bagley Tankard

Ms. 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. Tan- kard 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 Lattimore (Somiah); niece, Polly (Mark Jr.) Bundy; and nine great-nephews and nieces. She was predeceased by a sister, Sally T. Franks.

A memorial service was conducted Friday, Feb. 9, 2018, at 2 p.m. at John- son’s United Methodist Church with Rev. Clarence Bowen officiating. Interment was private. A time of fellowship in the social hall followed the service.

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

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

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

Onancock Bridge Reopens Two Months Early

The Route 1002 bridge over Onancock Creek reopened to traffic on Feb. 9, which was 67 days ahead of the revised completion date. Mclean Contracting Company performed the work, which included replacing/repairing both bridge abutments (supports), replacing sheet piling on both sides and repaving both roadway approaches.

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poultry operations.”

In a 2015 county memo, Tyson Foods representatives stated for a house of roughly 40,000 chickens, the water usage is about 129,000 gallons over the course of the seven-week growing cycle for each poultry house.

A breakdown showed 5,000 gallons in the first week, 10,000 in the second, 15,000 in the third, 20,000 in the fourth, 23,000 in the fifth, 26,000 in the sixth and 30,000 in the last. “This is approximately 30 gallons per minute, 40 gallons per minute in a worst-case scenario,” the memo stated.

In some locations, there are as many as 24 massive poultry houses, known as concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFOs). The U.S. Department of Agriculture defines a CAFO as an animal feeding operation that raises more than 1,000 animals in confinement for more than 45 days a year.

At a recent locally-held DEQ public hearing, residents who live in or near an influx of new chicken houses near Pungoteague and Wachapreague voiced their concerns about water usage, contamination from runoff and possible air pollution.

Not far away, are two unlined dump sites — the county’s southern landfill, which is closed, but was started before regulations required a lining to prevent seepage into the groundwater, and sewage disposal lagoons, off Drummondtown Road near Wachapreague, that were closed by the health department several years ago.

There is also an old dump, used about 50 years ago with no restrictions on what could be left there, on Pennysville Road near the Virginia Tech Eastern Shore Agricultural Research and Extension Center. At the time the dump was used, most people burned what they could in an old oil drum.

Leaks must be prevented by well construction “or interaction between aquifers.” Water withdrawal is regulated by DEQ but the local health department issues permits for well construction.

Jon Richardson, environmental health manager senior, for the Eastern Shore Health District, said every time a well is being drilled, he gives the DEQ a heads up. Richardson also mentioned a groundwater compliance initiative that is being worked on locally.

He said 14 chicken farms have applied for 113 wells since May 2016. “They (the poultry growers) generally apply for several wells together,” Richardson said. All but six applications were permitted. Those were made recently and are still in the process. “Not all (the wells) have been installed yet,” Richardson said Wednesday.

Those having wells drilled are also required to contact DEQ at least two weeks prior to installation to ensure compliance with permit requirements.

“Most applications for new or expanded groundwater withdrawal permits are required to include” a pre-application meeting with DEQ; an explanation regarding the need for the water withdrawal; well construction documentation; geophysical log data and location data for all system wells; hydrogeologic information such as, but not limited to, aquifer properties transmissivity and storage coefficient. “Aquifer testing may be required before, at or following the pre-application meeting.”

Also required is “a plan to mitigate impacts to pre-existing users.” A water conservation and management plan is also necessary.

It must include the use of water-saving plumbing and processes; a water-loss reduction program that defines the leak detection and repair program; a water-use education program; evaluation of potential water reuse options; mandatory use reduction during water shortage emergencies with ordinances and penalties in place for municipal systems; an evaluation of the lowest quality water needed for the intended beneficial use; and an alternative water supply source evaluation for the proposed withdrawal. Applications must contain all required information and be deemed “complete” at least 270 days before the start of construction or operation of a new or expanded use permit or before the expiration of an existing permit.

The growers who are applying for groundwater withdrawal permits with DEQ are not necessarily the same ones asking for permits to drill new wells from the health department. It is hard to compare since two different agencies are involved in the process.
Super Bowl’s ‘Philly Special’ Playmaker Has Shore Ties

By Bill Sterling

Trey Burton will never forget the moment he heard Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Nick Foles say “Philly Special” in the huddle at the Super Bowl, where the Eagles faced a fourth and one with only 31 seconds remaining in the first half.

“I had no clue that call was coming. I had my head down in the huddle, but when I heard him call the play, I looked up and made eye contact with Nick. As we broke the huddle, I told him, ‘Let’s do this.’ I felt confident about the play.”

The rest is history, and many football experts are saying “Philly Special” will go down as one of the gutsiest calls in Super Bowl history. Many coaches would have elected to kick a field goal and take the sure points rather than chance it on fourth down, much less run a trick play.

The play had the ball hiked to a backup running back who pitched it to Burton, the backup tight end, who then threw a perfect pass for a touchdown to a wide-open Foles, the backup quarterback leading the Eagles after an injury earlier in the season to their star quarterback, Carson Wentz.

The play was featured in a two-page spread in the most recent Sports Illustrated, with Burton, number 88, at the center, the ball at his fingertips as the photo was taken.

Burton’s wife and three small children were in the stands at U.S. Bank Stadium in Minneapolis. Also there was his grandfather, Lawrence Burton, who grew up in Wachapreague and had some athletic exploits of his own.

By phone this week, the 26-year-old Burton said he was well aware of the grandfather once was co-holder of the world record in the 60-yard-dash, was a NCAA 200-meter national champion, was fourth in the 200 meters in the 1972 Olympics, was a consensus All-American wide receiver at Purdue University and first-round draft pick by the New Orleans Saints.

“But the next time he brings any of that up, I am going to remind him I’ve got something he doesn’t — a Super Bowl ring,” said Burton with a laugh.

Lawrence Burton agreed, speaking from his home out in Los Angeles. “For Trey to make a major contribution in one of the great plays of any Super Bowl is unbelievable. I was there with my daughter, Shaneya, and we just turned and hugged when that play happened. There are no words to describe how proud I am of Trey.”

That pride goes far beyond football, however, Lawrence Burton said. “I am most proud that Trey is a great father to his three children, a great husband to his wife and a disciple of Christ.”

The younger Burton said his faith is the number one priority in his life. “I want to be known as a family man and a man of God. Those things come first and football is secondary behind all that.”

The thrills did not stop for Burton with that play, which led to a 41-33 Super Bowl win over the defending-champion New England Patriots.

Burton was featured with several other players on the risers for the post-game press conference. He answered questions with his son, Jaxon, on one knee and his daughter, Ariella, on the other. His wife, Yesenia, was nearby holding their baby, Kaia. In the ensuing days, he appeared on several national sports telecasts.

A few days later, Burton was prominent in one of the largest parades in sports history when Philadelphia celebrated its first football championship since 1960. “I never dreamed the parade could be so great,” he recalled. “The city deserved that day, and you could see how happy they were to celebrate with us.”

It’s not like Burton has not had any highlights in his life prior to the past two weeks. A two-time all-state quarterback at Venice, Fla., who signed with the University of Florida as the top-rated quarterback in the state, Burton made national headlines when he scored six touchdowns in a single game against Kentucky as a freshman. “That was a big day I will never forget,” said Burton when asked about it, “but scoring twice against Georgia, our biggest rival, in a game we won in overtime, and scoring my first SEC touchdown at Tennessee in a packed stadium were also days I will always remember.”

Burton’s biggest day this season prior to the Super Bowl was catching two touchdowns passes against the Los Angeles Rams on the road. His grandparents and other family members were there.

Lawrence Burton is married to his high-school sweetheart, the former Ida Needam of Greenbush. The couple will be returning to the Shore this summer for her family reunion.

Trey Burton married his college sweetheart, and he calls her “awesome” for juggling duties at home with three young children while he pursues his football career. An unrestricted free agent, Burton is not sure where he will be playing next year, although he would love to return to the Eagles if salary considerations with the Philadelphia roster can be worked out.

“I would love to know where I was going to be next year, but I always put my faith in the Lord that things will work out,” said Burton.

Whatever happens down the road, Burton will be well prepared with a degree in Family, Youth and Community Science from Florida.

His younger brother, Clay, also played at Florida and was on the Buffalo Bills roster briefly. This past season, he coached at their former high school in Venice, which won the state football title.

Academics and community service have always been important to the Burton family.

Lawrence Burton was valedictorian of his 1970 Mary N. Smith class, a member of the Iron Key Fraternity at Purdue, based on academics and service, and left the NFL in his prime to be a youth counselor at Boys Town USA. In 1993, Sports Illustrated did a 16-page feature on his work at Boys Town USA as he was about to relocate to California to start the first-ever Boys Town facility outside Omaha, Neb. Today, Lawrence is a fitness counselor and also handles marketing for Fitness International. He has run four marathons, including two with the daughter who attended the Super Bowl game with him. She is an OB/GYN physician.

Like his grandfather, Trey Burton seems to have his priorities in place and will be well prepared for life after football. But, for today, he is a Super Bowl hero enjoying the success and attention it brings.
WARRIORS, PONIES FINISH AT TOP DURING DISTRICT TOURNAMENT HOOPS FINALS

Story and Photos by Krystle Bono

The Nandua Warriors boys and the Chincoteague Ponies girls varsity basketball teams battled their way to the top of the Eastern Shore District tournament bracket last Friday night after a grueling week of close rivalry games.

The girls took the court first in the Arcadia High School gym against the Northampton Yellow Jackets to see who would take home the top honor. Both teams earned their bid to finals after winning their semifinal games at Chincoteague earlier last week. The Yellow Jackets defeated the Firebirds, 40-34, and the Ponies edged the Warriors, 45-36.

Chincoteague dominated the first three periods in last Friday’s finals game, with Northampton trailing close behind. With a minute and 40 seconds left, the Yellow Jackets had narrowed the gap to a 38-37 count, but Caroline Shelley sank two foul shots to push the Ponies on an upward climb to the finish, and at the sound of the final buzzer, Chincoteague remained on top, 46-37, to win the girls championship.

Shelley led the Ponies at the net, potting 15 points. Caroline Thornton followed with 14 points. Ronny Malone put up 12 points, all of which were three-pointers. Also helping the Ponies on the scoreboard were Alanna Hall, notching three points, and Rebecca McJilton had two.

Maeyanna Delk took the lead for the Yellow Jackets, putting up 22 points. NaPria Brown hooped seven, Taylor contributed six and Jala Sanders posted two points.

The boys took the Northampton High School floor Wednesday night to work out which two teams would make it to the district finals, with the Yellow Jackets and the Warriors topping Arcadia (70-65) and Chincoteague (71-65) respectively, to grab their spots last Friday night.

Jaylen Smith’s 17 points helped propel the Warriors past the reigh-
Accomack County Public Schools Closing for Presidents Day

Superintendent Chris Holland announces that Accomack County Public Schools will be closed on Monday, Feb. 19, in observance of Presidents Day. Classes will resume a regular schedule on Tuesday, Feb. 20.

~ Basketball ~

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Northampton's Maeyanna Delk (23) takes a three-point shot during finals last Friday.

Caroline Thornton (20) helped the Ponies with 14 points in their district tournament win over Northampton.

Nandua's Cade McGregor (23) takes the ball down the court against Northampton's Trequan Spady (3) during last Friday's district tournament finals at Arcadia.
By Krystle Bono

The Northampton Yellow Jackets wrestling team traveled to Riverheads last weekend to compete in the regional tournament. The group brought home a second-place finish with 194 points against 13 other schools in attendance. They finished behind Riverheads, who took the regional title with 228.5 team points.

Members of the Yellow Jackets who made it on the regional podium were Gary Peart III, earning first in the 160-pound weight class with a 4-0 record and contributing 26 team points.

Peart pinned Lancaster’s Jordon Milton in 51 seconds to win round one and defeated Sam Abbasi, of Cumberland, by forfeit in the quarterfinals. In the semifinals, Peart topped Essex’s Rayshawn Norris by a decision of 6-0, and he earned the top spot in his regional run, defeating Franklin’s Deontay Watson, 6-2, in the finals. Peart holds a 35-7 overall record.

Jaquan Johnson earned second in the 182-pound weight bracket and added 18 team points. Johnson topped Franklin’s Lee Curtis by a fall time of 2:34, but fell to Rappahannock County’s Johnny Beard in the finals to finish second.

Jose Terron brought home a third-place finish in the 106-pound weight class. Terron earned 16 points for the Yellow Jackets, topping Rosadino Joshua, of Mathews, 12-7, but suffered a loss to Stonewall’s Lance Dorman by fall in the semis. Terron came back in the consolation round to defeat Northumberland’s Trinity Taylor by fall in 38 seconds, moving on to win third in his finals match over Middlesex’s Noah Cannon by a fall time of 2:43.

Myles Lewis placed third overall in the 120-pound weight bracket, contributing 19.50 points to the Yellow Jackets’ effort. Lewis topped Mathew’s Hayden Higginbothom by pin in 39 seconds in the quarterfinals, but suffered a loss to Riverheads’ G.W. Shultz, 7-3, in the semifinals. A win in the consolation round over Washington & Lee’s Miquella Snider by tech fall, (1:34, 16-1) would give Lewis a bid to the third-place match, in which he met Higginbothom again to win third place by a fall time of 1:52.

Brandon Odom earned a third-place finish with 13 points team points in the 126-weight bracket.

Rappahannock County’s Christian Burns took the first round by fall over Odom (1-11), but Odom came back to win by major decision over Franklin’s Takym Falu in the consolation round, 21-13. His third place match was won over Stonewall Jackson Quicksburg’s Damian Tapia by a major decision of 15-7.

Trenton Johnson also placed third, earning 15 points in the 138-pound weight class. Johnson fell to Marquel Reed, of Essex, by fall in the quarterfinals. In the consolations, Johnson won by major decision over Steven Hanley, of Riverheads, by a major decision of 15-5, and by a 6-0 decision over Ethan Leake, of Rappahannock County. Johnson pinned Cumberland’s Trequan Trent in the finals match in four minutes and 49 seconds to place third.

Sean Patrick Marsh brought home a third-place finish for the Yellow Jackets with 21 team points in the 152-pound weight bracket.

Marsh won by tech fall over Stephen Smith, of Windsor, (2:49, 19-3). Marsh won by another tech fall in the quarterfinals, this time over Lancaster’s Jacob Taft (3:33 17-1). Semifinal round was claimed by Northumberland’s Caleb Davis by a fall of 1:19. Marsh came back to win his consolation round over Middlesex’s Trystin Thomas by a fall of 3:36, and then his third place match over Lancaster’s Jacob Taft by a fall time of 2:25.

Durell Robinson placed third, scoring 16 team points in the 195-weight class, and earned his 100th career win. He defeated Washington & Lee’s Reuben Fowler by a fall time of 5:24 in the quarterfinals, but suffered a loss to Riverheads’ Alex Diehl in the semis. Robinson pinned Fred West, of Mathews, in two minutes and 34 seconds in the consolation round, and went on to earn third after defeating Fowler again by a decision of 9-2.

Devon Johnson finished fourth at 132 and scored 13.50 team points. In the quarterfinals, Mathew’s Isaiah Bivens would take the round with a pin over Johnson, but he would redeem himself in the consolations with a win over Devon Johnson Stonewall Jackson Quicksburg’s Hunter Cowart by a tech fall (4:44, 18-2), and then by forfeit Cumberland’s Davidrick Brooks. He met Bivens again in the third place match, falling by major decision, 17-3, to finish fourth.

Cody Goller placed fourth in the 145-pound weight class and scored 14.00 team points.

The quarterfinals went to Goller who won by fall over Washington and Lee’s Matthew Squires (3:18). Goller fell to Franklin’s Dashaun Butts by a fall time of 2:56, but topped Riverheads’ Evan Ross by a 11-5 decision in the consolations, William Parker, of Lancaster, would claim the third place match over Goller by fall of 2:41 to put him in fourth overall.

Earning sixth place finished were Eduardo Mateo-Hernandez in the 170-pound weight class and Masen Ingram in the 220-pound weight bracket and scored seven team points.

Kevin Perez placed seventh in the 113-pound bracket and contributed four points to the Yellow Jackets’ team score.

Northampton will travel to compete in the 1A State Tournament, beginning tonight (Friday) in Salem.
ACPR Youth Basketball

The Accomack County Parks and Recreation Wizards (white jerseys) and Princess Anne Jaguars (red) went head-to-head last Saturday at Arcadia High School. The Jaguars defeated the ACPR Wizards in the 5-8 year old category.

Accomack County Parks and Recreation youth basketball games will be held at Arcadia High School, Saturday, Feb. 17, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

9:30 a.m. – ACPRS Lakers vs Princess Anne (ages 9-12)
10:30 a.m. – ACPR Heat vs Princes Anne (ages 5-8)
11:30 a.m. – ACPR Knights vs Princess Anne (ages 9-12)
12:30 p.m. – ACPR Knights vs Princess Anne (ages 5-8)
1:30 p.m. – ACPR Hornets vs ACPR Lakers (ages 5-8)
2:30 p.m. – ACPR Cavaliers vs ACPR Celtics (ages 9-12)
3:30 p.m. – ACPR Braves vs ACPR Heat (ages 13-15)

All fundraiser orders are due Feb. 24.
For additional information, contact the Parks and Recreation office at 757-787-3900, Wayne at 757-710-1947 or Barbara at 757-678-2137.

Scholastic Award Winners

Four Nandua High students were named in regional Scholastic Awards. (L - R): Rachel Gouldin, Silver Key in writing, Kyle Thornes, Honorable Mention in art, and Hannah Rice, Honorable Mention in writing. Not pictured is Anna McCarter, Honorable Mention in writing. Silver Keys are awarded to stand-out works submitted to local programs that demonstrate exceptional ability. Honorable Mention are for accomplished works submitted to local programs showing great skill and potential. Teens in grades 7–12 apply in 29 categories of art and writing. In 2017, students submitted more than 330,000 works of art and writing to the Scholastic Awards.

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AND
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Seats will be limited so please RSVP at 757-787-1998 or you can e-mail us at paralegal@vebrownpc.com

We hope you can join us!
Presented by and Speaker: Virginia "Ginny" Brown, Esquire
www.vebrownpc.com
Shore Swim Action

By Krystle Bono

Acomack County’s Shore Swim team traveled to Arlington for its regional swim meet on Feb. 3, to compete against 14 other schools across the 2A/2B region, allowing up to two swimmers per event to participate. Chincoteague, Arcadia and Nandua were all represented at the event.

The girls team consisted of Elia Crianza, Jamie Wert, Gena Pryor, Rachel Gouldin, Sadye Saunders, Ann Windsor Davis, Anna Wallace (regional captain) and Christen Eller (regional captain) of Nandua and Chincoteague’s Lauren Johnston (captain). Representing the boys team were Cade Williams, Luke Parks, Chad Saunders, Grady Harmon, Carter Harmon (captain), Johnathon Gouldin (regional captain) and Walker Stern (regional captain) of Nandua, and Arcadia’s Caleb Burford (regional captain).

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The boys team placed 10th in the 200-medley relay (2:10.52) with help from Williams (backstroke) Harmon (breaststroke) Johnathon Gouldin (butterfly) and Parks (freestyle). The girls team of Ann Windsor Davis (backstroke), Eller (breaststroke), Wallace (butterfly) and Rachel Gouldin (freestyle) finished 12th in the 200-medley relay (2:25.44).

Individually, Johnston grabbed a second-place medal in the girls 100-yard butterfly, and Ann Windsor Davis earned 11th (1:22.18). Rachel Gouldin earned 11th place (2:45.59) in the girls 200-yard freestyle. Johnston placed seventh in the girls 50-yard freestyle (26.58). Eller finished 17th (30.98) and Pryor placed 24th in the same event (36.59).

Eller placed 15th (1:08.92) in the girls 100-yard freestyle and teammate Gouldin swam to a 20th-place finish (1:16.59).

In the girls 500-yard freestyle, Saunders swam 20 laps to earn 15th (8:03.91) and Wert finished behind her in 16th (8:15.20).

Pyron placed 20th (1:41.42) in the girls 100-yard backstroke and Wert finished 21st (1:43.26).

For the girls 100-yard breaststroke, Ann Windsor Davis was 13th (1:30.18) and Wallace finished 17th (1:36.74).

The girls team of Ann Windsor Davis, Gouldin, Wallace and Eller earned 11th place (2:09.45) in the 200 freestyle relay.

A ninth-place finish went to Harmon in the boys 200 individual medley (2:32.64).

Johnathon Gouldin swam to a 12th-place finish (25.28) in the boys 50-yard freestyle and teammates Parks earned 21st (27.77) and Burford grabbed 25th (50.38).

In the boys 100-yard freestyle, Gouldin placed 11th (56.40). Parks brought home 20th (1:05.35) and Burford finished 22nd (1:05.92).

Grady Harmon earned 13th (7:23.27) in the boys 500-yard freestyle, swimming 20 laps, and Stern placed 14th (7:58.76).

Williams finished 16th in the boys 100-yard backstroke (1:25.21). Carter Harmon finished 11th in the boys 100-yard breaststroke (1:18.74) and Stern placed 20th (1:31.15).

The boys team of Parks, Chad Saunders, Carter Harmon and Gouldin placed 10th in the boys 200-yard freestyle relay.

Earning ninth in the boys 400-yard freestyle relay was the boys team of Stern, Williams, Grady Harmon and Saunders.

Johnston directly qualified for the State Swim Meet, which took place beginning Feb. 15, in both of her events she participated in at regionals. Johnston will be swimming the 50-yard freestyle and the 100-yard butterfly, both of which, according to her coach Bryan McElwain, are some of the hardest events, as both are very demanding with no room for error.

As one of the captain’s of Shore Swim, Johnston is also the team’s MVP for her sophomore and junior years. She is considered an exceptional student and an amazing athlete by her coaches, and will be the only member representing the team at the state competition this year.
Central Accomack Little League Annual Dinner and Auction

Central Accomack Little League will host its annual dinner and auction Saturday, Feb. 24, at the Parksley 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 centralaccomacklittleleague@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).

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.

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

Summer at the Y

Sign up for summer camp during February and save half off the registration fee. Kids who come to camp at the YMCA will experience a summer full of water fun, games, sports, arts and crafts, and new friendships. Fun and engaging weekly themes will allow your child to make new discoveries and explore activities of interest such as a variety of sports, art/theater/music, science, and more.

Call the Y for more information 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.

Contact Billy Justice at centralaccomacklittleleague@gmail.com
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**PASTIMES**

**MAGIC MAZE**

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**Weekly SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ★★★★

- Moderate
- Challenging
- HOO BOY!
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By Bobby Harmon
Submitted Article and Photos

Thomas Nelson Baker Sr. is remembered as the first African-American in the United States to earn a Ph.D. in philosophy in 1903. After he graduated from Yale in 1903, no other African-American graduated from Yale until 1946. Baker was born on Robert Nottingham’s plantation near Eastville in 1869. Not only is Baker from Eastville, he is also my third great-uncle.

My career as a historical detective began at the early age of 10 with a black-and-white composition notebook. During an annual summer stay on the Eastern Shore with my grandparents, I found time to sit with each one of them and record the name of every relative or ancestor they could remember. Every person had a story and I had the clue to every story – their name.

As I grew older, I began investigating my heritage through visiting the records room at the courthouse in Eastville and doing research online. Upon discovering my blood relation to Thomas Nelson, I found an article encompassing his life story entitled, “Not Pity But Respect: Thomas Nelson Baker.” This article was presented to The Monday Evening Club on Jan. 14, 2013, by Robert G. Anderson. The Monday Evening Club was founded in Pittsfield, Mass. in 1869, and as of 2013, the club was reported having 16 active members and one honorary member with emeritus status. Membership is obtained by invitation only; Baker received an invitation to join The Monday Evening Club in 1931 and became a member shortly after. Within “Not Pity But Respect” was a rich history of Baker’s early years including information about his parents, his grandparents, and even the man who enslaved his mother. This article was one of the biggest finds of my historical career.

The Frances Bibbins Latimer Collection was donated to the Eastern Shore Library, by her husband George A. Latimer. The collection is housed at the Eastern Public Library Foundation Office where Karen Hatch, Brenda Holden, and other volunteers like me are sorting through it to archive Frances Latimer’s work and make it available online. Upon the completion of the new regional library in 2019, the collection will move to Parksley where it will be housed and maintained for the use of all historians. Holden is a close and long-standing friend of the late Eastern Shore historian and Holden’s non-profit organization, The Center for Community and Family Development, was received a grant from the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities to preserve Lattimer’s work.

I did not have another big break in my historical career until I met Hatch, also a close friend of Latimer, who invited me to view her collection at the library foundation office. We spent the day looking through Latimer’s things and sharing historical clues, and over lunch at Kendall’s Kountry Kitchen, she confessed her love and admiration for my uncle Thomas Nelson, and even had her own copy of “Not Pity But Respect: Thomas Nelson Baker.” Latimer collected and preserved many historical documents and pictures relating to Baker. Some of the most interesting items are hand-painted portraits of the spouse of my fourth great-aunt, Tabitha Baker. She passed away Jan. 20, 1918, and is buried at Union Baptist Church in Eastville with Uncle Alexander Baker and many of my other ancestors.

I was also pleased to find Latimer saved many other treasures such as Baker’s family tree tracing back to the 1700s, copies of original marriage and death certificates of his immediate family members, an autobiography of his life written by Baker himself, Baker’s obituary, and also information about Baker’s grandfather’s role in the founding of Union Baptist Church in Eastville. Moreover, many forgotten and late relatives were rediscovered while reading the obituary of my great-uncle; some living distant cousins were even found in New York City. Newman Baker is the famous grandson of Thomas Nelson Baker Newman and is a successful percussionist who has performed at Carnegie Hall. Plus, Baker’s autobiography yielded many unknown facts about the Baker family such as when he stated, “My father was a soldier in the Civil War, and one of my uncles also.” Additionally, Latimer identified Baker’s grandfather, Nelson Baker, as an original deacon and founding member of Union Baptist Church in 1865. Nelson Baker; my fourth great-grandfather, is the reason my great-grandfather Allen Baker was buried at Union Baptist more than 100 years later in 1984. Meeting Karen Hatch and finding the Frances Bibbins Latimer Collection has proved to be my greatest historical find of 2017.

As I began digging deeper into my heritage and genealogy, I never imagined that anyone in my family attended Yale or fought in the Civil War. Genealogy research is essential and provides a direct doorway to the past. Knowing how triumphant my family was in the past gives me a sense of pride and a stronger sense of connection to the Eastern Shore and my family roots. After all, Nelson states in the sketch of his life, “My purpose is to teach; I hope to come into touch with the thinking youth of my race and help them lay the foundations for a thoughtful and ethicized religion.” In 2018 my purpose is to teach as well; therefore, the legacy of Thomas Nelson Baker and the entire Baker family lives on through me.

Union Baptist is the home church of both the Bibbins and Baker families. On Sunday, Feb. 25, the church will host an event, “Honoring Our Ancestors, Learning Our History.” As keynote speaker, I will be discussing my career as a history detective and talking about the inventory of the collection in more detail, with time for discussion afterwards. Soup and salad will be served at the church at 2:30 p.m., with the program beginning at 3:15 p.m. Contact Brenda Holden 757-787-8509 or Karen Hatch 757-350-5202 for more information.

Walk-In Flu Clinic Feb. 22 4 - 6:30 p.m.
A walk-in clinic will be held on Thursday, Feb. 22, 2018, from 4 – 6:30 p.m. at Accomack County Health Department, 23191 Front St., Accomac, VA 23301. The number of flu shots available under this free program is limited and available for those 3 years and older only; therefore, flu shots will be given on a first-come, first-served basis.

People at increased risk for illness from seasonal influenza and who should receive seasonal flu vaccine this year include:

• All people 6 months of age and older.
• People of any age with certain chronic medical conditions.
• People who live with or care for those at high risk for complications from flu.

Contact the Accomack County Health Department at 787-5880 or 824-5616 or the Northampton County Health Department at 442-6228 with any questions.
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Cape Charles, VA
In August, another complaint was made about debris — pieces of concrete block and charred wood at the waterfront about .28 miles from the first dump site and at the end of the road at Fisher’s former oyster house.

“He indicated that this material was from the demolition of a structure on the property and that it would be properly disposed of along with” the waste at the first site, according to the consent order.

Fisher violated four sections of state code, the order stated. On Nov. 9, DEQ staff inspected the properties and found the issues had been corrected. Fisher was presented the consent order on Nov. 6. He claimed an inability to pay on Nov. 9. He filled out the proper forms through DEQ’s Office of Financial Responsibility & Waste Programs on Nov. 20. About a month later, the office accepted his claim.

Muhly’s constituents have told him about ponds on Fisher’s property being used as dumping grounds for old cars and other debris. Deppe said a complaint has not been filed. Muhly plans to file the complaint.

‘Little Leaders’ Author/Illustrator Makes Big Impression

“Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History” author Vashti Harrison was on the Shore Feb. 10 for a book signing at the Book Bin, and a store full of aspiring little leaders turned out to meet her and get their books signed. Above, left, is Natalyn Garcia with her book inscribed, “Natalyn, Be Bold! Be Brave!” and signed by Harrison. At right, Harrison signs one of many of books signed that day. “Little Leaders” won an NAACP Image Award in January in the category of “Outstanding Literary Work - Children.” She was raised in Onley and graduated from Nandua High School in 1996. Harrison holds a bachelor’s degree from the University of Virginia with double majors in media studies and studio art. She earned a Master of Fine Arts in film and video from California Institute of the Arts.

INVITATION TO BID

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Vehicles at the Facilities Management Office located at 5181 Stumptown Drive (just outside Eastville) can be seen during normal business hours and are being sold AS IS. Ring the doorbell at the side entrance for admittance! For more information, contact Chris Thomas, Public Works Director, PO Box 66, Eastville, Virginia 23347. Telephone: 757/678-0414. Vehicles at the Landfill located at 20371 Seaside Road, can be seen during normal business hours and are being sold AS IS. Contact Ronald Rowe, Director, at the landfill for further information (telephone: 757/331-2699).

Bids will be received until 3:00 p.m., February 28, 2018, at the County Administrator’s Office, 16404 Courthouse Road, Eastville, Virginia, at which time bids will be opened and publicly read. Bids can be mailed to the County Administrator’s Office, PO Box 66, Eastville, Virginia 23347 or delivered to the Courthouse Road Offices.

The County reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any and all informalities and to disregard all nonconforming or conditional bids.
Local Opera Company Hopes To Attract New Fans

By Connie Morrison

Anna Sterrett is on a mission to change the way people see opera. “Less than 5 percent of people have seen an opera,” said Sterrett. “I hope to be a part of changing the perception of it being dated, old and stodgy.”

That’s part of the reason the Salt Works Opera company founder chose to stage Vincenzo Bellini’s “The Capulets and the Montagues,” better known as “Romeo and Juliet,” as its first full-length, fully-staged opera.

The story is a familiar one, she said, with lots of action. “They’re having sword fights, climbing through towers, and going through secret entrances,” she said. “It’s intense.”

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Sterrett believes opera offers much to interest young people. “So many operas were written to poke fun at the establishment,” she said. “There is lots of sexual innuendo and edginess,” although she concedes what constitutes “edginess” has shifted over time. It’s part of the challenge of mounting a historical work: “to make it contemporary and accessible,” she said.

Sterrett moved with her family to Raleigh, N.C., about a year ago. The ties she forged over a lifetime became lifelines for her fledgling opera company. “I couldn’t do it without really great help,” she said. Her long-time friend Richard Williams co-created a vision for the set through phone calls and texting. Robert Bridges joined in building the set, and photos were sent to Sterrett at various stages for approval. Amy Betit conducted the early choral rehearsals, and Jo Ann Molera helped manage the logistics.

In addition, a chorus consisting of Croxton Gordon, Kevin Cornwell, Bruce Gittinger, Mark Nuckols, Marilyn Kellam, Elizabeth Wolfe, Pam Knight, Ryan Pidgeon, Gracie Diaz, Meg Morrison, Brittnae Patterson, Jo Ann Molera, and B.J. Rogers has been rehearsing since December. The pianist is Natasha Smoot.

“I do come home for the production period of two weeks. Thank God my parents are OK with their kid and grandson moving in for two weeks!” she said.

“Romeo and Juliet” performances are Feb. 16 at 7:30 p.m. and Feb. 18 at 3:30 p.m. at Franktown United Methodist Church. Tickets are $20 and are available at Rayfield’s Pharmacy in Nassawadox, the Book Bin in Onley, and at the door.
“The Post” Comes to Roseland Theatre

Story and Photos By Bill Sterling

Steven Ginsberg said he first learned about the making of the motion picture, “The Post,” last spring when Stephen Spielberg, Meryl Streep and Tom Hanks came to a news meeting at the Washington Post, where Ginsberg is the national editor.

That was just one of the tidbits of information learned by a capacity audience at the Roseland Theatre last Saturday night when the Roseland Cinema and Entertainment Center (RCEC) sponsored a pre-movie reception and the showing of the six-time Golden Globe nominated “The Post” with five Washington Post staffers in attendance. A question-and-answer session with the Post staffers followed the movie.

Two of those staffers are Onancock natives. Ginsberg, a 1990 graduate of Broadwater Academy and the son of Gary and Diane Ginsberg, has made a meteoric rise through the ranks after latching on to a position as a nightside copy aide at the Post in 1994.

Emily Heil, a 1995 graduate of Nan-dua and the daughter of Mary and the late Nick Heil, is today the co-author of the “The Reliable Source,” the Post’s about-town gossip and celebrity column, writing about Washingtonian VIPs, and other personalities.

They were joined by Dan Balz, the Post’s chief correspondent and a staffer since 1978; Devlin Barrett, its national security reporter and also the grandson of Dot Gibb, a former teacher at Broadwater; and Amy Joyce, Ginsberg’s wife and the editor and writer for the Post’s parenting section.

Ginsberg said he is often asked what it is like to be a journalist in today’s world. “It is both exhausting and exhilarating,” he told the crowd. “Half the country thinks we’re tearing the country apart, and the other half thinks we are performing a valuable service.”

Balz, who worked under famed Washington Post editor Ben Bradlee, said he is often asked how one gets a job at the Washington Post. He joked, “Now I just tell them you need to be from Onancock or have someone here adopt you,” drawing a big laugh from a crowd obviously proud of their hometown journalists who have succeeded at the highest level.

Adding to the hometown fervor was the appearance of Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam, another Onancock native and a 1977 graduate of Onancock High School. He received a standing ovation before offering a few brief remarks to the crowd.

Northam said he is proud to be from the Eastern Shore, adding, “I want to hear more people say they are proud of living, working and raising their children in rural areas.”

Northam also noted that the work of journalists, like the group attending the event, is important to our society.

Heil covered the premier of the “The Post,” attended by Spielberg, Streep and Hanks. She said she feels the movie, which tells how the Washington Post published information from the Pentagon Papers about the government’s handling of the Vietnam War, conveys an important message for this time in history. “Spielberg speeded up the production of the movie because he wanted it to come out in 2017,” said Heil.

She added, “The Trump Administration has ushered in so many good stories. It’s not business as usual. They do not know the rules, or at least they choose not to abide by them.”

Barrett, with ties to Machipongo, covers national security issues and provided insightful answers to questions concerning the Russian investigation, classified memos and other current topics.

“The Post” shows the extreme pressure that the paper’s owner, Katharine Graham, withstood to make the courageous decision to print information contained in the Pentagon Papers. Balz said that decision was a “watershed moment” which elevated the paper from a local paper that happened to be published in Washington, D.C., to one of national prominence.

The Graham family sold the Post fours year ago to Amazon founder Jeff Bezos, regarded as the richest man in the world. Ginsberg said although the Graham family was beloved and respected, he has found Bezos to be an outstanding owner. “We see him about every six months, which is about right.

He is not involved in the news process, but he is committed to seeing we have the resources we need,” said Ginsberg, who noted the news division at the Post has approximately 800 employees, up from

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about 500 four years ago.
Kitty Croke, a board member of the RCEC, said it was both exciting and natural that the group could pull together the event with the release of a movie about the Washington Post, combined with having several staff members with Eastern Shore connections.

The group’s next event is Noel Coward’s “Present Laughter,” a Broadway movie starring Kevin Kline, at the Roseland March 3 at 7:30 p.m. and March 4 at 2:30 p.m. Admission is free, thanks to the support of the Onancock Business and Civic Association.

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Black History Matters at Ker Place

Last Friday, the Eastern Shore of Virginia Historical Society and Why, Yes! Consulting, produced the event, “Black History Matters: We Must Overcome,” at the Historic Ker Place in Onancock. The program featured topics of integration, education and religion during the civil rights movement, as well as live music, presented by local speakers and musicians.
Salisbury University Graduate List

Three Accomack County students recently graduated from Salisbury University during a ceremony at the Wicomico Youth & Civic Center.

Area residents include Skylar Reed, B.F.A., art, of Chincoteague; Sean Tierefeldt, B.S., geography, of Hallwood; and Cari Parks, B.S., accounting, cum laude, of New Church.

Watson Recognized for 30 Years of Service

Craddockville native Michael Watson Sr. was recently celebrated for 30 years of federal service in the U.S. Army, where he continues to serve.

Watson was a member of Nandua High School’s first graduating class in 1985. His cousin and hometown recruiter, Gary Ames, signed him up for the military. He worked as a personnel administrative specialist in a career that took him from Virginia to Missouri, Germany, Korea and Japan.

He retired after 24 years in the military at the rank of master sergeant. He came back to the Army to work as a civilian travel management specialist at Redstone Arsenal in Alabama.

Anissa, his wife of 20 years, and Watson call Alabama home but still get back to the Shore to visit with family and friends a few times a year.

Michael Watson Jr. is following in his father’s footsteps and is currently a staff sergeant in Miami.

Church Directory Presented

Rev. J. Michael Breslin, pastor of St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Cape Charles, was presented with the new church directory at a catered buffet recently. Over 125 parishioners attended the gala at Breslin Center.

Pictured above is Rev. Breslin and Marion Simonsen, chairwoman of Parish Life at St. Charles.

Millenials Program Receives Grant

A community partnership program, “Millenials Built to be Born Leaders,” recently was awarded a $500 grant through Community Empowerment Grant from the Delta Research and Educational Foundation.

The program is between the Accomack-Northampton Alumnae Chapter (ANAC) of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and Walker Sports Group. The program goals are to provide participants with knowledge and philosophies of civic engagement and financial literacy; to prepare youth and young adults for leadership in the community; and to provide participants with strategies to skillfully build and manage wealth to further help local community members. This will give young people, ages 16 to 21, an opportunity to prepare for public service and office.

Program recruitment will begin soon. For more information, contact Karen Downing at 757-990-2764 or anacvprez@gmail.com

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Pictured from left are Sheila Turner, ANAC president, and Sheila Walker, president of Walker Sports Group.
Atlantic

 Supervisor Ron Wolff will hold his constituents’ meeting at Wolff’s Sandwich Shoppe, on Monday, Feb. 19, at 7 p.m. Accomack County Board of Supervisors Chairman Robert Crockett will be there for the discussion.

Bridgetown & Onancock

The Orchestra of the Eastern Shore will perform under the direction of Paul Kim at Cokesbury Church, in Onancock, on Friday, Feb. 16, at 7:30 p.m. The program will include Bach’s Brandenburg Concerto No. 4 and Vivaldi’s The Four Seasons. Soloists will include Akemi Takayama on the violin, Kevin Schwenk on the flute, and Ally Tarwater on the flute.

The second performance will be Sunday, Feb. 18, at Hungars Episcopal Church, Bridgetown, at 4 p.m. There is no cost for admission. Donations to the Orchestra are welcomed.

Chincoteague

The Chincoteague Island Arts Organization will host a performance by Bill Toms and Hard Rain at the Island Theatre, on Saturday, Feb. 17, at 8 p.m. Tickets are $20 and can be purchased at Sundial Books or www.ciarts.org

“A Taste of Persia: An Introduction to its Music, Dance and Food,” and exploration of Persian music and cuisine, will be held on Sunday, Feb. 18, from 2 to 5 p.m. Tickets are $15 and can be purchased at Sundial Books or www.ciarts.org

Onancock

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital in the conference room, on Tuesday, Feb. 20, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Platelets, type O and B negative red cells are in particularly short supply due the recent winter storms. Blood donation requirements include a minimum weight of 110 pounds. Donors must be at least 17, or 16 with parental consent. No appointment is necessary, but having one will speed the process. Make an appointment at www.redcrossblood.org

Scholarships, Contests and Grants

Oral History Contest

The Frances B. Latimer African American Collection Planning Committee and the Center for Community & Family Development will be sponsoring an Oral History Contest from Feb. 15 until March 15. The goal of the contest is to deepen the understanding of students regarding the lives of their elders in the 20th century. Any middle or high school student living in Northampton or Accomack counties is eligible to participate. Students are required to video or audio tape an interview with someone 50 years of age or older. There is a series of questions to start the conversation, which should last 15-20 minutes. Prizes will be awarded to both student groups (middle and high school) as follows: $500 - First Place, $200 - Second Place, and $100 - Third Place.

A completed entry includes the contest entry form, a photograph of the interviewee and the interviewer, and an uploaded video or audio tape interview. (A link to your video or audio tape can be provided via computer or may be submitted on a zip drive or DVD.) All entries must be completed and received by 5 p.m. on March 15. The review panel will be comprised of teachers, local historians, and members of the Planning Committee. The award winners will be announced on March 26.

To receive a copy of the contest rules and application, please contact Karen Hatch at 757-350-5202, bongowania@gmail.com or Brenda Holden at 757-787-8590, beholden1972@hotmail

Freezin’ for a Reason

The Eastern Shore of Virginia Habitat for Humanity is gearing up for the Annual “Freezin’ for a Reason.” The dip in the bay will be held Saturday, Feb. 24, at the Cape Charles Beach. Join “Celebrity Dippers,” Robie Marsh, Executive Director of the Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce, and Evelyn Shotwell, Executive Director of the Chincoteague Chamber of Commerce, in raising needed funds for Eastern Shore Habitat for Humanity. The proceeds are used to help those in need on the Eastern Shore. This event is integral to continue building homes. With more than 160 applicants this year, only two applicants will be chosen.

Participate as a team or as an individual in raising pledges to dip with fellow dippers, or support Celebrity Dippers to contribute as a sponsor. Prizes will be awarded to individuals (18 and younger) and teams that raise the most sponsorship dollars. Individual prizes are: First Place—4 Season Passes to Maui Jack’s Waterpark on Chincoteague, Second Place—HP Stream 11.6” Laptop, Third Place—Beats On-Ear Headphones. Team prizes are: Overall Team raising the most sponsorship dollars—trophy, Youth Team raising most sponsorship dollars—pizza party and trophy. Both Teams will be listed on the Golden Hammer Award displayed at the Habitat Office Teams and individuals can register at Trinity United Methodist Church Social Hall on Tazewell Ave. and Plum St. in Cape Charles at 11 a.m. Sponsor forms must be turned in the day of the Freeze, along with the money collected. Anyone who raises at least $35 will be entitled to a free lunch following the dip; with $65 a free lunch, a February Freeze t-shirt and one free door prize ticket. For more information, call 442-HOUS(4687) or email esshabitat@verizon.net
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★10:30 a.m. - Story Time - Northampton Free Library
★noon & 5:30 p.m. - AA mtg. - UMC, 75 Market St., Onancock
★6 p.m. - E.S. FrancoFun Club mtg. - 506 Monroe Ave., Cape Charles - 240-393-5625
★6 p.m. - Celebrate Recovery Group mtg. - Onancock Baptist Church
★7 p.m. - Family Retro Television Night - Pocomoke Public Library
★7 p.m. - Life Teach Series - Rachel/Leah Covenant Ministries Center - 787-2486
★7:30 p.m. - Bingo - Exmore Moose Lodge, Belle Haven
★10 a.m. - noon - Drop-In Art Show - Ward Museum, Salisbury - 410-742-4988 x110
★noon & 7:30 p.m. - AA mtg. - Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Onancock
★7:30 p.m. - Bingo - Eastville Vol. Fire Co.

**MONDAY FEB. 19**
★noon - AA mtg. - St. Peter's Catholic Church, Onley
★5-6 p.m. - Al-Anon mtg. - Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Onancock
★6 p.m. - Bingo - Elks Lodge, Tasley
★6:15 p.m. - Central Shore Lions Club mtg. - Sage Diner, Onley
★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. - AA mtg. - Rock Church, Onley
★7:30 p.m. - Accomack Cty. Taxpayers’ Assn. mtg. - Accomack County Administration Bldg.
★7:30 p.m. - AA mtg. - Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Temperanceville

**WEDNESDAY FEB. 21**
★7:45 a.m. - Kiwanis Club of Accomack mtg. - Sage Diner, Onley
★10 a.m. - TOPS mtg. - Market St. UMC, Onancock - 787-4718
★10-11 a.m. - Alzheimer’s Caregiving Group - Hermitage, 23610 North St., Onancock - 787-2592 (John Kellam)
★10 a.m.-noon - Accomack AARP mtg. - Sage Diner, Onley
★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. - Soup Kitchen - Corner Stone Seventh Day Adventist Church, Exmore
★11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. - Debedeavon Toastmasters’ mtg. - NASA/Wallops Base - Call Owen Hooks at 824-1941 for base access.
★noon - Lenten Service w/Rev. Mikang Kim - Bethel UMC, Exmore
★noon - Lenten Lunch - Trinity UMC, Cape Charles - bring a sandwich; drinks and dessert provided - every Wednesday through March 28
★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 p.m. - E.S. Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #62 mtg. - Market St. Grill, Onancock - 709-5212
★6:30-8:30 p.m. - Free English for Speakers of Other Languages - Metompkin Elementary School, Parksley - 789-1761
★7 p.m. - AA & Al-Anon mtgs. - Franktown UMC
★7:30 p.m. - Bingo - Painter VFC

**TUESDAY FEB. 20**
★9 a.m. - Al-Anon mtg. - Refuge Inn, Chincoteague
★9:30 a.m. - MOMS mtg. - Onancock Baptist Church, upstairs - 709-9351 - bring a snack & your kids
★10 a.m. - Veterans’ Workshop - Virginia Employment Commission, Onley - 787-5862
★10 a.m. - Zumba - Franktown UMC
★10 a.m. - Bingo - Accomack Senior Village, Onancock - 787-3900
★10:30 a.m. - Story Time - E.S. Public Library, Accomac
★10:30 a.m. - Story Time - Pocomoke Public Library
★11 a.m. - Duplicate Bridge - Fairgrounds, Onancock - 787-2432
★1-2:30 p.m. - Riverside Shore Hospice Grief Support Group mtg. - Cape Charles Baptist Church, Fidelis House, 509 Randolph Ave. - 789-5000
★4:30-6 p.m. - The Fathering Circle - ESTACI, Exmore - 757-656-3460
★6 p.m. - Rachel Leah Ministries - 787-2486 (call for location)
★6 p.m. - Bingo - Pocomoke Elks, next to YMCA
★6-8:30 p.m. - GED Class - ESCC, Class A-51, Melfa
★7:30 p.m. - Bingo - Cheriton VFC - smoke free
★7:30 p.m. - AA mtg. - Atlantic UMC

**THURSDAY FEB. 22**
★9 a.m.-1 p.m. - Veterans’ Employment Representative Avail. - Chincoteague Town Office
★10 a.m. - Tales for Tots - Chincoteague Island Library
★10:30 a.m. - Story Time - Cape Charles Memorial Library
★5:30 p.m. - NASA Presentation: The Life Cycle of a Sounding Rocket Focus - NASA Wallops Flight Facility, Rt. 175
★5:30 p.m. - Shore Losers mtg. - Drummondtown Baptist Church, Accomac - $1/wk.
★5:30 p.m. - TOPS VA-550 mtg. - Zion Baptist Church, Parksley - 787-7099
★6-8:30 p.m. - GED Class - ESCC, Class A-51, Melfa
★6:30 p.m. - 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
★8 p.m. - AA mtg. - Christ UMC, 6253 Church St., Chincoteague
A Card of Thanks

The family of Lula Hall Seymour would like to thank everyone for the prayers, thoughts, sympathy and support during her passing.

Help Wanted

PT REPORTER
Part-time reporter needed starting in May. Must be available to work flexible schedule, including weekends, and have own transportation & computer. This is a temporary position ending Labor Day weekend. No phone calls please.
Submit resume, two articles and three references to hiringmanager@easternshorepost.com

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.

The Eastern Shore Community Services Board is seeking candidates for the following positions:
• Electronic Health Records Systems Administrator
• Residential Counselor
• Developmental Services Community Coordinator
• Senior Clinician/Clinician
• Developmental Disabilities Aide (PCAs & CNAs welcome)
• Substance Abuse Outpatient Clinician (CSAC required)
• Part-time Driver
• Mental Health Skill-Building Specialist
• Mental Health Facility Technician
For more information or to apply, please visit the ESCSB's website at www.escsb.org
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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
POSITION: Emergency Crew Worker
POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT #2018-1-2031
The Chesapeake Bay Bridge and Tunnel District will be accepting applications for Emergency Crew Worker until February 22, 2018 @ 2:00 p.m. Successful applicant will perform traffic control on bridges and in tunnels, have experience in the operation of wrecker vehicles, perform sustained strenuous activity. Applicant must be 18 years of age or older, must have good driving record, and must possess a Virginia Commercial Driver’s License (CDL), Class A, or permit. Salary range is $28,631.00 to $45,917.00 and includes a complete benefit package. Applications may be obtained from the Chesapeake Bay Bridge and Tunnel District’s personnel office from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, by telephone (757) 331-2960, or online at www.cbbt.com/employment.html

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR
Responsible for providing project management for various federal and state community development and financial assistance projects. Excellent writing skills, math skills and organizational skills required. Experience in individual housing counseling, group education related to housing opportunities, and homelessness assistance preferred. Bachelors or four years related experience required. Starting Salary Range $32,000-$38,000. Send resume by 5:00 PM, February 26, to Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission, P.O. Box 417, Accomac, VA 23301. 757-787-2936, Ext 122 EOE.

The College of William & Mary’s Virginia Institute of Marine Science Laboratory located in Wachapreague, VA seeks applicants for the following temporary position:
Temporary Laboratory & Research Technician: Position # T0490V
The College of William & Mary’s Virginia Institute of Marine Science Laboratory & Field Technician position will assist with aquaculture research projects which includes field sampling and processing of samples, assist with hatchery and nursery operations for bay scallops and bivalves, and collect and record data. High School Diploma or equivalent, with some college level science courses and hands on experience required. Bachelor's degree in a related field or the equivalent combination of education, training, and experience preferred. Applications should be submitted before March 7, 2018. For further information, qualifications, and to apply please visit our online application system at https://jobs.wm.edu. Only online applications will be accepted.

The College of William & Mary values diversity and invites applications from underrepresented groups who will enrich the research, teaching and service missions of the university. The College is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer and encourages applications from women, minorities, protected veterans, and individuals with disabilities.

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**Full-Time Police Officer**
The Town of Onley has an immediate opening for a Full-Time Police Officer. The successful candidate must be 21 years of age. If not certified by DCJS, then consideration will be made for highly motivated individuals to be trained. Salary will commensurate with training and experience. A complete job description is available at townofonley.org. Applications will be accepted at the Onley Town Office, 25559 E. Main Street, Onley VA 23418 until position is filled. For further information, contact Chief John Spivey at 757-787-3985. The Town of Onley 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 Voice 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
- The 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](http://www.co.northampton.va.us/jobs.html). Please submit completed County application form with cover letter to Human Resources, PO Box 66, Eastville, VA. 23347 by February 28, 2018.

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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 the 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.

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**Correctional Officer**
- Northampton County Sheriff’s Office is accepting full time employment applications for: Correctional Officer.
- Job will require shift work, nights, weekends and some holidays. Certification of 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](http://www.co.northampton.va.us).
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**Chincoteague Hotel Night Auditor and Breakfast Attendant.**
- Apply Within: 4179 Main Street, Chincoteague.
- 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 careers@chesbaycommunications.net or to main office at 107 Mason Ave., Cape Charles, VA. Salary is based on qualifications and experience.
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PARKSLEY AREA: 3BR, 1BA, $750/mo., 1st month’s rent & security deposit req’d. Sec. 8 approved. Call 757-310-7064.

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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE SALE

15049 Shields Bridge Road, Belle Haven, VA 23306

By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust dated February 27, 2008, and recorded at Instrument Number 200801110 in the Clerk’s Office for the Circuit Court for Accomack County, VA, securing a loan which was originally $130,500.00. The appointed SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE, Commonwealth Trustees, LLC will offer for sale at public auction at main entrance of the Accomack County Circuit Court, located at 23316 Courthouse Avenue, Accomac, VA on March 1, 2018 at 1:30 PM

improved real property, with an abbreviated legal description of All that certain lot or parcel of land situated near the Town of Belle Haven, Pungoteague Magisterial District, Accomack County, Virginia, and described in metes and bounds as follows: Beginning at a point at a time Northwest corner of the land hereby conveyed

Every other street, 20 feet to another pipe; thence turning and running South 57 deg 26 min 49 sec East a distance of 100 feet to another pipe; thence turning and running South 32 deg 33 min 11 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 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 R. Byrd,” 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 383. Said lot or parcel of land is bounded generally on the North by the Land of Shore Homes, Inc., et al.; on the East by Lot I on the aforesaid plat; on the South 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. The successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a Memorandum or Contract of Sale at the conclusion of bidding.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Rosenberg & Associates, LLC
3450 East West Highway, Suite 600
Bethesda, MD 20814
301-907-8000
www.rosenberg-assoc.com
NOTE: I am no longer responsible for any debts incurred by Eda A. Byrd as of February 5, 2018.
Carlton J. Byrd Jr.

LEGAL ADVERTISING (Cont’d)

NOTICE OF OYSTER GROUND APPLICATION
Scott Sun, (2018004) has applied for approximately 250 acres of oyster planting ground in Magoby Bay situated in Northampton City/County and described as follows:
North By: Vacant, MLW, East By: Vacant, MLW, Harrison III PF #17836, South By: Vacant, West By: Lusk, Lusk PF #19850, Lat/Long: N37-13.1538 W75-54.7246
Send written comments or concern 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
Thomas John Gallivan, (2018009) has applied for approximately 20 acres of oyster planting ground in Swash Bay situated in Accomack City/County and described as follows:
North By: Gallivan PF #21285, East By: Accomack PG #35, South By: Accomack PG #35, West By: Accomack PG #35, Lat/Long: N37-31.9700 W75-39.7169 Notes: Same as old PF #17214
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.

COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS AUDITING SERVICES
The Board of Supervisors of the County of Northampton invites qualified independent certified public accountants to submit proposals to perform a financial and compliance audit of the accounts of the County of Northampton for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. Proposals will be received no later than 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 28, 2018.

The County of Northampton reserves the right to accept or reject any and all proposals or parts of proposals, to waive irregularities and technicalities, and to request new proposals. Detailed specifications may be obtained by contacting the Office of the County Administrator, Post Office Box 66, Eastville, Virginia 23347 (phone: 757/678-0440).

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 (CBBTD) 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, CBBTD, Administration Building, North Toll Plaza (Wise Point area), 32386 Lankford Highway, Northampton County, Virginia. To obtain the Bid package go to www.cbbt.com/request-for-proposals/ or call Timothy R. Holloway, Director of Maintenance at (757) 331-2960.
The Northampton County Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, March 6, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Chambers located at 16404 Courthouse Road in Eastville, Va., for the purpose of conducting public hearings on the following matter.

A.) Joint Hearing with the Town Council of Eastville—Zoning Text Amendment 2018-01: The Town of Eastville has applied to amend section 15-2 of their zoning Ordinance as follows: Section 15-2 “CN”, and “CG”, and “ITF” Districts: The following signs shall be permitted and regulations shall apply in the CN and CG and ITF districts: (See also Section 15-10)

All applications will be on file and open to public inspection in the office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and in the Office of Planning, Permitting and Enforcement located at 16404 Courthouse Road, Eastville, VA. The file for Item A will also be available for public inspection in the Eastville Town Office, 5250 Willow Oak Road, Eastville, VA. Anyone wishing to comment on the above items is invited to attend the meetings and make their comments known.

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

The Northampton County Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in the Board Chambers located in the County Administration Building at 16404 Courthouse Road in Eastville, VA, for the purpose of conducting regular business. The Board will assemble at 9:30 a.m. in the Planning, Permitting, and Enforcement Department and proceed to the property described below to conduct a site visit.

A.) VAR 2018-01: Christopher Caison has applied for a variance of 47 feet from the required 100-foot front yard setback for a total front yard setback of 53 feet. The property is located in the Eastville Professional Center, Lot #2 and is zoned Existing Business (EB). The property is further described as Tax Map 68, double circle 13, parcel 2.

Anyone who is interested in the above matter should attend the public hearing to make their views known. The file may be viewed in the Northampton County Planning, Permitting, and Enforcement Department located at 16404 Courthouse Road in Eastville, VA.

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In Praise of Teaching

By Carla Savage-Wells

Why, Yes! I’ve taught doctors, lawyers, mothers, fathers and preachers; managers, mechanics, authors, scientists, entrepreneurs and teachers. There is one common denominator to all of these. As the saying goes, “Teaching is the profession that makes all other professions possible.”

As a “teacher’s kid,” I was often asked, “Are you going to be a teacher like your mother?” I was defiant in my refusal. My goal was to be a news anchor. I went off to college, majored in communications, and in the middle of a seven-year stint in the auto business, purchased a home at age 25. I enjoyed the interpersonal exchanges involved in sales and stayed in the profession until moving back to the Shore in the mid-1990s. I now see it as good fate and Divine favor that my former principal and Accomack County Public Schools superintendent chose to offer me a contract as a full-time teacher, after working a semester as a long-term substitute.

As a teacher, I do not have to brave the elements in frigid, frosty, or foggy weather to go to work. As a teacher, I am never called upon to work a graveyard shift. As a teacher, I accumulate time that can be used and even borrowed from colleagues, in the event of a personal or family health crisis. As a teacher, I’m thankful to be given time to celebrate the birth and resurrection of my personal savior. I’m often reminded, teased or taunted, that as a teacher, I get 10 weeks off at the height of vacation season.

Though the above-mentioned benefits and perks are significant, the real rewards from “the profession that chose me” come from having contributed significantly to the development of young adults in the professions and vocations noted above. I delight in sharing in the lives of my students through visits, texts, calls and social media. To receive hugs from students who remember their time and pay homage to their alma mater by visiting a former class, hugging a former teacher or even serving as the keynote speaker at an assembly or graduation provides teachers with assurance that their lessons, both moral and academic, will be passed on. Co-workers, colleagues and children of a great teacher’s great students, benefit from lessons learned or modeled in the classroom or on the field.

Admittedly, teaching was a second profession for me. It is for that reason, I encourage my “sistafriends, brothers from other mothers and lovebunnies” to consider a career in education. Coursework for career switchers is readily available and there are critical shortages in some subject areas. Tuition assistance may be provided for those who fill them.

“Teacher pay” takes many forms. I thank God for my mother’s example, my father’s encouragement, my family’s support, and my job every day. A Japanese proverb states, “Better than a thousand days of diligent study, is one day with a great teacher.” I have current and former students that give me that great feeling every day.

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

The new hit movie with Meryl Streep and Tom Hanks titled, “The Post,” is very dear to my heart for obvious reasons — the topic is about journalism, the name of the movie is excellent and a main character is a woman heroine in the newspaper business.

Can it get any better than that?

The packed house at the Roseland Theatre in Onancock agreed last Saturday night when a special presentation of the film was made and a panel of Washington, D.C. writers and editors offered a forum.

In this day and time, with the constant bashing of the news media, it was wonderful to have a crowd cheering and applauding on the side of freedom of the press. Gov. Ralph Northam was there and spoke in favor of the First Amendment. Now that’s a smart politician.

Having support is a whole lot better than being criticized for telling the public the truth about things. For example, when a state trooper was indicted on felony charges of forging tickets recently, our numbers on Facebook were astronomical, but the majority of the comments were from people who were more interested in taking jabs at the bringers of the news.

They got mad at us for reporting it. We get a bad rap for doing our job. And that is a shame.

And for some reason, it’s patriotic to stand up for national rights, but not so much for local things. When I’ve told people I’m offended by their “fake news” comments and across the board bashing of journalists, I’ve been told, “Oh not you, I mean the media.”

“Oh hello,” I tell them. But they don’t always get it.

Anyhow, I highly recommend this film. It’s historically significant and involves our military in the Vietnam conflict and a cover-up that went on through four administrations. How scary to think these powerful people ruled our lives.

It was also fun to look back on the old days when the printing presses loomed overhead in the dungeons of big newspapers. What a job to typeset each page. In addition, there was the thrill of getting the story first or giving the most thorough and accurate information. That hasn’t changed a bit. Three cheers for Hollywood!

Water Robbery

To the Editor:

In a letter on the paper on Feb. 10, 2018, Peg Snowden Volk said that just two chicken houses use 300,000 gallons of water per month. If this figure is correct, the 24 houses 2 miles from Pungoteague (12 operating/12 under construction) will use 3,600,000 gallons a month! That is three million, six hundred thousand gallons.

Add to that the ones north of Fishers Corner, the ones hidden off Route 13 at Nelsonia and all of the older ones.

We are being robbed of our water! There is only ONE aquifer. Accomack County has to stop permits now. The state has to get involved, too, with water permits.

R.D. McDowell, Pungoteague

Setting the Record Straight

To the Editor:

With regard to the article “Public Gets Its Say With DEQ on Chicken House Permits” in the Feb. 2 issue, there were a couple of details that I wanted to correct. First, in discussing the sampling, it is important to note that this only includes visual and odor inspection, with no third party testing of nutrients or contaminants.

Second, the statement was made that “Other [speakers] were afraid all growers would want DEQ to issue them permits.” If anything, the sentiment should be the other way around — although many would like to see these new VPDES permits applied to all of the poultry farms (which currently have the more general VPA permit, assuming no discharge), currently only the three farms specified would be covered by the new permits. The growers themselves certainly don’t want any additional permits/regulations.

Finally, poultry farmer Mark McCready was referred to as “complaining that pollution was caused by sludge from the Baltimore Harbor that was dumped on the marsh.” First, this was taken out of context, since the inference could be made that he’s deflecting the “pollution” issue from poultry farms to sludge from the harbor. Second, he was actually saying that this wasn’t “pollution” — the dredge material used actually led to a rise in rails, according to McCready.

Thank you for the opportunity to correct these issues.

Sue Mastyl, Harborton

We Need the Poultry Industry

Dear Editor:

I recently went to a public hearing that concerned changing the DEQ permits for three existing poultry farms. But it turned into a forum for people with anti-poultry views.

The majority of the people who spoke against the poultry industry are retired. Retirees don’t have to worry about jobs or raising families. I heard very little concern for the working-age people who need jobs and who are raising families. The poultry industry provides approximately 2,000 jobs in Accomack County and millions of dollars to the local economy through payrolls, taxes, and money spent at local businesses. Several people said that they moved here because of the agricultural landscape. Farmers in the area are dependent on the poultry industry for a market for their grain, for which they receive a premium price. Also, farmers use the litter generated by the chickens as a cheap source of fertilizer. The only alternative to the organic chicken litter is more costly inorganic commercial fertilizer. Organic or inorganic: which do you think is better for the land?

A grain market and litter for fertilizer help farmers stay in business, which in turn allows the farm land to stay as farm land. I heard a lot of concern for pollution from runoff of the poultry litter that is applied by farmers. Commercial fertilizers run off, too. I think that there is a lot of misinformation and speculation concerning the poultry industry that is being used to instill fear in local residents. We need to use some common sense and look at everything that’s involved here. Don’t throw out the baby with the bath water! We need the poultry industry.

Eddie Kelley, New Church
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