Panek Says Council’s ‘Inability To Focus on Real Jobs’ Was Reason For Resignation

By Stefanie Jackson

Bob Panek, the Cape Charles assistant town manager who served two months as interim town manager after Brent Manuel resigned from the position, tendered his own resignation effective at the end of business on Friday, June 1.

Panek’s resignation followed on the heels of an apparent misunderstanding between him and council regarding the town’s participation in a corporate membership to the Bay Creek club and fitness center.

In an interview with the Eastern Shore Post, Panek indicated the reason for his resignation was not one isolated incident, but the ongoing “inability of council to focus on their real jobs.”

In his resignation, Panek named several incidences of council members “delving into details connected with some special interest they support or some personal preference,” causing “unnecessary effort on the part of staff … as well as potentially bad outcomes.”

Panek added he observed similar behavior by council members during Manuel’s three-year tenure as town manager.

Panek provided examples, including (Continued on Page 5)
By Linda Cicoira

In a surprise vote Wednesday night, Accomack supervisors directed County Administrator Mike Mason to proceed with buying back the only parcel in the Wallops Research Park that the county ever sold.

The $75,000 deal is for the same amount that the property was purchased for about a decade ago by Andy Garrett, a Northern Virginia developer who planned to put a 60,000-square-foot “Class A” office building there.

Mason said having the entire park back would help the county with marketing.

Supervisor Paul Muhly agreed. “I think it’s a good deal for the county.” He said the whole park would be easier to deal with.

“It was obvious that he (Garrett) wasn’t going to do anything with it,” Supervisor Grayson Chesser said later. “They made the offer,” he added referring to The Garrett Companies. “It is a prime location in the park.”

Putting in $4 million each, the county and state financed a taxiway to the nearby NASA runway and constructed roads, sewer, water, power, and broadband at the park. Garrett bought the parcel before the infrastructure was in place.

In other business, the supervisors approved new procedures for a school contingency fund that would allow the “school board to react to emergency situations and unanticipated events requiring financial resources.”

The relationship between the supervisors and school officials has been tense in the past with the school division withholding more than $6 million in unspent money it considered a contingency fund. The school division was told the county rainy day fund was for such emergencies for all county uses and the surplus had to be returned. Since then Mason said the top board members from both panels have been meeting regularly and came up with the solution.

The new procedures call for the school board to maintain a contingency equal to 1.25 percent of its budgeted operating expenses. The upcoming school fund would be started “from the unencumbered portion of the school division’s fiscal year 2018 local appropriation” re-appropriated by the supervisors. “Any amount remaining” would be split by the two entities with the school portion going for school capital needs. The rest would go in the county’s general fund.

The amounts of money involved were not discussed.

Also related to schools, Supervisor Donald Hart voiced concern about the division stopping the recognition of valedictorians and salutatorians. The rest of the supervisors informally agreed and Chairman Robert Crockett directed Mason to share that thought with Superintendent Chris Holland.

The supervisors discussed the Coast Guard’s removal of aids to navigation along the Eastern Shore’s coast due to shoaling. At the suggestion of Supervisor Donald Hart, they agreed to send letters to the Army Corp of Engineers, the Coast Guard, and state and federal representatives reiterating their concern and to ask Northampton County leaders to join them in contacting the others.

Supervisor Ron Wolff said he was out at Gargatha Inlet recently. “You could have walked anywhere,” he said. “The whole inlet passage is nonexistent. It’s not the Coast Guard. They have no choice but to remove. If an accident happens, they are liable … I don’t know what we do.”

The board also:

• Recognized oncologist Dr. Drury Stith for his 43 years of service to the community.

• Voted to increase the tipping fee for bringing tires to the landfill from $1.14 to $2 each.

• Applauded retiring workers Sheila West and Fredia Ward.

• Received a report about the spending of $84,300 of the $100,000 proffer given to the county by a solar company to remove derelict buildings around Withams. Six old houses with a total of 198.68 tons of debris were removed.

• Scheduled a public hearing for July on adjusting the sewer rate for the Central Accomack Service Area from $19.12 to $21.70 per thousand gallons.

They also re-appointed Ricky Ross and Gwendolyn Turner to the Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission, Patricia Bloxom to the Board of Trustees of the Eastern Shore Public Library, Terra Custis and Nadja Plowden to the Eastern Shore Community Policy and Management Team for At-Risk Youth & Families, Page May to the Harborton Boat Harbor Committee, David Fluhart and George Ward Jr. to the Quinby Boat Harbor Committee, and Kelvin Pettit to the Workforce Investment Board. Ted Shockley was appointed to the Eastern Shore Community College Board.
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~Panek~
(Continued From Front Page)
council members seeking care for a
distressed tree that belonged to a town resi-
dent though it was situated in the Virginia
Department of Transportation right of
way, making an “on the fly” adjustment
to harbor slip rental rates and causing a
$10,000 revenue loss, and question-
ning the use of the term “grant” in a draft
memorandum of agreement between the
town and a private corporation, for what
Panek termed “the objective of shielding
the corporation from IRS scrutiny.”

Shelly Gorman, Cape Charles’ com-
memorial enhancement program manager,
was among those who objected to the use
of the term “grant” in the MOA, as docu-
mentary in an email conversation that in-
cluded her and Panek.

Gorman also submitted a letter of resi-
novation to the council, but later withdrew
it, Town Clerk Libby Hume confirmed.

According to Panek, the council’s han-
dling of the Bay Creek corporate mem-
ship offer was the last straw for him.

The incident began on April 27 when
Panek sent an email to the mayor and
council members with his proposal to en-
roll Cape Charles in a corporate member-
iship of the Bay Creek Resort & Club, pro-
moting employee fitness.

Town employees who opted in would
be responsible for monthly dues, $85 per
individual or $99 per family. The town
would be required to pay a $5,000 depos-
it, which would be refunded if at any time
the town decided to terminate the mem-
bership and either sold or transferred it
to another party. Panek dubbed it a “low
risk” venture.

“Please let me know if you have any
objection to us entering into this arrange-
ment,” he wrote in the email.

About one week later, Panek had re-
ceived three affirmative responses from
council members. Bennett wrote, “I have
no problem with this.” Burge stated, “I
think this is an excellent idea!” And Buc-
cholz said, “Great idea!”

Panek received no objections to his
proposal.

On May 4, town staff had complet-
ed the application, delivered the check
for $5,000, and received an email from
Bay Creek welcoming the Town of Cape
Charles to the club.

By the following day, a Saturday, the
venture had taken an unexpected turn.

In a follow-up email, Thomas Stevens-
son, Bay Creek’s director of club opera-
tions, informed Jodi Outland, the town’s
accountant, that “a previously unnoticed
loophole in the membership plan … could
potentially allow large numbers of people
to become Bay Creek members with the
payment of a single deposit,” and the club
owners needed time to review membership
documents.

Club owners later decided to move for-
ward with the membership agreement.

Included on the agenda for the May 17
town council meeting was a request for a
vote to appropriate $5,000 in the town
budget for the club membership. The mo-
tion was made but was not seconded.

“I can’t believe this,” was Panek’s first
thought when the motion died, he said.

Council members’ reactions in the after-
math indicated their belief that they were
voting to approve obtaining the club mem-
bership, not making a budget appropriation
for money that had already been spent.

A poll “is not a vote,” Buccholz wrote
in a May 22 email. “We asked that this
be voted on, it was on the agenda so why
was this money spent before the vote?”

Burge and Bennett echoed Buccholz’s
comments in their own email responses.

Panek contends that the town mana-
ger has the authority to conduct certain
types of town business without a vote by
the council.

In Cape Charles’ approved fiscal year
2018 budget, the general fund allocates
$283,299 for the department of the town
manager. That figure includes the sala-
deries of the town manager and assistant
town manager, general expenditures, and
a contingency.

In Panek’s resignation letter, he listed
eight other instances in which expendi-
tures were made without a vote, including
the purchase of an exhaust fan for the li-
brary roof, safety ingress and egress lad-
ders for the town’s floating docks, security
doors for the town hall, and the construc-
tion of a golf cart path to the local brewery.

He noted that in the instance of the
golf cart path, a budget appropriation
was made after the funds had been spent,
as with the Bay Creek club membership.

Panek originally gave 30 days notice
in the resignation letter presented to
Mayor George Proto on May 31, prior to an
executive session of town council held
that evening.

Conflict ensued when an unidentified
council member apparently leaked per-
sonal and confidential information about
Panek from the executive session and it
appeared on the website of a local blogger.

The blog revealed information that
who attended the executive session and reviewed Panek’s three-
page resignation letter; they were Mayor
Proto, mayor-elect Smitty Dize, council
members Chris Bannon, Steve Bennett,
Sambo Brown, Andy Buccholz, and Cela
Burge, and council members-elect Paul
Grossman and Tammy Holloway.

Panek said Proto was “displeased with the
blog” and Proto conducted an informal inves-
tigation to determine who leaked the infor-
mation, but the source was not discovered.

A June 18 press release submitted by
Proto and Bannon confirmed the confiden-
tial nature of Panek’s letter, seen by council
for the first time during an execu-
tive session “authorized by the Code of
Virginia to allow public bodies to discuss
sensitive matters in confidence.”

The release also refuted statements
made in the blog: “Mr. Panek had not pre-
viously met with the council on this per-
sonnel matter; nor was he asked to resign
before submitting his letter.”

The press release continued, “we have
offered our sincere apologies to him
(Panek) personally. We condemn this
behavior as unacceptable, and it is our
hope that” in the future, “details from
these confidential sessions will be held
with more esteem” and “every per-
sonnel matter is handled with respect and
professionalism.”

When contacted for this article, Proto
and Bannon issued an additional state-
ment, adding, “Bob Panek is a valuable
member of this community who has
made many contributions to the well-
being of the town,” commending him for
grants he obtained and the implemen-
tation of projects as the result of those
grants. “He has a reputation for good or-
ganizational skills and for getting things
done and his efforts are appreciated.

“That said,” the statement continues,
“Vice Mayor Bannon and I have already
issued a statement relative to the regret-
table circumstances following Bob’s resig-
nation, and we will not comment further
on them or on his resignation. The full
text of the statement issued can be found
in a special Edition of the Cape Charles Ga-
zette dated June 19, 2018.”

Town Planner Larry DiRe was named
the new interim town manager, as per Pan-
ek’s recommendation in his resignation let-
ter. Panek is now a project manager for
the Town of Cape Charles, working on a
contractual basis.

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By Linda Cicoira

Transparency evidently costs money.

Local environmentalist Ken Dufty said Wednesday he wants to know more about how local aquifers are handling water usage on the Eastern Shore. But the high cost of looking at public information has caused him and other members of the informal group, Citizens for Open Government, to struggle to find the total picture.

The local health department estimated it would charge more than $2,700 for the particulars.

Dufty contends that hydrologist Brit McMillan’s recent assessment of conditions for the groundwater commission did not take in all the information compiled by the health department and the state Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).

“We’re going to pop the hood,” Dufty said. “And check everything that should have been checked.”

“Based on the available groundwater level trends, current groundwater use from the Columbia and Yorktown-Eastover aquifers is sustainable,” McMillan reported to local officials recently. He said it’s “important to routinely re-evaluate water level trends to verify aquifer conditions have not changed. Because the distance from the withdrawal is important, additional observation well clusters may be necessary if there are new large withdrawals in previously unmonitored areas.”

“Observation wells very close to withdrawal and drawdown from pumping will be greater,” McMillan said. He noted “withdrawal amounts vary seasonally” with summer highs and winter lows, giving time for recovery. “Overall water level trends appear stable (with) no long-term declines.”

But Dufty said those comments don’t agree with what local folks are telling him. “Dozens of people have said, ‘Our wells went dry and we had to have new wells,’” said Dufty. “It doesn’t meld with” McMillan’s findings.

“Note the files that I want to review are paid for, owned by, and supposedly maintained in an orderly manner by the state agencies,” Dufty said. “Obviously a charge of this magnitude makes it impossible for this citizen to access the information that should be readily available to the public for a minimal charge … I believe the Library of Virginia mandates that public records should be kept in an manner that makes them easily accessible to the public, which owns them.”

“There are other data points and inputs that should be considered before releasing statements or drawing conclusions on the health of our potable water in our lower aquifers other than levels in apparently arbitrarily chosen monitoring wells, and they include well-drilling trends as well as chloride concentrations that may be also experiencing an upward trend due to over-pumping and sea level rise,” Dufty continued.

“Our goal is not to create a panic that we are running out of water,” he said. The group wants to continue to urge agricultural users to pump from the upper Columbia aquifer, which replenishes at a much higher rate than the lower aquifer.

“That’s our goal and it has been right from the start,” he said. “Our goal is to see if everything is OK.” So, Dufty made a Freedom of Information Act, also known as FOIA, request for the health department to allow him to review files.

“Particularly what I am looking for is trends in the drill logs, GW2s, (a form for water well completion) regarding the number of wells that have had to be deepened because of diminished yields or quality, especially over the last 10 years, or at least over the last five years,” he wrote to Jon Richardson of Eastern Shore Health District’s environmental division.

Dufty learned he wasn’t going to be allowed to just peruse the documents.

“Since we are unsure how many days it will take for you to review our files, we can only provide you with an estimate of cost,” Richardson wrote back. “It will be necessary to provide an employee to ensure records are maintained in proper filing order and to ensure that within each file, paperwork is kept in its appropriate place. We anticipate the daily cost for an eight-hour day to be le $135.20 which is calculated by taking the hourly cost of that individual ($16.90 and multiplying by eight hours. Our fee for copies is four cents a page. I would estimate that you may be able to review 100-200 files per day. If you are able to review all files within 20 days, the total cost for your request would be $2,704 with an additional cost” for copies.

Dufty said his request would “in no way or form require a dedicated staff person to assist me other than pointing me to your files that contain the information for which I am seeking.”

A quick review showed between “2,500 and 3,000 files related to wells drilled on the Eastern Shore during this time period,” Richardson told him. He said as a custodian of these records, “it will be necessary for me to assign a district staff person to help you with your review, which would include locating and pulling files for your review, tracking which files have been reviewed and returning them to the proper place, assuring file information is kept in the correct order within the files and copying any documents which you may request.”

Richardson stressed the law allows a charge to recover “reasonable costs incurred in responding to your request.”

In a follow-up phone call with the Post, Richardson said the usual step of dedicating a staff person was due to the unusual request “We’ve not received a FOIA request of that magnitude” in the six years Richardson has been with environmental health. The requested records are filed by tax map number and are not separated by type of permit. This is so the full history of a property is kept together. If records are misplaced, “they can be very difficult to find.”

Richardson said efforts are underway to make more information available electronically, but he doesn’t expect that to yield results until April 2019. He referred Dufty to the DEQ which has required electronic submission of records for a couple of years.

Dufty was able to get some data from DEQ. But he says both agencies should have more at their fingertips. DEQ prepared and sent out a spreadsheet.

The group wants to know water temperature, recovery, height of groundwater, and capacity. “Every GW2 is a data input that had to be considered before you can say all is right with our aquifer,” Dufty said. “We are still climbing through reams of data. And have asked for more information. There are a heck of a lot of new wells being drilled on the Eastern Shore of Virginia. The bottom line is not so much what we found, it is that they are not considering everything. That is the whole crux of this issue.”

Wells on the Shore can get complicated.

“In the Coastal Plain and Eastern Shore, it is common in the construction of a well to include a drop pipe with a cap at the bottom of the well screen,” Matthew Link of DEQ informed Dufty. “This ensures that any mud and/or sediment that comes into the well from the formation into the well screen, due to the initial pumping of the well, will settle at the bottom and not clog the screen and make it unusable. This makes it extremely difficult or impossible to rework or deepen wells in coastal plain sediments because the mud rotary drill bit cannot penetrate the cap at the bottom of the well and pulling the well casing up isn’t an option since it is locked into place with 30 plus feet of grout as well as the fact the borehole may collapse if the casing is somehow pulled up. For these reasons, it is not typically practicable to rework/deepen a well in the geologic setting of the Eastern Shore versus just drilling a new one and it explains why there were no affirmative responses to that field.”

Dufty said he will ask Virginia’s Freedom of Information Law Advisory Council for help with his quest of seeing the GWs. “Do we really have to turn to a ‘Go Fund Me’ page to look at records we already paid for?” he questioned.

“The other point was it was obvious there is a problem with the record keeping,” Dufty said. “Every agency has to name a records officer. The job of that records officer is to maintain orderly and concise files in case a guy like me wants to come in and see them.”
Watchhouse Definition Under Scrutiny

By Stefanie Jackson

More than a year after a concerned Northampton citizen asked for an official definition of a watchhouse in the county zoning ordinance, the county has initiated a process to fulfill the request. County Administrator Charlie Kolakowski announced May 29 that suggested definitions and permitted uses had been prepared and were ready to be sent to the county planning commission for its review and recommendations.

In January 2017, Cape Charles resident Thornton Tayloe, who lives on Robin Road, between Cheriton and Cherrystone Inlet, paid $250 to file an appeal against the zoning clearance granted to the neighboring property, Salt Grove, owned by Eyre Baldwin.

The primary structure at Salt Grove, which belongs to the agricultural district, historically was an oyster grader shed.

In September 2016, Baldwin submitted the permit application to convert the second floor of the grader shed into an oyster watchhouse.

Traditionally, an oyster watchhouse is defined as an unimproved structure on a dock or pier used as shelter by a guard to monitor oyster beds. It may have a restroom and electricity, but it is not intended for temporary or permanent occupancy.

This is the suggested definition of an oyster watchhouse that was included in Tayloe’s appeal, but there is currently no official definition of a watchhouse in Northampton’s zoning ordinance, complicating matters when county officials are tasked with making decisions on its permitted uses.

In December 2016, former Director of Planning and Zoning Melissa Kellam granted Baldwin zoning clearance to convert the second floor of the grader shed into a watchhouse with the stipulation that there be “no permanent provisions for cooking.”

The Salt Grove property is currently listed for sale on Baldwin’s website, with the ground floor and second floor described as an oyster “shucking house” and “watchhouse,” respectively.

A photo of the building’s interior shows a kitchenette with a sink and coffee maker. No other major appliances are visible.

Before Baldwin was granted the permit for the watchhouse, Kellam had sent him a letter dated Nov. 14, 2016, requesting he provide proof that the establishment would overlook active shellfish grounds. The letter also stipulated the area of the watchhouse must be less than 500 square feet. The watchhouse could contain sleep-
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Lot 31, Bay Creek, Cape Charles
For $283,000

From Benjamin and Ashley Fox
To Janet Peery, trustee
Lot in Eastville
For $220,000

From David Gomer
To MLT Enterprises LLC
Lot 226, Cape Charles
For $109,900

From Christopher and Gwen Deblauw
To Marc Caligtan and Sofia Shea
Unit D, Condominium Park Place,
Cape Charles
For $229,500

From Paula Morrill
To Eastern Shore Holdings LLC
Lot at Cheriton Cross Road
For $85,000

From Ronald and Susan Smith
To Amanda Champion
Lot M, near Cobb Station
For $108,000

From David and Odile Duffman
To Ronald and Susan Smith
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For $60,000

From Gwen Sampson-Jones
To David and Sherry Moran
Lot 22, Virginia’s Chesapeake Shores, Section I
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Guilty Plea
To Distribution Charge

A Bloxom man pleaded guilty last week in Accomack Circuit Court to illegal drug distribution.

Humberto Cropper Vasquez, 22, of Johnson Court, admitted to the Jan. 10 crime of possession with the intent to distribute between a half-ounce and five pounds of marijuana. The case was continued until Oct. 1, when a presentence report is expected to be completed. Vasquez is being held in Accomack Jail.

In another case, Zelmaya Wanita Kelley, no age available, of Accomac, pleaded guilty to the Aug. 20, 2017, crime of possession of a firearm by a felon. A presentence report was ordered. She is also being detained at the county jail.

False Statements Charges

A Melfa woman was arrested last week and charged with making a false statement on a firearm consent form last March, records filed in Accomack General District Court stated.

Alexius Hermse Berryhill, 28, of Main Street, was arrested June 14 for the March 1 offense. Unsecured bail was set at $5,000. Trooper Clinton G. Brockwell investigated.

In another case, Michael Paul Ledford, 38, of Oconee Circle in Gainesville, Ga., was charged with two counts of assault and battery of a police officer on June 17. Cpl. C. Butler of Chincoteague Police Department investigated.

Connie Jolanda Walker, 53, of Mini Road in Accomac, was charged with credit card fraud, forgery, and theft that occurred between March 16 and May 25. She was arrested June 18. Unsecured bail was set at $3,500. Investigator Edward Perry of Accomack County Sheriff’s Office handled the case.

Extradition in 2013 Arson Case

A former Accomack resident was extradited recently from Florida to face charges connected to a 2013 fire, according to records filed in Accomack circuit and general district courts.

Gesner Elta Duverny, age and address unavailable, was indicted by an Accomack grand jury in December 2013 on counts of arson with intent to defraud an insurance company and fraudulently obtaining more than $200 from State Farm Insurance Company.

The incidents occurred May 26, 2013, just months after the famous Eastern Shore arson spree occurred locally. The indictments were sealed until Duverny was arrested. He is being held in Accomac Jail. Special Agent Joshua A. Fannon of the state police investigated.

Records state Duverny has been living in Florida for five years and working at driving a forklift and as an Uber operator. A Creole phone interpreter was used to communicate with him.

Man Charged With Threatening Woman

A Suffolk man admitted to threatening a family member Monday in Northampton Circuit Court.

Marvin Q. Howell, 44, of Lipton Circle in Suffolk, Va., pleaded guilty to threatening to burn or bomb or do bodily harm to Felicia Howell or another family member on Dec. 5, 2017. The case was continued pending completion of a presentence report.

Shauntea Amez Giddens, 39, of Exmore, pleaded guilty to a third offense of petty larceny, which is a felony. She is being held in Eastern Shore Regional Jail. A presentence report was ordered.

Krettrel Marguies Cherry, 25, of Saltworks Road in Jamesville, pleaded guilty to assault and battery of Deputy William Lewis of the Northampton County Sheriff’s Office. The incident occurred on March 26. He was taken back to the regional jail to await sentencing.

Anthony Davis, 25, of Daugherty Road in Accomac, was sentenced to five years with all but a year suspended for possession with intent to distribute cocaine in connection with an Oct. 5, 2016, incident. He was put on probation for two years and good behavior for five years.

Derrick Clay Klein, 56, of Arlington Road in Cape Charles, was convicted of stealing a firearm belonging to Deborah Whitmore. The incident occurred on Dec. 5, 2017. According to a police report, Klein told authorities he left Whitmore’s house after the two argued and that she packed his bags. After she reported that items were missing from her home, the gun was found in his possession.

Jay Farlow Jr., 32, of Seaside Road in Willis Wharf, was sentenced to a total of 11 years with all but time served suspended for forging $1,130 worth of checks belonging to his grandmother between June 19 and July 6, 2017. Twelve counts of uttering a forged document were not prosecuted.

Two Felony Arrests

Two Northampton men were arrested last week and charged with felonies, according to records filed in the county general district court.

Marvin Kwame Anthony Sneed, of Exmore, is accused of eluding police and unauthorized use of a vehicle on June 16. Sgt. Jason Campbell of the Exmore Police Department investigated.

Johnathan Mark Townsend, of Cape Charles, was charged with hit-and-run and DUI in connection with a June 2 incident. He was arrested June 14. C. Hughes investigated.

Townsend was released on his own recognizance.
Obituaries

Arthur B. Daisey

Mr. Arthur B. Daisey Jr., 27, of Cape May Courthouse, N.J., passed away suddenly on Tuesday, June 6, 2018. He was known as A.J. to his friends and family.

He was born in Burdett Tomlin Memorial Hospital on Aug. 29, 1990. He is survived by his mother, Mary P. Daisey, of New Jersey; his father, Arthur B. Daisey Sr. and his partner, Terri Ross Taylor, of Bloxom; and his brothers, Jesse James Daisey and Erik Thomas Daisey. He is also survived by his daughters, Gianna Marie and Mia Noel, and several aunts and uncles.

He was predeceased by his grandparents Ida and Ralph Pietropaola and Mark and Marguerite Ayres Daisey, as well as his beloved aunt, Donna Pietropaola.

Mr. Daisey will be remembered as a best friend to his brother, Jesse. He will always be thought of as funny and good natured with so much life ahead of him. To all that knew him, he will be missed beyond belief.

Services were held June 12, 2018, in North Wildwood, N.J.

Donald Henry Palladino

Mr. Donald Henry Palladino, 71, of Greenbackville, husband of the late Geraldine Webb Palladino, passed away June 16, 2018, at his residence.

Born on March 6, 1947, in Montclair, N.J., he was the son of the late Henry Palladino and Carolyn Reese Palladino. Mr. Palladino was a Green Beret U.S. Army veteran and served four tours in Vietnam. He was a member of the NRA, Delrods Car Club, First State Corvette Club and NOAAWIVA. Mr. Palladino owned his own construction company and was a very driven individual. He always gave 100 percent in life and was passionate about numerous interests and hobbies.

Mr. Palladino is survived by two sons, Rob Palladino, of Milford, Del., and Brian Palladino, of Frederica, Del.; four grandchildren, Jacob, Rachel, Julie and Alii Palladino; and fiancée, Judith M. Huttnner.

A memorial service will be conducted on Sunday, June 24, 2018, from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. at the Frederica Senior Center, 216 South Market St., Frederica, DE 19946.

Arrangements were made by Thornton Funeral Home in Parksley.

To sign the guest book online, visit www.thorntonfuneralhome.net

James Lloyd Savage

Mr. James Lloyd Savage, 90, of Nocks Landing Rd., Atlantic, passed away on June 14, 2018, at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital in Onancock.

He was born in Accomack County on March 26, 1928. A funeral service will held Saturday, June 23, 2018, at noon, at Jerusalem Baptist Church, 10011 Jerusalem Rd., Temple-anceville, VA 23442. There will be a visitation at the church one hour prior to the service. Arrangements were made by Keith Matthews Funeral Home 5665 E. Virginia Beach Blvd. Norfolk, VA 23502.

Domenic Francis Sollitto

Mr. Domenic Francis Sollitto, 75, of Sanford, husband of the late Gloria Hall Sollitto, passed away June 14, 2018, at his residence.

Born on July 14, 1942, in Rhode Island, he was the son of the late Domenic Sollitto and Amelia Sollitto. Mr. Sollitto was a member of Saint Peter the Apostle Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus.

He is survived by a son, Andy Bridges and wife, Rosy, of Clermont, Fla.; a sister, Paula Sollitto, of R.I.; a brother, Michael Sollitto, of Conn.; and a granddaughter, Ashley Marie Bridges, of Clermont, Fla.

A memorial service mass was conducted Wednesday, June 20, from St. Peter’s Catholic Church in Onley, with Fr. Rogelio L. Abadano officiating.

Arrangements were made by the Thornton Funeral Home in Parksley.

To sign the guest book online, visit www.thorntonfuneralhome.net

Rita Short Williams

Ms. Rita Short Williams was born January 16, 1963, in Nassawadox to Dorothy Spurley and Willard Mears. She died peacefully in her home on June 13, 2018. She is survived by her mother Dorothy Spurley; her sons, Ronnie Williams, and his wife Crystal Williams (and their children, Marleigh, Gavin, and Avery Williams), and Josh Williams and his wife, Tricia Williams, (and their children, Adam and Ava Williams); and many other family members and friends. She was predeceased by her uncle George Beasley who just passed a few months ago.

Ms. Williams dedicated her life to her family and working within the community. She worked several years at Redwood Gables restaurant and the Eastern Shore Area Agency on Aging before she fulfilled her dream of opening her own restaurant in Parksley. She was known for her loving and giving spirit. She loved the beach and helped anyone she could. She was a true one of a kind. A memorial service will be held at Cooper and Humbles Funeral Home on June 23, 2018, at 3 p.m.

Obituaries may be emailed to editor@easternshorepost.com or faxed to 757-789-7681.

Deadline for obituaries is noon on Wednesdays. After deadline, call or email for space availability.
**Woman Sentenced for Embezzling from Board of Realtors**

*By Linda Cicoira*

Laura Suter Flournoy, who embezzled $160,000 from the Eastern Shore of Virginia Association of Realtors, including $10,000 to buy a horse, was sentenced to a total of 36 years in prison for 12 charges Thursday in Accomack Circuit Court.

All but three years of the terms were suspended for the 50-year-old Parksley woman who was also ordered to pay back the funds over 20 years. The crimes occurred between July 2009 and May 2015. Flournoy admitted to diverting money into the cash drawer and stealing bills paid by the association.

Joshua Flournoy has been in jail since 2017. Victim impact letters from realtors were included in court records along with letters of reference from others.

Judge W. Revell Lewis III said it was “a very troubling case ... You were the only employee of the association. You were the hub. As such people had absolute trust in you and totally relied on you ... not one dollar has been paid back ... you think the horse would be sold and the money would be returned.”

“The sophisticated way you took this money and attempted to cover it up, “what was going on in your head was a whole lot different thing than the nice things ... written about you,” he said referring to the positive letters.

Flournoy apologized and thanked her family and friends for standing by her even though she “embarrassed” them.

**Man Sentenced for Killing Over Convenience Store Disrespect**

*By Linda Cicoira*

Tyquon Demetrius “Otis” Robins was sentenced to 20 years in prison Thursday in Accomack Circuit Court for voluntary manslaughter and shooting from a vehicle.

He killed a man in 2016 for “disrespecting” him at a Nelsonia convenience store, which was in his turf.

He followed a car full of people, while holding a bandana with gang colors out the window and then shot at the vehicle several times. A passenger, Faredale “Dale” Antonio Johnson, 39, of Mappsville, died a short time later.

Judge W. Revell Lewis III sentenced Robins to 10 years for each offense in accordance with a jury recommendation. Three years of post-release supervision, the maximum that can be given, was ordered. Defense lawyer, Carl Bundick, motioned for Lewis to reconsider giving the maximum terms for the offenses. He asked the judge to appoint another lawyer for the appeal.

Robins told his family he loved them and two men left the courtroom saying something about “Nelsonia.”

“I know Dale wasn’t perfect,” his mother wrote in the victim impact statement. “But he wasn’t a monster. He would give you his heart.”

“He did more than that,” Commonwealth’s Attorney Spencer Morgan said. “He gave them his life ... He pushed the other person down in the back seat (when the shooting began). I think Mr. Johnson deserves ... a great deal of consideration for that.”

The jury could have chosen second-degree murder or acquittal.
**Kids Count on the Eastern Shore**

*By Stefanie Jackson*

A full 50 percent of Eastern Shore kids struggle to have their basic needs met.

Beth Nolan, the director of Voices for Virginia’s Children, shared this and other data on child welfare at the Eastern Shore’s second annual Kids Count forum, sponsored by Smart Beginnings Eastern Shore and held June 13 at the Eastern Shore Community College Workforce Development Center.

The Kids Count forum is a platform for Eastern Shore area agencies and individuals to present and discuss data on children’s health and well-being and to exchange ideas on how child welfare can be improved.

Sen. Lynwood Lewis and Del. Robert Bloxom were among the participants at this year’s Kids Count forum, joined by keynote speaker, Accomack Elementary Assistant Principal Belinda Rippon. Linda Schultz, chairwoman of Smart Beginnings, and Bill O’Hare, president of O’Hare Data and Demographic Services, who collaborated to establish the forum last year, also made remarks.

Lewis announced the state senate is working to stop the “school to prison pipeline,” and it passed a bill that would ban school suspensions for children in grades pre-K through 3, except for drugs or firearms offenses.

Bloxom remarked, “the conversation has been started on the composite index,” the calculation used to determine how much state funding each school division receives. Educators and legislators across the state are calling for reform of the composite index for its inequitable treatment of school divisions that are land rich and cash poor, like Northampton.

There are four factors that determine a child’s overall well-being, according to researchers: economics, health, education, and family and community involvement.

O’Hare stated that both Accomack and Northampton rank near the bottom of Virginia’s 133 counties in terms of children’s well-being, placing 125th and 128th, respectively.

Nolan explained the difference between “poverty” and “economically disadvantaged.” A family in poverty makes 100 percent or less of the federal poverty level, roughly $24,000 for a family of four. A family that makes up to 200 percent of the federal poverty level is considered economically disadvantaged. They may make twice the federal poverty level but still struggle to provide basic needs such as food, housing, utilities, transportation, and childcare.

But what do data and statistics really have to do with children’s well-being? Nolan had the answer: Accurate counts are vital to obtain adequate funding for programs benefiting children.

Voices for Virginia’s Children acquires the majority of its data from state agencies and the U.S. Census, which will be conducted again in 2020.

Rippon discussed new ways Metompkin Elementary is showing support for its students and their families. At Metompkin, it’s not just about finding ways to attract families to school events, it’s “thinking outside the box to bring the workshops to the families.”

For example, Metompkin’s Magic School Bus travels to the places where its students live, carrying teachers and other volunteers, some of whom are also school age, who engage students in fun games. “School’s becoming part of the family for students,” Rippon said.

Research shows that early life experiences directly affect brain development and early childhood programs provide a “high level of return on investment,” O’Hare said.

He concluded the goals of the Kids Count forum are to make data on child well-being easily available, increase public awareness, bring people together, and spur activity that improves children’s lives.
Woman Admits to Robbing Church and Assaulting Church Employee

By Linda Cicoira

Bertisha Rose Johnson spent her son’s money on drugs and was about to be found out. She was desperate for cash and had a plan.

She went to St. Peter’s Catholic Church in Onley, which had helped her when she was in jail on a previous charge, and proceeded to abduct and rob a church worker at gunpoint. She hit the victim in the head repeatedly with a bb gun wrapped in a blue plastic retail store bag, before fleeing from the church with about $44.

Johnson, 53, of Bayside Road in Onancock, admitted those crimes Thursday in Accomack Circuit Court. She went to St. Peter’s Catholic Church in Onley, which had helped her when she was in jail on a previous charge, and proceeded to abduct and rob a church worker at gunpoint. She hit the victim in the head repeatedly with a bb gun wrapped in a blue plastic retail store bag, before fleeing from the church with about $44.

Johnson was given a mental evaluation and was found to be competent to stand trial, Judge C. Revell Lewis said.

The incidents occurred May 24, 2017. Johnson wrote a letter to the Eastern Shore Post about her experience. She said black magic practiced at her long-time family home conjured up the devil to make her use cocaine, do those crimes and 23 other felonies with which she was previously convicted.

She initially planned to contest the charges. “I am not going to plead guilty to something evil in my aunt’s house,” she wrote. “The devil is very real. I tried cocaine like three times … when I started getting into trouble because of it. There was no reason for me to use … there were no so-called triggers and I have never had drug cravings,” she continued.

According to testimony, Johnson went to the church dressed in black, complete with a matching ski mask and a pistol that she later used to beat Joanne Boyko, the business manager at the church. Johnson tied up Boyko and demanded money at gunpoint. Boyko managed to get free from the ties that bound her hands.

At the preliminary hearing, the victim waited until Johnson got “close enough” and “I lunged at her hand and grabbed it (the gun). The two struggled and Johnson "continuously hit me in the head with the gun.” Boyko said she started screaming and the suspect fled. “I think she might have hit me at least five times.”

Johnson then passed the trooper. The trooper used the Pursuit Intervention Technique (PIT) in an attempt to apprehend the suspect. The PIT maneuver is a tactic “by which a pursuing car can force a fleeing car to abruptly turn sideways, causing the driver to lose control and stop,” an online dictionary states.

The defendant’s vehicle was totally turned to face the squad car. Commonwealth’s Attorney Spencer Morgan said the defendant then rammed her car into the trooper’s and fled.

She later abandoned her vehicle and was taken into custody along Adams Road in Greenbush.

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Was District 4 School Board Pick an Intentional Slight?

By Linda Cicoira

When members of the Accomack School Board Selection Commission chose former Nandua High School Athletic Director Gary Reese for the District 4 seat earlier this month, they put a double dose of salt in the wound of another local resident who was turned down for the job a month earlier.

One burn was obvious. He got the seat. When school advocate Connie Burford stood before the commission, it unanimously turned her down without giving her or the public a reason. (Commission Chairwoman Jodi Green broke a 4-4 tie that resulted in Reese’s victory over Worth Saunders, another Parksley resident who wanted the position.)

Before those decisions were made, a rift had formed between Burford and Reese due to her allegation that he discriminated against her son by denying him a seat on the bus to the swim team’s state championship on Feb. 14, 2017.

She complained to the Office of Civil Rights (OCR) in the U. S. Department of Education (DOE) in Washington, D.C. The agency later ruled, “The evidence was insufficient to support the complainant’s allegation.” Burford did not appeal the decision because at about the same time Reese announced his retirement. She never expected him to become a school board member. She said she was hoping he would just fade away.

Burford had filed the complaint against Reese, Nandua Principal George Parker, and Superintendent Chris Holland last year. Reese didn’t allow Burford’s son to ride on the bus to the event because he did not qualify for the competition, Burford said Reese told her.

Burford said, three other students, who also did not qualify, were allowed to ride with the team. This was the first year there was a swim team. The participants included students from Nandua, Chincoteague, and Arcadia high schools.

Burford contends her son was denied the opportunity for two reasons — he isn’t among the school’s elite and well-connected people and he has autism and attends special education classes.

She says the school division got around the complaint by lying. Burford said the division disclosed to the civil rights lawyer that the same number of students who qualified for the competition rode the bus to the event. But they failed to say three students who qualified traveled in other vehicles to the competition and three students who didn’t qualify took their places on the bus. She said there was also room aboard for her son.

Photos of the students, who would not have been allowed to ride the bus had they been given the same rules as her son, were posted on Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook, she said.

“My son has been mistreated in the past,” she wrote to Dwayne Bensing, an agency lawyer. “He is so trusting and doesn’t recognize when people are doing things that could be harmful to him.”

She gave an incident of his experience as a seven-year-old student as an example. “A behavior monitor when he was in elementary school … fractured my son’s forearm. There have been other complaints where they have violated my son’s rights by excluding him from the Dare program, school wide theater shows, field trips …”

“The superintendent and principal were very clear to me that, ‘managers or mascots were not allowed to travel with the team either,’ when I asked that question regarding the state event,” Burford said. “According to what I witnessed, this is not the case,” she added.

Burford also told the lawyer “the forensics team traveled to their state competition less than three weeks after the swim team and not only did their whole team, qualified and unqualified attend, but the coach’s husband, bus driver’s wife, a former student champion, and another former graduate who is a past champion” rode along. “All of them traveled on the bus to the states for the overnight trip. There is substantial proof of this,” which included photos. She did not blame the forensic coach, saying she “would have never done anything that she thought she wasn’t allowed to do.”

The forensic coach and the principal were among those who spoke in favor of Reese’s appointment to the school board. Forensics is listed under the Athletics Department on the school website and by the Virginia High School League.

“Caleb (Burford’s son) was part of the team,” she wrote to Bensing. “He was one of the swimmers … Caleb is the most loving and caring kid in the world. He knows everyone, everyone is his best friend ever … My son learned everything from those wonderful kids and their coaches about his sport. He learned how to be a model sportsman and teammate. When we went to swim meets, those kids knew of Caleb’s limitations physically and they cheered for him like he was (Olympic swimming gold medalist) Michael Phelps.

“That energy grew like a wildfire out of control and spread through every team that we competed against,” she said. “So, no, he wasn’t the team’s mascot like the firebird is for Arcadia or the warrior is for Nandua, he was so much more. He was a teammate, a friend, and the true symbol of what good sportsmanship is. To me, that is what makes a mascot of a team.”

Reese was part of the Individual Education Plan (IEP) team that met to discuss ways of getting Burford’s son more enthusiastic about school. “It was decided that he would include Caleb in any way he could … in sports,” she said. “We all agree it would be a good thing. He (Reese) was supposed to do this. It was part of his responsibility. At that point he got a stipend for athletics,” she said. “But later was given a full-time job as athletic director. And he never did anything. Caleb was never included in anything. He was never allowed to be water boy. It was brought up in every meeting. He failed him in that respect. Then when the swim team came along,” she said, her son finally got a break.

Burford doesn’t just blame Reese for how her son was treated. She also blames Holland and wants the superintendent to be replaced, which is one of her goals as a potential school board member.

Burford says she has reset her hopes for becoming a school board member in the November General Election in 2019 when voters will give her a “fair” chance. Burford was one of the movers and shakers who got the election issue on the ballot. The referendum was overwhelmingly supported by voters last November and will take the power of choosing school board members away from the commissioners, who are appointed by the circuit court judge.

The swim team included 30 students. All members were permitted to ride the bus to and from the regional meet on Feb. 4. Burford helped organize the team and did all their photography. Twice she was permitted to ride the bus with her son so she could cheer for him. He competed in those events. The state meet was a three-day event held in Christiansburg, Va., which is about five hours away.

The division told the DOE investigators that 20 of the 30 students including Burford’s son did not qualify to participate in the state meet. They “were not permitted to ride the bus to the meet, nor did they have permission to be excused from school for the three-day meet. Although the division does not maintain any written policies regarding school-sponsored trips in this regard, the team coach explained to OCR that the team was informed, preseason,” by Reese, “that only those students who were qualified … to compete at the state meet would be permitted to travel.”

“This informal policy was affirmed in a meeting between the coach,” Reese, and Parker, and was told to students and parents who inquired. They also said the forensics team “which was not subject to the decision by the athletic director regarding the state meet, differed from the swim team and was therefore not an appropriate comparator group.”

Burford said if an explanation of policy was given, it was in the morning before her son got to school as he was never told and neither was she.

When she inquired to Holland, she said she told him, “It’s not a policy but it’s just how it’s always been. It’s a precedent.” She offered to pay for her son’s accommodations and meals and follow in her vehicle behind them and he answered. “Come on, Connie, did you really think he was going to make it to states?”

The division “acknowledged and provided documentation indicating that one unauthorized female student did travel with the members of the team.” She did not have a disability. When the group arrived in Christiansburg, the coach realized the girl “boarded the bus without the consent or knowledge of the coaches, athletic director, or any school administrator representing the school.” She was supposed to be riding with a parent. She was told to leave the bus and join her parent. Her lodging and meals were not provided by the division and she was not permitted to ride back on the bus. In addition, her absences were marked “unexcused.”

On April 7, Parker wrote a memo to the coach regarding the incident and “emphasized that the supervision of students must be observed at all times and implored the coach to visually identify all student athletes who are rightfully supposed to be traveling prior to departure.” The division said it penalized the student for her “unauthorized conduct.” That penalty was not disclosed.

Holland, Reese, and Parker did not comment on Burford’s comments by press time Thursday.
Teacher Raises Drop to 3 Percent to Pass Accomack Schools Budget

By Stefanie Jackson

The Accomack school board passed its fiscal year 2019 budget on June 19, but not before reducing the proposed teacher raises from 4 percent to 3 percent to help balance the budget, which was short more than $500,000.

The 4 percent teacher raise originally proposed was the same pay increase Accomack teachers received last year, but school officials couldn’t find another area in the budget to cut and make up for the roughly half-million-dollar shortfall.

The proposed 2 percent raise for classified employees remains unchanged.

School board member George Waldenmeier pointed out that even with the reduction to the teacher pay increase, teachers will still get a 7 percent raise over two years.

Teachers will also get an additional $300 employer contribution for health insurance.

Director of Finance Beth Onley recommended that in the future the school board should consider giving an additional percentage contribution for health insurance to teachers paying for a family plan.

Waldenmeier said employee health insurance is one of the reasons why many Accomack teachers leave after gaining a few years of experience.

Another effort by Accomack schools to provide additional financial motivation for teachers to stay in the county is the restructuring of the teacher salary scale.

Onley said in the 2015-2016 school year, there were 41 steps on the teacher salary scale, meaning a teacher would have to work for the school division for 42 years to achieve the maximum salary (a first-year teacher begins on step 0).

The number of steps on the salary scale are being gradually reduced every year, with the goal of a 30-step salary scale. Onley’s proposed salary scale for next school year included 32 steps and was approved by the school board.

School Attendance Area Policy to Benefit Military Families

Accomack students whose families live in military housing will now be able to apply to change school attendance areas.

Application for a school attendance area change was previously allowed only under three circumstances: senior privilege, teacher courtesy, or health reasons.

The senior privilege allows 12th-graders to finish their education in the same school even if they move out of that attendance area during their senior year.

Teacher courtesy allows the children of Accomack teachers to attend the county school of their parents’ choice.

The new policy will allow children of families living in military housing to attend school closer to home.

Free Opera Sunday

Saltworks Opera is mounting a “jewel box” production (no costumes or sets) of Delibe’s “Lakmé,” Sunday at 3 p.m.

Anna Sterrett is stepping out of the role of director and into the role of Lakme for this special performance. Returning to Saltworks as Gerald is tenor Andrew Ellis (Tebaldo in February’s production of “Romeo & Juliet”). Richard Williams (Lorenzo in “Romeo & Juliet”) is singing Nilakantha, and Adam Piper will sing the role of Frederick. Marilyn Kellem lends her voice to Malika, one of the two singers in the opera’s famous Flower Duet.

Other cast members include Suzanne Oberdorfer as Rose, B.J. Rogers as Miss Benson, and Caroline Stahl as Ellen. Natasha Smoot is the pianist.

Saltworks provides professional development opportunities for promising musicians, community outreach, and education opportunities for young students. The opera has free admission, but any voluntary donations will support these educational programs.
All-Region Teams Announced

By Krystle Bono

Many Eastern Shore district athletes were selected to their respective All-Region teams, after their performances during the post season.

Nandua’s Parker Murphy was chosen to the Class 2A softball All-Region second team. Fellow Warrior Matthew Teasley earned a spot on the All-Region baseball second team.

Northampton pitcher Mollie Travis was selected to the second team Class 1A All-Region softball. Yellow Jacket teammates Mackenzie Widgeon (catcher), Ariana Wilson (short stop), Riley Hook (first base), and Shonique Trader (outfield) were honorable mention picks.

Northampton’s girls soccer club had two players selected to the All-Region girls second team; Yeats James and Lizbeth Gildo.

Juan Bartalon and Brayan Juarez, of Arcadia, and Irving Saceda, of Nandua, all earned spots on the boys soccer All-Region second team.

Easter Shore Gators Got the Beat

Eastern Shore Gators dance team took a journey to Raleigh, N.C, June 2, to compete in the Carolina Challenge. The team brought home a first-place finish in Hip Hop dance. The Gators would like to thank the community for support, Accomac County Public Schools for providing a safe, secure place to practice and Fairgrounds, as well as the parents. Special thanks to Coach Steve Walker and Maria Knox.
30th Annual H.B. Rew Jr. Golf Tournament

Story and Photos by Bill Sterling

The 30th Annual H.B. Rew Jr. Golf Tournament was held Friday, June 15, to benefit the Eastern Shore Community College Foundation at a familiar site, the Eastern Shore Yacht and Country Club.

Despite a fire that destroyed the ESY&CC clubhouse last December, the tournament was held without a hitch as golfers enjoyed a pre-round lunch on the terrace of the Tiki Bar and then a post-round awards banquet under a tent set up on the grounds.

Jeff Holland, a member of the ESCC Foundation Board of Directors, chaired the event and thanked the golfers for their support, as well as the major sponsors, The Blarney Stone Pub, Mallards, PNC Bank, and event sponsor John Fiege, Certified Financial Planner.

The Eastern Shore Community College Foundation supports the community college and provides scholarships and other aid to students who may not otherwise be able to attend college.

Winning the first flight of the advance best ball format was the foursome of C.L. Marshall, John Sharpley, John Morrison and Johnny “Mo” Morrison with a gross score of 56 and a net of 48. Scores were based on 17 holes of play as over four inches of rain earlier in the week made playing the 17th difficult without damage to the course.

The defending champions of H.B. Rew, Vince Piazza, Gerald Davis and Rick Matthews were second in the first flight with a gross score of 60 and a net of 51.

Placing third in the first flight were Sarah Jones, Sally Batz, Norma Rumbaugh and Elize Rew with scores of 64 and 51.

Winning the second flight was the foursome of Paul Widgen, Greg Stutzman, Allen Teasley and Wallace Cooley with a gross score of 63 and a net of 54. Taking second was Peggy Tilghman, Margie Byrd, Sue Conners and Peaches Dodge with 65 and 54. Placing third was Ted Duer, Craig Booth, Shane Childress and Keith Lilliston with a gross of 62 and a net of 55.

Ron May won closest to the pin honors on hole 13 with a shot 5’2” from the pin, Michael Leonard was closest to the pin on 9 with a shot just outside 17 feet, John Reason’s shot to 21’1” on 17 won that closest to the pin honor, and C.L. Marshall took honors on number 5 with a shot 75” from the pin.

Marshall also won longest drive for the men on number 18 while Sarah Jones took the prize for the women. Peggy Tilghman won straightest drive of the day on number 11.

John Morrison won the putting contest.

Sarah Jones, left, won the longest drive contest at the Eastern Shore Community College Foundation Golf Tournament held at the Eastern Shore Yacht and Country Club. The award was presented by her father, James Jones, the pro shop manager.

Winning the second flight was (left to right) the team of Greg Stutzman, Allen Teasley and Paul Widgen. Wallace Cooley was absent.

Winning the first flight of the advance best ball format at the Eastern Shore Community College Foundation golf tournament was (left to right) the foursome of C.L. Marshall, John Morrison and Johnny “Mo” Morrison, pictured with Eve Belote, executive director of the Eastern Shore Community College Foundation. John Sharpley was absent when photo was taken.
Route 13 (Lankford Highway) Improvements at Stone Road
Northampton County
Design Public Hearing
Tuesday, July 24, 2018, 4-6 p.m.
Cape Charles Civic Center
500 Tazewell Avenue
Cape Charles, VA 23310

Come see plans to improve safety and operations at the intersection of Route 13 (Lankford Highway) and Stone Road (Route 184) in Northampton County. The proposed plans include lengthening turn lanes, installing lighting, widening paved shoulders and improving signage.

Review the proposed project plans and the National Environmental Policy Act document in the form of a Programmatic Categorical Exclusion (PCE) at the public hearing or at VDOT’s Hampton Roads District Office located at 1700 North Main Street, Suffolk, VA 23434, 757-925-2500/800-367-7632, TTY/TDD 711. You may also review the project information at VDOT’s Accomac Residency Office located at 23096 Courthouse Avenue, Accomac, Virginia 23301, 757-787-5856. Please call ahead to ensure the availability of appropriate personnel to answer your questions.

Property impact information, relocation assistance policies and tentative construction schedules are available for your review at the above addresses and will be available at the public hearing.

Give your written or oral comments at the hearing or submit them by no later than August 3, 2018 to Mr. John Harman, Transportation Engineer, Virginia Department of Transportation, 1700 North Main Street, Suffolk, VA 23434. You may also e-mail your comments to JohnG.Harman@VDOT.Virginia.gov. Please reference “Route 13 Improvements at Stone Road” in the subject line.

VDOT ensures nondiscrimination and equal employment in all programs and activities in accordance with Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. If you need special assistance for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency, contact John Harman at the phone numbers or e-mail listed above.


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Anna Parks of Exmore with a 8.5-pound spade fish caught at Chesaapeake Light Tower.

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BA Walker Basketball Camp

Walker Sports Group will host basketball camp this summer. Session 1 will be held June 25-28, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Nandua High School, for ages 12-16. Session 2 will be held July 16-19, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Nandua Middle School, for ages 8-11. Lunch, T-shirts, and awards will be included.

Camp fee is $65. Online registration is open now at www.tinyurl.com/campregistration2018 or onsite at Nandua High School on June 21 from 4-5:30 p.m.

For more information, email walkersportsgroup@gmail.com or call 757-710-3825.

Sawmill Park Grand Opening

Accomack County Sawmill Park, grand opening celebration and family day will be held Saturday, June 30, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., at 24387 Joynes Neck Rd.

The public is invited to attend this free event. Bring your family, your lawn chairs, and enjoy free hot dogs, non-alcoholic beverages, snow cones, popcorn, carnival type games, door prizes, 50 and over softball game, ESG Dancers, live music by Black Elvis, and more.

The first 25 persons who register to participate in “Walking for Good Health” and colorful sneaker contest will be presented a T-shirt and receive bragging rights as the first to walk on the Sawmill Park Walking Trail.

Sign up today by visiting or calling the Parks and Recreation office at 757-787-3900 or 757-824-0314.

CTAC Free Tennis Clinics

On Thursday, July 12 and Aug. 9, the Community Tennis Association of Chincoteague (CTAC) will offer two free tennis clinics. The lessons will be held at the Memorial Park Courts on East Side Drive in Chincoteague.

The lessons for adults (ages 16 and older) are from 9 to 10 a.m. and young people (6-15) from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. Participants must wear tennis shoes and should bring water. Wearing caps and using sunscreen are strongly suggested. Bring your racquet or the association will provide them if you don’t have one.

For more information and to register: call Peter Lukaas at 301-370-8439. To register email: communitytennisassoc.2013@gmail.com. When registering by email, please give name, age, and phone number/contact information. Walk-ons are welcome, space permitting, but pre-registration is strongly recommended.

The free clinics are offered as a community service to Island residents and visitors. The CTAC encourages tennis as a lifelong sport thus its slogan, “Tennis Everyone!”

Sailing Camp at ESY&CC

The Eastern Shore Yacht and Country Club will hold Sailing Camp on June 25-29 from 9 a.m. to noon, July 9-13 from 9 a.m. to noon or from 1 to 4 p.m., and July 16-20 from 9 a.m. to noon or from 1 to 4 p.m.

Campers must be 7 years or older. Each three-hour session is limited to 10 students.

The cost is $200 for members and $225 for nonmembers. Call 757-787-1525 to sign up.
Isabella Bono-Evans caught a sand mullet Father’s Day afternoon in Cape Charles.

“Uncle Dave” Abell with a nice flounder caught on a Philly Special with a Gulp and minnow combination inside Chincoteague.

Mathew Theodonis caught a 52-inch red drum fishing aboard the Mean Jean with Captain Sam Sellard at the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel Sunday evening.

Just Fishing
Yellowfin tuna offshore and cobia in the lower Chesapeake Bay have highlighted the angling action over the last week as the recent run of nice weather has pleased both anglers and tackle shop operators. One tackle shop reported that every boat they were aware of which ventured offshore to the canyons was rewarded with catches of yellowfins. Cobia remain abundant in the lower bay, but anglers are having to work to find keeper-sized fish.

**Lower Shore** — Mark Snook at Chris’ Bait & Tackle reported there were plenty of cobia to be found in the area between Cape Charles and the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel. Small spadefish were being caught around the bridge-tunnel’s fourth island. The fantastic run of red drum seems to have slowed down a bit, but a few small black drum remain in the surf of the lower barrier islands. Croaker catches of up to a half cooler full were being made out of Oyster. Latimer Shoals was producing catches of sea mullet.

Jeb Brady at Bailey’s Bait & Tackle reported there has been “some really good cobia action with anglers having some really good days, but lots of shorts.” He cited the area around buoy 36-A as well as the shoals along the bridge-tunnel as productive locations for cobia. Flounder action was still going on in the “Ditch.”

**Wachapreague** — Captain Lindsay Paul at Trident Tackle reported that anglers had “a pretty decent weekend” out of Wachapreague. Flounder anglers were finding a few more keepers for their efforts, although there were still plenty of throwbacks. Croakers have arrived, but they are small in size. Captain Paul said that offshore anglers were finding yellowfin tuna in the Washington Canyon, as well as in Bob’s Canyon. A few dolphin (mahi) and even a couple of makos were included in the catches. One of the makos was caught while trolling for tuna, the other was caught while shark fishing along the 20-fathom line. False albacore were “everywhere” from the canyons inshore to the Hills.

**Chincoteague** — Donna Rae at Captain Bob’s Marina reported that fishing over Blackfish Banks really heated up over the weekend with flounder in the 22- to 24-inch range. Black sea bass, spadefish, and triggerfish rounded out the catches. Offshore, bigeye tuna and large yellowfin tuna catches came in from the Washington and the Poor Man’s canyons. Shark action was on the increase as three-foot-long Atlantic finetooth shark catches were reported. A nice-sized sand tiger was caught and released in the Assateague surf. Croakers measuring 8- to 12-inches, 13- to 14-inch kingfish/whiting, and mostly throwback flounder dominated the action on the inside. Small cobia catches were reported from the Chincoteague Channel in front of the Waterside Inn.

Jimmy Vasilou at Captain Steve’s Bait and Tackle reported that the Rumr Has It won the Frederick Tuna Tournament held last weekend with a 79-pound, 3-ounce bigeye tuna that was caught by Terry Conrad. The shop also weighed in a 177-pound bluefin tuna caught in the Poor Man’s Canyon over the weekend for Robert Dobart. The Huntress had a limit catch of black sea bass from an offshore wreck, while catches of spadefish, gray triggerfish and a few keeper seabass were being made over some of the inshore wrecks. A 7-foot sand tiger was released by a surf fisherman. Kingfish/whiting and sharks comprised most of the catches being made by surf fishermen. Pinhead croakers were starting to show up, with action reported from the dock at Robert Reed Park as well as in Deep Hole. A few keeper flounder are still around and Bob Miller stopped by the shop with three nice flatfish. A 3-pound, 2-ounce largemouth bass took first place in a recent tournament held at the Wallops Mill Pond.

**Upper Shore** — Captain Matt Abell reported that the big fishing news centered on the yellowfin tuna bite. Matt reported that everybody caught tuna along with a few dolphin/mahi. Steve Shumaker had a large blue marlin release in the Washington Canyon. Catches of triggers and spadefish were reported from the wrecks and large flounder were caught along the rail cars out of Chincoteague. The best flounder action that was reported came from Wachapreague, where a total of nine keeper fish were made by a three-person fishing party. Brian Sheats and sons had a catch of three cobia, one of which was a keeper, in the lower bay. Bottom fishing in Pocomoke Sound was slow, with only a few kingfish catches reported.

Bill Hall was the first Eastern Shore resident to achieve Virginia Saltwater Master Angler Status. He has been named Virginia Saltwater Angler of the Year and Virginia Saltwater Release Angler of the Year. Bill is an I.G.F.A. International Committee Representative and a longtime member of the Virginia Saltwater Fishing Tournament Committee. He is the Virginia Recreation Fishing representative on the ASMFC Striped Bass Management Panel and is a past recipient of the CCA-VA Virginia Outdoor Writer Conservation Leadership Award.
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Last Week's Answers

Animal  Coloring  Box  Landing
House  Book  Kite  Craft
Cat  Cover  (clue answer)  Fair
Food  Letter  Instrument  Weather

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: ★★★★★

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Kool Price $29,750
SAVE $7,000

PROGRAM CAR
2017 Focus SE
16,000 Miles, 40+ MPG, Clean, Gotta Go!
NADA Value $17,980
Kool Price $13,980
SAVE $4,000

NEW
2018 Ford Mustang
GT, Blue, Automatic, 5.0 V8, Shaker Audio
MSRP $46,180
Kool Price $41,180
SAVE $5,000

PROGRAM TRUCK
2016 F150 Lariat 4x2
Crewcab, White, Loaded, Leather, Navigation
NADA Value $45,500
Kool Price $38,500
SAVE $7,000

PROGRAM CAR
2017 Lincoln MKZ
White Platinum, Moon Roof, Navigation, All Options, Only 6,000 Miles
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Kool Price $26,500
SAVE $5,500

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PROGRAM SUV
2013 Explorer Limited
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Kool Price $17,850
SAVE $3,000

PROGRAM CAR
2016 Lincoln MKZ
White Platinum, One Owner, 45,000 Miles
NADA Value $27,850
Kool Price $21,850
SAVE $6,000

PROGRAM SUV
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- **2012 Ford F150 XLT 4x4 Crewcab, Shell Can Stay or Go, Great Price**
  - $16,888

- **2011 E350 12-Pass Lots of Room, New Tires, Clean, Reliable!**
  - $11,888

- **2006 Toyota Sienna Clean, Lots of Room, Great Minivan**
  - $7,995

**Just Arrived!**

- **2015 Honda Odyssey Touring Elite V6, Every Option, Like New**
  - $27,495

  - $13,888

**Kool Quick Lube, Sales, Collision Repair and Rentals!**

302-0313
May 30, 2018, was a very long day. But at the end of that very long day, one of Virginia’s longest ongoing policy debates came to an end when both chambers of the Virginia Legislature, with a bi-partisan vote, passed a budget that contained Medicaid expansion. This contentious issue has been fought over in one form or another for the last five years and to have it behind us and to also receive what many of us believe are the positive public policy impacts through budget savings, better health outcomes in our communities and improved fiscal health for our rural hospitals is a welcome relief.

The Senate of Virginia was gavelled in for the second day of its special session at 9 a.m. on May 30 and remained in session through contentious debate, both on the floor and in party caucuses until 7 p.m. when the budget bill passed. The House acted on the budget shortly thereafter. Part of the grand compromise reached by an unofficial Senate and House negotiators since adjournment of the regular session was that there would be no amendments accepted and that the bill had to go in its introduced form to Gov. Northam for his signature. While tempting to offer amendments or vote for amendments that were in fact actually offered the majority of both bodies honored the compromise in order to get the budget done and to expand Virginia’s system program of Medicaid. Virginia will be the 33rd state to expand its Medicaid program with 90 percent of the expansion cost borne by the federal government. So important was expansion to our commonwealth’s hospitals that they volunteered to have a new tax imposed on themselves called a “Provider Assessment” which will pay the Commonwealth’s 10 percent of the expansion cost as well as provide additional funds to increase Medicaid reimbursement rates. The savings which result from the expansion of Medicaid are significant and were interspersed throughout the budget. The budget includes funding for the state’s share of a 3 percent teacher’s raise, state employees a 2 percent pay raise and there were investments made in K-12 public education as well as higher education. Significant deposits will be made to our two “savings accounts” which help the commonwealth in time of economic downturn.

In addition to benefiting from those and other commonwealth-wide investments, the Eastern Shore received $1 million for its new public library and Heritage Center and money for a study of the impacts on the changing Chincoteague Inlet was authorized. In addition, a bill creating a Waterway Maintenance Fund passed and with budget amendment sponsored by Del. Keith Hodges on the House side was funded with $1.3 million which is an important first step in Virginia stepping up to fill the need for dredging in rural coastal Virginia.

The expansion of Medicaid will begin Jan. 1, 2019 when new enrollees in Virginia’s Medicaid system will be accepted. Virginia has one of the leanest and toughest to qualify for Medicaid systems in the country. The existing program will continue to be a 50/50 match between Virginia and the federal government. Only the cost of new enrollees allowed under the expansion, those at 138 percent or less of the federal poverty level, estimated to be approximately 400,000 people, will be subject to this heightened 90 percent federal match.

With a budget signed and new legislation signed, we will now begin scheduling my post-General Assembly session town halls. As always, please do not hesitate to reach out with questions or concerns. I am available at my district office and can be reached at 757-787-1094, P. O. Box 760, Accomac, VA 23301, or by email at district06@senate.virginia.gov.

This stark figure at the edge of the woods on Big Pine Road near Painter was identified as a deterrent to scare away deer. “Those were put up this year specifically for one of our customers,” said a representative for Lipman & Lipman, a tomato growing company. Since the time of this photograph, it has been painted blue.
Northampton High School awarded diplomas to 110 graduates on June 16. Above are valedictorian Alexandra Marshall (left) and salutatorian Hayley Marshall.
Local Artist Pours His Heart Into Teaching Metompkin Fifth-Graders About Bronze Sculpture

Story by Stefanie Jackson

Submitted Photos

Local artist, Guy Shover, donated his time and materials to teach Metompkin Elementary School fifth-graders about the process of creating bronze sculptures.

Shover collaborated with Metompkin art teacher, Jillian Stabler, and English Learner teacher, Zorylu Bonilla, to make the experience possible.

The fifth-graders, teachers, and Shover all worked together to create the sculpture titled, Unity Eagle, in honor of Metompkin’s mascot.

Each participating student also made his or her own miniature wax sculpture of anything the student wanted.

Unity Eagle

Guy Shover explains the bronze sculpture-making process to Metompkin students.

Workers pour and mold what will become the Unity Eagle.

Metompkin fifth-grader Elvis Juarez-Orozco works out the details of his sculpture.

The Metompkin mascot in bronze, the Unity Eagle, makes its debut.
KIPTOPEKE ELEMENTARY STUDENTS LEND HELPING HANDS ON CLEAN THE BAY DAY

Submitted Photos

The Chesapeake Bay Foundation sponsored the 30th Annual Clean the Bay Day June 2, and included many young volunteers from Kiptopeke Elementary School who helped alongside Gov. Ralph Northam (pictured in bottom photo, center).
Photos by Cecil Watts

Women were invited to don their best Sunday finery for “Women With Hats,” a special worship event held June 9. The guest speaker was Pastor Brenda Sessoms-Wise of St. John Independent Church.

Wilbert C. Adams, Pastor of Bethel Baptist Church in Franktown, where the event was held, offered remarks. Other participating churches included St. Mary’s Baptist Church and St. Luke AME Church.
Rev. Brenda Wise  Mattie Ayres
Margaret Sample  Rosemary Vennie
Fannie Giddens and Grace Holland  Michelle Gaskins
Eastern Shore “Radio Hams” to Join in National “Field Day” Exercises

Submitted Article

“Hams” from Accomack and Northampton Counties will come together this weekend with thousands of Amateur Radio operators nationwide to show off their emergency capabilities. This annual event, called “Field Day,” is sponsored by the national association for amateur media and the American Radio Relay League (ARRL).

During, or following, an emergency situation, Amateur Radio – often called “Ham Radio” – may be the only way people can communicate until power, internet, and traditional communications are restored. When trouble is brewing, Amateur Radio’s people are often the first to provide rescuers with critical information and communications.

The Eastern Shore Amateur Radio Club (ESARC) will host Field Day activities on the Eastern Shore. They will establish an emergency station at Four Corners Plaza in Onley, just off Route 13, and using only emergency power supplies, communicate with as many as a thousand other hams nationwide over the 24-hour period beginning at 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 23.

During the event, the public is invited to meet and talk with ESARC operators and see for themselves what Amateur Radio Service is about.

The ESARC, in cooperation with other county agencies, rehearses throughout the year to prepare for whatever emergencies might benefit from communications support, including wireless communications support for Accomack and Northampton EOC’s (Emergency Operations Centers). They also provide routine communications services for a variety of public events for example, charity walks, parades and the like. To learn more about Amateur Radio, or how to get your own FCC radio license, visit the Field Day activities in Onley, go to www.emergency-radio.org or visit ESARC on Facebook.

New Church Firehouse to Host Auction, Rides, and Fireworks

Submitted Article

Bring your lawn chair to the New Church Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company’s annual Independence Day Celebration this Sunday, June 24, from 4 until 9:30 p.m. at the New Church firehouse. Festivities will include rides, games, contests, an auction, and fireworks.

Carnival rides, food, and games start at 4 p.m. For the 16th year, the pedal tractor pull for kids will begin at 5:30 p.m.

Oyster fritters and barbequed chicken platters are on the menu in addition to hamburgers, hot dogs, boardwalk fries, snow cones, ice cream, and fresh strawberry shortcake. Pizza will be available by the slice or you may purchase a whole 16” pizza for 14 tickets.

Arrive early to enjoy the famous live auction starting at 7 p.m. Gift certificates, unique items, and homemade cakes are just a few of the things available for bids. Local DJ Mike Shannon will provide entertainment throughout the evening.

A special slide show will be presented at 9:20 p.m. and professional fireworks with music at 9:30 p.m.

“We’ve been told that our fireworks are some of the best on the Eastern Shore,” states Jeff Jump, fire company president. “Please join us for lots of fun and good food this Sunday at the New Church firehouse”

No coolers allowed. Rain date is Sunday, July 1.
Billy Crockett (higher) and David Parks (ladder) paint over what are called ghost letters, those that were put on the building long ago and although they were painted over, they have come back through. Councilman Frank Russell said there are plans to paint on the wall across the street that is on the side of Jaxon's with either an American flag or a train. Russell’s bridal shop hopes to paint a wedding scene on the side of its building.

Exmore hosted the 2018 Juneteenth celebration sponsored by Jane Cabarrus (pictured left, with Spencer Murray) and the Juneteenth Coalition on June 16 and 17 in the town park. African-American heritage was honored and celebrated for two days with live music, poetry, exhibits, games, food, and more.

A crowd of more than 350 people turned out for the first Exmore Town Social Wednesday evening. The free event featured games, hot dogs, and cold treats for kids. Another social is planned for the fall.
**Kids’ Puzzle Page**

**Kids' Maze**

**SCRAMBLERS**
Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gap.

- Impress
- ZEAMA
- Area
- GREAN
- Blunt
- TRICED
- Guard
- PORTAL

**TODAY’S WORD**

**SNOWFLAKES**
by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.

**Junior Whirl**
by Charles Barry Townsend

**CRISSCROSS – “AM” WORDS**
Each word will fit into one spot in the grid. Use the starting letters as a guide and fit each word into its spot. All words will be used, so cross off each one after you put it into the grid.

- 3 Letters
  - JAM
  - RAM

- 4 Letters
  - EXAM
  - NAME
  - REAM

- 5 Letters
  - AMONG
  - DREAM
  - SAMBA
  - TRAMS

- 6 Letters
  - AMAZES
  - AMAZON
  - DAMAGE
  - MAMMAL
  - SESAME
  - STEAMS

- 7 Letters
  - AMERICA
  - GRAMMAR
  - ORIGAMI
  - SHAMPOO

- 8 Letters
  - CARAMELS
  - VITAMINS

**DON’T “WIPE OUT” ON THIS ONE!**

Let’s "see" what you know about the "sea." Above is a stack of eight words, each of which contains the word "sea." Using the following hints, try to sail home safely in five minutes or less.
1. Part of a pant leg.
2. Result of overheating.
3. A Navy carpenter.
4. To add salt and pepper.
5. To remove from office.
6. A weather protector.
7. A chair for two.
8. An egotistical, self-assured person.

Answers:
Eastern Shore Community College 29300

Officers for 2018-2020: (l-r) Sally Richardson, treasurer; Norma Jones, parliamentarian; Sarah Bingman, first vice president; Maria Hood and Emma Rhyne, co-presidents; Faye Wilfong, secretary; Dora-Weston Wilkins, second vice president; and Erica Johnson, past president.

DKG Officer Installation

Lambda Chapter, Iota State, Delta Kappa Gamma Society International held its 71st Birthday Luncheon on Saturday, June 2, at the Island House in Wachapreague. The first order of business was installation of officers for the 2018-2020 biennium. The chapter awarded four grants-in-aid to women who are pursuing college degrees in education. The candidates for the grants-in-aid were presented by the chapter’s scholarship/grant-in-aid committee: Linda Floyd, Traci Jones, and Maria Hood. This year’s recipients are: Michaela Wescott, the Elizabeth Payne Miles $4,000 Grant; Alex Marshall, the Buryless Bruce Payne $4,000 Grant; Yazmeen Stratton, the Eva Payne Wessells $3,000 Grant; and Hannah Birch, the Elizabeth Jones Newton $500 Grant.

Chapter members brought candy that was divided up and distributed to the faculty and staffs of all the schools in Accomack and Northampton counties. Lambda Chapter’s membership consists of women educators from both Accomack and Northampton counties.

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Onancock Lions Club Donates to ESCADV

The Onancock Area Lions Club presented a donation to the Eastern Shore Coalition Against Domestic Violence (ESCAvD). Pictured from left are President John Kluis, ESCADV Executive Director Shelley Strain, and Secretary/Treasurer Beth McHenry.

Send your mileposts, community events, and calendar items to angie@easternshorepost.com

ESCC Priority Enrollment Day

Tuesday, June 26th

all day 8:00am-6:00pm!

Come enjoy an open house atmosphere with all of the assistance you need to get ready for Fall classes. Get help with scheduling, placement testing, financial aid, and advising. Move to the front of the line and “fast track” your enrollment!

Click here to Register Now

Fall Classes Begin on August 20th, Don’t Delay!

*Eastern Shore Community College (ESCC) does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Michael Driscoll, Human Resources Manager ESCC, 29300 Lankford Hwy., Melfa, VA 23410, 757-789-1754.*

Eastern Shore Community College 29300 Lankford Highway Melfa, Virginia 23410 757-789-1789 www.es.vccs.edu

Marshall Handy, of Parksley, and Mr. and Mrs. William Fletcher, of Temperanceville, would like to announce the engagement of their daughter Ashley Fletcher to Kentrelle Walker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Duane Walker, of Melfa. Fletcher is a Certified Nursing Assistant at Heritage Hall in Nassawadox, and Walker is the WIOA Case Manager at the Eastern Shore Community College in Melfa. The wedding is planned for August 18, 2018, at Eastern Shore Christian Center in Onley. A reception will follow at the Eastern Shore Community College Workforce Building in Melfa. The wedding and reception are by invitation only.
Cape Charles
The Harbor for the Arts Summer Festival will feature a performance by Bennett Wales & The Relief, Saturday, June 23, from 7 to 9 p.m., at the Cape Charles Central Park.

Cheriton
The Eastern Shore Spay Organization, in collaboration with PETA, is offering a low cost spay/neuter clinic for friendly dogs and cats on Monday, June 25, at the Cheriton Fire House. Call Sandy at 331-2087 for more information and to make an appointment.

Craddockville
Relay for Life will hold a fundraiser, Family Game Night, Wednesday, June 27, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., at the Craddockville UMC. Admission is based on the roll of a dice. If a 6 is rolled, admission and to make an appointment.

New Church
The New Church Vol. Fire and Rescue Company will host its Annual Independence Day Celebration this Sunday, June 24, from 4 to 9:30 p.m., at the New Church Firehouse. Carnival rides, food, and games start at 4 p.m. The pedal tractor pull for kids will begin at 5:30 p.m. The live auction starts at 7 p.m. A special slide show will be presented at 9:20 p.m. and professional fireworks with music at 9:30 p.m.

Oyster fritters, barbecued chicken platters, hamburgers, hot dogs, pizza, boardwalk fries, snow cones, ice cream, and fresh strawberry shortcake are all on the menu.

No coolers allowed. Rain date is Sunday, July 1.

Onancock
The Saltworks Opera will feature a performance by Anna Sterrett and Andrew Ellis in “Lakmé,” a jewel box con-
cert, Sunday, June 24, from 3 to 6 p.m., at the Historic Cokesbury Church, 13 Market St., Onancock. Refreshments will follow.

Wachapreague
The Wachapreague townwide yard sale will be held Saturday, June 23, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free spaces are available at Seaside Park. The rain date will be June 30. For more information, call 787-7117.
**FRIDAY JUNE 22**
★ 8 a.m. - Breakfast at the VFW - VFW Post 2296, Tasley - donations accepted
★ 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. - Alzheimer’s Caregivers’ Support Group - Riverside Shore Health & Rehab Center, 26181 Parksley Rd., Parksley - 665-5133 (Lori Wilson)
★ noon & 5:30 p.m. - AA mtg. - UMC, Onancock
★ 6 p.m. - Celebrate Recovery mtg. - Onancock Baptist Church
★ 6-8 p.m. - Live Music with Christine Havrilla - Lemon Tree Gallery, Cape Charles
★ 7 p.m. - Life Teach Series - Rachel/Leah Covenant Ministries Center - 787-2486
★ 7:30 p.m. - Bingo - Exmore Moose Lodge, Belle Haven

**SATURDAY JUNE 23**
★ 8 a.m.-2 p.m. - Wachapreague Town-Wide Yard Sale - Free spaces available at Seaside Park - 787-7117 - rain date: June 30
★ 2-4 p.m. - Empowering Girls Group: Overcoming Racism, Sexism, & Poverty - ESTACI, Exmore - 656-3460
★ 5:30-9:30 p.m. - Shucked Many a Buck for Habitat - Onley Town Center - $75/person - 442-4687
★ 7-9 p.m. - Harbor for the Arts Festival: Bennett Wales & The Relief - Central Park, Cape Charles
★ 7:30 p.m. - Bingo - Eastville Vol. Fire Co.

**MONDAY JUNE 25**
★ 1-3 p.m. - Community Bingo - Chincoteague Cultural Alliance, 6309 Church St., Chincoteague
★ 1-4 p.m. - CIAO Presents Gameplay Monday - Theatre Annex, 4076 Main St., Chincoteague
★ 3 p.m. - Parkinson’s Disease Support Group - Hospice & Palliative Care, Onancock
★ 5-6 p.m. - Al-Anon mtg. - Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Onancock
★ 5-7 p.m. - Riverside Shore Home Health and Hospice Job Fair - Onley Town Center
★ 6 p.m. - Accomack Cty. NAACP mtg. - Abba’s House, Mary N. Smith Cultural Ctr., Accomac - 757-709-3753
★ 6 p.m. - Bingo - Elks Lodge, Tasley
★ 6:30 p.m. - Cub Scout Pack 300 mtg. - Grace UMC, Parksley
★ 6:30-8:30 p.m. - Free English for Speakers of Other Languages Class - Metompkin Elementary School, Parksley - 789-1761
★ 7 p.m. - AA mtg. - Rock Church, Onley

**TUESDAY JUNE 26**
★ 9 a.m. - Al-Anon mtg. - Refuge Inn, Chincoteague
★ 10 a.m. - Zumba Class - Franktown UMC
★ 11 a.m. - Duplicate Bridge - Fairgrounds, Onancock - 787-2432
★ 11 a.m.-3 p.m. - Red Cross Blood Drive - Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital, Onley
★ 1-4 p.m. - Veterans’ Employment Representative Avail. - Cape Charles Civic Center (old library) - no appt. needed
★ 1:30-3 p.m. - Riverside Shore Hospice Grief Support Group mtg. - Downing’s UMC, 7291 Lankford Hwy., Oak Hall - 789-5000
★ 3-6 p.m. - Farmers Market - Cape Charles Museum, Randolph Ave.
★ 4-9:30 p.m. - Fireworks and Rides - New Church Firehouse - lots of food and games
★ 5-6 p.m. - Feed a Mind Fundraiser - Mallards at the Wharf, Onancock

**WEDNESDAY JUNE 27**
★ 7:45 a.m. - Kiwanis Club of Accomack mtg. - Sage Diner, Onley
★ 10 a.m. - TOPS mtg. - Market St. UMC, Onancock - 787-4718
★ 10 a.m.-2 p.m. - Veterans’ Employment Representative Avail. - ESCC, Melfa - no appt. needed
★ 10:30-11:30 a.m. - Overeaters Anon. mtg. - Rock Church, Onley - 757-655-4834
★ 11 a.m.-1 p.m. - Soup Kitchen - Corner Stone Seventh Day Adventist Church, Exmore
★ 1-3 p.m. - DMV Expanded Mobile Outlet - Fresenius Kidney Care, 9550 Hospital Ave., Nassawadox - www.dmvNOW.com/DMV2Go
★ 5-7 p.m. - Soup Kitchen & Clothes Closet - Grace and Truth Ministries, 19 Boundary Ave., Onancock - Donations: 789-5369
★ 5:30-7:30 p.m. - Family Game Night Benefit for Relay for Life - Craddockville UMC
★ 5:30-6:30 p.m. - Free Meals for the Hungry - Epworth UMC, Exmore
★ 6-7 p.m. - Prayer Line Open (St. Matthew’s Church, Onley) - Call 665-7403, 387-7021 or 894-1521 w/prayer requests
★ 6:30-8:30 p.m. - Free English for Speakers of Other Languages Class - Metompkin Elementary School, Parksley - 789-1761
★ 7 p.m. - AA & Al-Anon mtgs. - Franktown UMC
★ 7:30 p.m. - Bingo - Painter VFC

**THURSDAY JUNE 28**
★ 9 a.m.-1 p.m. - Veterans’ Employment Representative Avail. - Chincoteague Town Office
★ 9 a.m.-4 p.m. - DMV Expanded Mobile Outlet - Cheriton DMV Select, 21334 South Bayside Rd. - www.dmvNOW.com/DMV2Go
★ 10:30 a.m. - Story Time - Cape Charles Memorial Library
★ 5:30 p.m. - Shore Losers mtg. - Drummondtown Baptist Church, Accomack - $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
Help Wanted

**WIC BREASTFEEDING PEER COUNSELOR**
Position #X3466
The Eastern Shore Health District has an hourly position opening for a Public Health Outreach Worker/Breastfeeding Peer Counselor to support the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC). The position promotes breastfeeding as the preferred infant feeding method to individuals and classes. Requires prior experience breastfeeding an infant. For detailed job information or to apply, visit [https://jobs.agencies.virginia.gov/](https://jobs.agencies.virginia.gov/). Virginia Department of Health (VDH) accepts only online applications; Virginia Department of Health (VDH) accepts only online applications; apply by July 2, 2018. EEO.

**COUNSELORS**
Agape Counseling and Therapeutic Services, Inc. is seeking qualified mental health professionals for the positions of mental health support staff, intensive in-home counselors, day treatment counselors, and licensed mental health professionals on the Eastern Shore. Must have a bachelor’s or master’s degree in the Human Services field from an accredited school with at least one-year experience providing direct behavioral health services to individuals with mental illness, intellectual disability, or receiving gerontology or special education services. Or, be a Licensed Mental Health Professional licensed in the state of Virginia. Candidates must have reliable transportation. Part-time and full-time positions are available. Please forward all resumes to shavonneruffin@agapecounselingva.com, alonzosparrow@agapecounselingva.com or jenniferjohnson@agapecounselingva.com.

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**
**POSITION:** Maintenance Worker
**POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT #2018-3-3031**
The Chesapeake Bay Bridge and Tunnel District will be accepting applications for Maintenance Worker in the Maintenance Division starting June 18, 2018 and ending July 9, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. Applicant must be knowledgeable in building, grounds, roadway, and bridge maintenance. Experience in safe operation of medium and heavy-duty maintenance equipment is a plus. Applicant must be able to lift and/or move objects up to 50 pounds. This is a full-time position with a salary range of $29,232.25 to $46,881.21 and includes a complete benefits package. Applications may be obtained from the 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](http://www.cbbt.com/employment.html).

**APPLICANTS FOR EMPLOYMENT WITH THE CHESAPEAKE BAY BRIDGE AND TUNNEL DISTRICT SHALL BE AFFORDED EQUAL OPPORTUNITY IN ALL ASPECTS OF EMPLOYMENT WITHOUT REGARD TO RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, POLITICAL AFFILIATION, NATIONAL ORIGIN, HANDICAP, SEX OR AGE.**
MAINTENANCE WORKER

The Town of Onancock is now accepting applications for a full-time Maintenance Worker. This position performs general duty labor as a member of the street construction, garbage collection, maintenance or grounds-keeping crew as well as performs related tasks as directed.

A high school diploma or GED is required along with a valid Virginia Department Motor Vehicle license. The ability to follow simple oral instructions, ability to lift heavy objects, and to perform physically demanding labor tasks are a must.

An application package including comprehensive job description is available at the Onancock Town Office, 15 North Street, Onancock, VA 23417, or can be downloaded at www.onancock.com. Return completed applications to the Town Office. The position will remain open until filled. The Town of Onancock is an Equal Opportunity Employer and minorities and women are strongly encouraged to apply.

Accomack County Social Services - Local (765-01) Office Associate II Position # L0039 Hiring Range - $19,707 (May be higher depending on qualifications)

For detailed job information and to apply, visit www.dss.virginia.gov

Accepts only online applications; job close date 07/06/2018

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

Accomack County Social Services - Local (765-01) Benefit Programs Specialist II Position # L0033 Hiring Range - $27,366 (May be higher depending on qualifications)

For detailed job information and to apply, visit www.dss.virginia.gov

Accepts only online applications; job close date 07/06/2018

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

Accomack County Social Services - Local (765-01) Family Services Specialist II Position # L0010 Hiring Range - $29,930 (May be higher depending on qualifications and budgetary considerations)

For detailed job information and to apply, visit www.dss.virginia.gov

Accepts only online applications; job close date 07/06/2018

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

Accomack County Social Services - Local (765-01) Family Services Specialist III Position # L0015 Hiring Range - $32,089 (May be higher depending on qualifications and budgetary considerations)

For detailed job information and to apply, visit www.dss.virginia.gov

Accepts only online applications; job close date 07/06/2018

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

Help Wanted

ORDER PROCESSING / GRAPHIC PREP / CUSTOMER SERVICE

Duties include order processing, preparing client submitted graphics for print, as well as customer service responsibilities. This position requires the ability to work well under pressure in a fast-paced environment where meeting timely deadlines are a major priority.

Applicants must possess excellent work ethic, exceptional customer service skills, and the ability to multi-task. Working knowledge of Adobe Photoshop is required.

40 hours per Week

(Mon-Fri 9:00-5:30)

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Email Resume to: humanresources@intunegp.com

CLASS A OR B CDL MIXER/DUMP TRUCK DRIVER

Must have 3 years Commercial driving experience

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Please apply in person at our office located at 12126 Fairgrounds Road, Tasley, VA 23441.

EOE/M/F/Disability/Vet Drug Free Workplace www.branscome.com

Carpenters Needed

Skilled carpenters wanted for work in Accomack and Northampton counties. Required: driver’s license, own transportation, tools, 10 yrs. experience and the ability to work well with others. Great pay, sick leave and vacation after one year. Call 757-787-8037 for interview.

Journeyman Carpenters Needed

R.H. Contracting, Incorporated

At least 5 yrs exp. Background check, valid driver’s license necessary. Federal and Commercial Projects. $15-20 hr. DOE. Call Priscilla @ 757.824.5104 ext 103 or email resume to ward@rh10198.com.
LUND $3,800 - Alum. hull open fishing boat with Merc, 25 hp 4 stroke OB on a Load-Rite galv. trlr. with elec. winch. Extras: trolling mtr., depth finder, rod holders, live well, cover, more. 757-824-4782 oystercarvr@aol.com

'01 18' TROPHY - Very good cond. + extras. Can be seen at K & E Marine, across from Perdue plant. $11K. 757-678-3622.

'90 22-ft. BOSTON WHALER - Orig. owner; w/150 h.p. 4-stroke Honda still under warranty (less than 50 hrs.) Alum. trailer, T-top, 2GPS/sonar units, $22,000 firm. Will take older 15 to 17 ft. BW on trade. 434-821-9027 or 434-665-9260.

D'VELLE - SCRAPE LICENSE - $1,500 OBO - 757-709-8854.

'03 AQUASPOT OSPREY - 19-ft. 4-in. CC, 115 h.p. Johnson (low hrs.), EZ Loader trailer, new upholstery must see! $7,200. OBO. Call 757-678-6098.

25-FT. C-HAWK W/NEW FLOOR & STERN - New Alum. trailer. $14,000 OBO. Call 757-709-8854.

MERCURY OUTBOARD PROPPELLER SS 22-1/2 - Like new. $450. 757-710-0070.

FREE 26-FT. RANGER SAILBOAT in cradle w/sails, rigging, cushions. Needs to be moved & repaired. 757-331-0315.

'97 26-FT. SHAMROCK - With anchor puller, never been used, lots of extra equipment. Call 757-891-2426.


1997 PROLINE 21-FT. Cuddy Cabin Walk Around, Reduced: $3,500, 442-7507.

'98 28-FT. COBIA - 115 h.p. Mercury, radio, depth finder, fish finder, safety equipment, EZ Load trailer (roller type), Reduced: $3,000 OBO. 757-442-5019.

'98 36-FT. BOSTON WHALER - 60 h.p. Mercury motor, just overhauled, teak console & bench, always kept inside, $16,000 firm. 410-957-3259.

CHARTER BOAT $15,000 OBO - 34’ Del-Child Dead-Rise $15,000 - Charter Fishing Boat. 2012 Re-Power Cat 3208T (757) 678-3718.

BOAT WHEELS - 4-blade, 1 pair 19” x 23-1/2” shaft. REDUCED $400. Call 757-999-3437 and leave msg.

'90 MAXUM 2800 SCR twin 4.3L V6 engines. Exc. cond. w/recent (2014) maintenance record. Many extras. $16,000 OBO. 540-287-5047.

34’ DELTAVILLE DEAD-RISE $28,500 OBO - Charter Fishing Boat. 2012 Re-Power Cat 3208T. 757-678-3718. dat556@verizon.net llthbycharters.com

16-FT. REBEL SAILBOAT - boat and trailer: $2,400. 757-787-3130.

CLASS A FISHING LICENSE - $5,000 CALL 757-709-8854.


'97 Park Trailer For Sale

Partially furnished, renovated 2 years ago, stainless appliances, 2x4 walls on 16-in. center, 3/4 ply floor, extra insulation, 1 bedroom w/sleep loft. Total utilities (including heat & A/C) average $140/month. $13,500 Check local ordinances. Contact 757-302-3175.

Real Estate

'96 Park Trailer For Sale

Partially furnished, renovated 2 years ago, stainless appliances, 2x4 walls on 16-in. center, 3/4 ply floor, extra insulation, 1 bedroom w/sleep loft. Total utilities (including heat & A/C) average $140/month. $13,500 Check local ordinances. Contact 757-302-3175.

Real Estate

BUILDING LOT .73 ACRES - Septic installed, partial waterfront, cleaned & maintained. East Point, 4 mi. from Onancock, water access. $228K OBO. 757-855-4310.

BELLE HAVEN - Handyman special, 3BR, below assessed value: $25,000. OWNER FINANCING. 414-0429.

WHY RENT WHEN YOU CAN OWN? Call us to learn how. Join others in constructing their dream homes in Waterside Village. Paved roads, underground electric, pond front recreational areas and fenced/locked boat storage are just a few of the reasons to choose this beautiful, conveniently located community. Lots range ¾ acre to 4 acres and start at just $18,000! $757-678-7631.

1.7-ACRE BUILDING LOT IN MELFA Includes well & septic. Perfect for Mfgd. Land/Home Pkg. $26,900. Call Larry at 302-222-2064.

BRAND NEW! 3BR, 2BA home, ready to move into on 75 acres. Call for details: 302-846-9100.

WE BUY LAND! Call Clayton Homes for more information: 302-846-9100.
ONANCOCK SQUARE APARTMENTS

Now accepting applications for 2BR apts. Immediate Occupancy. Rent starts at $542 for 2BR.
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PUBLICATION NOTICE

The Town of Chincoteague has identified an unsafe structure (mobile home) located at 5156 Carter Lane, currently owned by Clyde Emory and David Wenbert. The front wall system has been removed is considered unsafe and windows/doors not secured. Failure to make the necessary repairs on this structure or demolish said structure within 30 days shall result in the removal of such by the Town of Chincoteague. The owner has the right to appeal to the Board of Building Code of Appeals within 30 days of this notice.

Kenny L. Lewis
Zoning Administrator

STATE WATER CONTROL BOARD PUBLIC NOTICE

An enforcement action has been proposed for certain groundwater withdrawal users for violations of the Groundwater Management Act of 1992 that occurred in Accomack and Northampton counties. A description of the proposed action is available online at www.deq.virginia.gov. Note: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices. Objections should be registered at www.abc.virginia.gov or 800-552-3200.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Cheriton Town Council will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 27, 2018, at 7 p.m. The public hearing will be held in Council Chambers at 21314 South Bayside Road at Town Hall.

Topic of Discussion: Review and adoption of the 2018-2019 Town Budget.

Any person interested should be present at the meeting. Handicap assistance available please call 757-331-8200 in advance.

Abandoned Watercraft Notice

In accordance with §29.1-733.25 of the Code of Virginia, notice is hereby given for the owner(s) of a 42 ft. fiberglass Provincial Watercraft displaying VA 1077 AY which has been abandoned on property owned by the Town of Chincoteague, Virginia (757) 336-6519 at their Curtis Merrill Harbor of Refuge upland area for more than 60 days without permission. If the watercraft herein described is not claimed and removed within 30 days beginning June 8, 2018, the Town of Chincoteague will apply to the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries for registration/title in its name.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Planning Commission of the Town of Chincoteague will hold a public hearing on July 10, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at 6150 Community Drive to receive public comments and views on the following zoning matters:

Add the following to section 7.2.18 Flags (commercial): Feather/Swoop Flags; Any fabric, or banner containing distinctive colors, patterns, symbols or wording. Such flags are of vertical design.

Add the following to section 7.13.10 Flags, Commercial: Feather or Swoop flags. Two (2) flags, displaying a commercial message, with a maximum area each of forty (40) square feet shall be permitted for any business. Such flags shall be mounted to a permanent pole as designed by the manufacture. Such flags shall be no closer than 3' from any property line. Feather or swoop flags are strictly prohibited in the downtown area from Church Street to Cropper Street. The area of any such flags shall not be included in determining the total permitted sign area.

Kenny L. Lewis
Zoning Administrator

INVITATION TO BID:

Northampton County Public Schools is requesting sealed bids for L.P. Gas product and service for school Cafeterias, science rooms and maintenance facilities. Sealed bids are also being requested for food, supplies and dairy products. Bids will be accepted until 2:00 p.m., Monday, July 9, 2018, at which time all bids will be opened and read aloud. For details and specifications, please contact Annette Kellam at (757) 678-5151, Ext. 7000.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

Case No. CL18-151-00
Northampton County Circuit Court
5229 The Hornes, P.O. Box 36, Eastville, VA 23347

Commonwealth of Virginia in re
SHAWN KEON COLLINS
v. MARIA ROSANNA COLLINS

The object of this suit is to:
OBTAIN A DIVORCE.

It is ORDERED that MARIA ROSANNA COLLINS appear at the above-named court and protect her interests on or before JULY 2, 2018.

May 29, 2018
Lauren M. Brown, Dep.Clerk

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

Case No. 18CL479
Accomack County Circuit Court
23316 Courthouse Avenue, Accomac, VA 23301

RENEE ANN DYER
v. ROBERT EUGENE DYER

The object of this suit is to:
OBTAIN A DIVORCE a vinculo matrimonii.

It is ORDERED that ROBERT EUGENE DYER appear at the above-named court and protect his interests on or before JULY 25, 2018 AT 5 P.M.

May 25, 2018
Arisleydi J. Rodriguez, Dep.Clerk

NOTICE OF OYSTER GROUND APPLICATION

Jeffrey Wayne Mears, (2018068) has applied for approximately 30 acres of oyster planting ground in Burtons Bay situated in Accomack City/County and described as follows: North By: Accomack PG 45 & 48 South By: Vacant, West By: MLW Lat/Long: N37-36-9956 W75-38-7590

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.
PUBLIC NOTICE

The Northampton County Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, July 11, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Chambers located at 16404 Courthouse Road in Eastville, VA. The purpose of the meeting is to conduct regular business and public hearings on the following matters:

Zoning Text Amendment:

A. ZTA 2018-02: The Northampton County Board of Supervisors propose to amend the following section of the Northampton County Zoning Ordinance adopted 04/12/2016: §154.2.003 Definitions. A new section, numbered 154.2.121 “Borrow Pit,” will be added to describe how the use and/or structures will be permitted, constructed, or expanded, i.e., the criteria and/or permits needed.

B. ZTA 2018-03: The Northampton County Board of Supervisors propose to amend the following section of the Northampton County Zoning Ordinance adopted 04/12/2016: §154.2.003 Definitions. A new section, numbered 154.2.122 “Borrow Pit” will include the definition of “borrow pit” to include: Asphalt is allowed to be stored on site or used for road surface material only if the site is permitted by Virginia Department of Mines Minerals and Energy (DMME) and asphalt is included in the permit. No additional off site material shall be brought to the site for any reason. Also proposed is an extra item added to the list of exemptions from the definition: (4)(5) Any inert materials as defined in 4 VAC 25-31-10 that are included in the Virginia Department of Mines Minerals and Energy (DMME) permit for the site.

C. ZTA 2018-04: The Northampton County Board of Supervisors propose to add a definition for “watch house” which will be incorporated in the Northampton County Zoning Ordinance dated 04/12/2016: §154.2.003 Definitions. A new section, numbered 154.2.121 “WATCH HOUSE” will be added to define how the use and/or structures will be permitted, constructed, or expanded, i.e., the criteria and/or permits needed.

D. ZTA 2018-05: The Northampton County Board of Supervisors propose to add a new use “short term rental,” with minimum standards and a definition to the the Northampton County Zoning Ordinance dated 04/12/2016: §154.2.003 Definitions and accompanying use charts. With this ZTA, the Board also proposes 2 options for the allowance of short term rental units. Option #1 would allow short term rentals throughout the County by-right with certain minimal performance standards. Option #2 would permit them to be allowed by-right in certain areas, allowed with a Minor Special Use Permit in some other areas, and not allowed at all in the rest, (similarly to the B&B use). Also a part of the ZTA is eliminating the use and definition of “tourist cottages” and “flexible term rental units.” A new section, numbered 154.2.120 “SHORT TERM RENTAL” with minimum standards is proposed to be added.

AFD applications to be considered for renewal and/or withdrawal:

A. Renewal for Mapp-Machipongo AFD a ten-year review to determine whether this district should remain in full force and effect.

B. Renewal for Mason Farm AFD a ten-year review to determine whether this district should remain in full force and effect.

C. Renewal for Milford Farm AFD a ten-year review to determine whether this district should remain in full force and effect.

D. Renewal for Newsted Farm AFD a ten-year review to determine whether this district should remain in full force and effect.

E. Renewal for Otten Farm AFD a ten-year review to determine whether this district should remain in full force and effect.

F. Renewal for Plantation South AFD a ten-year review to determine whether this district should remain in full force and effect.

G. Renewal for Pony Neck AFD a ten-year review to determine whether this district should remain in full force and effect.

H. Renewal for Savages Neck AFD a ten-year review to determine whether this district should remain in full force and effect.

I. Renewal for Seaside AFD a ten-year review to determine whether this district should remain in full force and effect.

J. Renewal for TB Road AFD a ten-year review to determine whether this district should remain in full force and effect.

K. Renewal for The Hermitage AFD a ten-year review to determine whether this district should remain in full force and effect.

L. Renewal for Turner-Hurtt AFD a ten-year review to determine whether this district should remain in full force and effect.

M. Renewal for Walker Bros. LLC AFD a ten-year review to determine whether this district should remain in full force and effect.

N. Renewal for Webb Island AFD a ten-year review to determine whether this district should remain in full force and effect.

O. Renewal for Weirwood AFD a ten-year review to determine whether this district should remain in full force and effect.

P. Renewal for Woodland AFD a ten-year review to determine whether this district should remain in full force and effect.

Q. Renewal for Woodside AFD a ten-year review to determine whether this district should remain in full force and effect.

R. Renewal for Yeardley AFD a ten-year review to determine whether this district should remain in full force and effect.

*For a listing of all parcels within each AFD, please visit or contact the Department of Planning, Permitting, and Enforcement or the office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

The Northampton County Board of Supervisors will also conduct public hearings on the above items on Tuesday, August 14, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Chambers.

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Northampton County Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, July 11, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Chambers located at 16404 Courthouse Road in Eastville, Va., for the purpose of conducting a joint public hearing with the Town Council of Eastville on the following matters:

A. CPA 2018-01: The Town of Eastville has applied to amend their Town Comprehensive Plan including the Town Future Land Use Map. A full copy of this document can be viewed at the Northampton County Planning, Permitting, and Enforcement Department or the Eastville Town Hall.

B. ZMA 2018-01: The Town of Eastville has applied for a zoning map amendment to establish the permanent zoning of all parcels that were newly added to the incorporated limits of Eastville in July 2017. This includes changing or permanently establishing the zoning designations of 148 +/- parcels. For a copy of all the parcels which will be affected, please visit the Northampton County Planning, Permitting, and Enforcement Department or the Eastville Town Hall.

The full applications will be on file and open to public inspection in the office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and in the Department of Planning, Permitting, and Enforcement located at 16404 Courthouse Road, Eastville, VA and in the office of the Clerk of the Town of Eastville, 5248 Willow Oak Road. 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.

Notice of Public Hearings

The Cape Charles Board of Zoning Appeals will hold public hearings on Thursday, June 28, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. in the Cape Charles Civic Center, located at 500 Tazewell Avenue, to receive public comment on an application for zoning variance from side yard setback regulation on a non-conforming size lot in the Residential-1 District. That lot is located at 504 Plum Street (tax map #83A1-6-B). The Board will also receive public comment on an application for zoning variance from rear yard setback regulation for adjoining lots under common ownership in the Residential – 1 District. Those lots are located at 2 Tazewell Avenue (tax map #83A3-2-3-13). The Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a meeting immediately following the public hearings to consider the applications. The applications are available for public review in the Town Planner’s Office, located at 2 Plum Street, during regular business hours or online at www.capecharles.org under Agendas and Minutes. Please contact Town Planner Larry DiRe at 757-331-2036, or by email planner@capecharles.org if you have any questions or require additional information. Anyone interested in attending and needing special assistance please contact the Town at least forty-eight hours before the hearing.

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By Linda Cicoira

It’s surprising how much upheaval there is in the world when every single thing on this planet is connected. Just think about it. I’ll just bet that everyone who is reading this column has or has had some connection to the Eastern Shore, which is in Virginia.

Our state is among the United States of America, which is part of North America, which is connected to South America. There are people here like me who have family ties in Europe and there are those who have links to Africa. Europe is next to Asia and a friend of mine once visited Australia. No, she did not meet Crocodile Dundee but she loved the country.

Santa Claus is at the North Pole so we have that covered and penguins live at the South Pole. If you haven’t seen a movie about penguins, you should watch one. The films are excellent. I definitely felt a connection.

So there we have it. If only it were up to me to solve the world’s problems.

Still, there is this talk about finding the remains of life on Mars. Apparently, it is our connection with the universe. I’m not sure I buy it but I am sure we’ll hear more about in the future.

According to a website that originates in the United Kingdom, “A growing conspiracy theory suggests the Moon is occupied by advanced aliens that have banned humans from returning.” They say it is the reason earthlings don’t go there anymore.

“The theory links in with others that claim there are alien bases on the dark side of the Moon.” I wonder if they look anything like my favorite Star Trek character, Worf, who is a Klingon. His people are from Qo’noS (pronounced Kronos), an M-class planet in the Beta Quadrant. I think I just expanded our connections.

But back to the moon. This website, https://www.express.co.uk/news/weird/773196/Moon-Cannot-go-aliens-NASA writes, “Also, with our current technology, why haven’t we created a permanent manned outpost on the lunar surface? Wouldn’t it be easier to build a permanent structure on the surface of the moon, than to have a floating space station orbiting around Earth?” It’s a lot to take in and ponder about.

I haven’t totally digested the story about the astronaut, who after being on the International Space Station (ISS) for about a year, returned and was found to have a different DNA from his brother.

“Scott and Mark Kelly are identical twin brothers — at least, they were until Scott spent a year living in space, wrote livescience.com “When Scott Kelly returned to Earth after a 340-day voyage aboard the ISS two years ago, he was two inches taller than he’d been when he left. His body mass had decreased, his gut bacteria were completely different, and — according to preliminary findings from NASA researchers — his gene expression had changed significantly. Interestingly, Scott Kelly has since shrunk back down to his initial pre-spaceflight height.”

Oh, my. That is a script for a horror movie if I ever heard one.

It occurred to me that this would also be the way for some mastermind criminal, like an international jewel thief, to get away with stealing a rare and huge blood red-orange diamond. First, the thief does his thing and gets into the safe where the precious item is being kept. Then, he immediately goes for one of those flights into outer space that will soon be available to anybody who can pay. This enables him to get a new DNA so the crime could never, ever, be traced back to him.

And you know there is no one in the galaxy who wouldn’t want to wear the pinkie ring made especially for that gem. Get the connection? Yippee!

Pollinators Face Crisis

Dear Editor:

As a farming community we should all be concerned about a looming catastrophe. It’s sneaking upon us so slowly that it seems no one locally is taking it seriously. It’s a threat to our farmers and the livelihood of our community. Once it’s fully realized it would make the recent chicken factory discussions pale by comparison.

Vegetation consists of invasive plants, they are still very important pollinator plants and should not be mowed down during the flowering season. And the good news is that if our native plants were not prevented from growing and beheading by frequent mowing, they would eventually, as has been shown in other areas, replace the non-native species. A natural equilibrium adapted to our area would be re-established, precluding the expense of purchasing native plants and the time, labor and equipment required to reintroduce them.

By the time you read this I will have presented my four-minute plea to the Accomack Board of Supervisors, backed by materials supporting my argument that I have previously given the board. The materials include a proposal which addresses issues such as road safety, worker safety, aesthetics, labor, equipment and maintenance costs savings, etc. I have asked that the supervisors take the time to read the materials and arrange a meeting to discuss the issue with me, in the hope that they would fully understand the importance of the pollinator problem. I believe, if implemented locally, the proposal would provide an early solution to our pollinator problem. I have also been corresponding with Stacey Moulder, the person in charge of the VDOT Pollinator Habitat Program, who expressed interest and appreciation of my input. I look forward to working with her as a concerned citizen.

So far I have been pursuing this “mission” alone, despite previous letters to the editors of the local papers, presentations to the Accomack Board of Supervisors, the local bee guild, friends and other parties that should be interested (VDOT has renewed my hope). Eventually I hope to obtain cooperation from other entities (farmers, Virginia Master Naturalists, the extension service, Citizens for a Better Eastern Shore, and others, including you and other readers of this letter to the editor). I also hope our sister county, Northampton, realizes the importance of the pollinator problem and gets on the wagon. Please contact me by email (mattcormons@gmail.com) if you realize the importance of the pollinator issue and would like to assist — the sooner the better!

Matt Cormons, Parksley