Massive Winter Storm Slams Shore

**Story by Connie Morrison**

A massive winter storm slammed the Shore with ice, snow and high winds Wednesday night into Thursday, closing schools and offices on its march up the East Coast. A blizzard warning was issued Wednesday afternoon just ahead of the rapidly strengthening coastal low pressure system. It was set to expire at 1 p.m. Thursday, but at 11:30 a.m. was extended until 6 p.m.

Gov. Terry McAuliffe announced a state of emergency Wednesday afternoon authorizing “state agencies to identify and position resources for quick response anywhere they are needed.” Among the measures taken before the storm were pre-treatment of state routes by VDOT and repositioning of equipment and materials.

A&N Electric Cooperative announced it had crews standing by to restore power if needed.

“We’ve implemented our emergency response plan and have mobilized our crews, strategically placing them to be set for tonight,” said Brian Charnock, ANEC’s Director of Operations.

Correction

In a Dec. 29 article about the Northampton Wetlands Board regarding a permit extension for Eyre Baldwin’s Salt Grove property, we reported, “Board member David Boyd motioned to table the matter until the Corps approved the restoration, at which time a permit extension would be granted without requiring another public hearing. The motion carried.” From a review of the audio, the motion was: “I’ll move that we put off any extension of the permit until we get the required GPS coordinates and until we get a better indication of where we stand with the Army Corps of Engineers.” The motion was not amended in the subsequent discussion. We regret the error.
Hallwood Starts 2018 With New Accusations of Wrongdoing

By Linda Cicoira

Hallwood officials started 2018 on the same note they ended 2017 — with chaos.

Last year was filled with accusations of betrayal, missing money and feuds between family members and other elected officials. The council and mayor had pledged to work to get those issues ironed out and a police investigation was ongoing to probe a fire that burned town records and possible acts of misuse of funds.

But then it happened again. The first actions of 2018 began with an unannounced and unannounced meeting of the council that lasted for about an hour on the first night of the year.

“Yeah, we had a meeting,” Mayor Jackie Poulson said Tuesday, the next day. “Everybody wanted to get it over with.” He promised to call a reporter right back. He never did.

At the last known meeting of council in December, the panel voted to have a private dinner this Friday, Jan. 5, in Onley, and have the public session at the regular location, town hall, on Jan. 8.

“There was a meeting last night,” said Councilman Richard Selinsky. “I don’t know why everyone is so upset about it. I didn’t know it until the night before. It wasn’t trying to put anyone off. ... We don’t usually have a January meeting.”

Selinsky thought two or three of the members didn’t know when the meeting was and just decided to go forward. The panel discussed the budget, the new fireproof box and cleaning out a ditch.

“It looks real bad to someone who just stepped into it,” Selinsky continued. “It really just kind of happened. I told John Smith (the only member of the public in attendance). I had no idea nobody else knew. We really just plod along here. There’s no oversight ... We voted on getting a ditch cleaned. A couple of hundred dollars. As far as I’m concerned it was just a stupid mistake to hold it. It’s all of a sudden something sinister. They’re all welcome to my recording.”

Former member Tim Clagherty said he was recently given the task of looking over town payments to the electric company as money was alleged to have been diverted to pay for the electric service to former clerk Angel Taylor’s home and her husband’s business. His wife was given a key to the town hall a few weeks ago so he could look over the files but he never went as his truck needed repair and he had been working on it.

Clagherty learned of the Jan. 1 session when he texted Selinsky about a town matter and was told they were holding a meeting.

“That town meeting is illegal,” Clagherty messaged back. “Someone is going to have to answer for it. The town council and mayor stated, in open town meeting, that the next meeting would be Jan. 8. No legal notice (was given) in publication of the change.”

“Don’t shoot the messenger,” Selinsky wrote back. “I understand.”

“OK, can you pick up my key to the town hall after the meeting?” Clagherty asked. “I don’t want anything to do with the crooked corruption going on.”

“Ignorance doesn’t equal corruption,” Selinsky answered. “Hang on to the key.”

Clagherty then went over to the hall, which is right next to his house. He didn’t go inside because he said he was too outraged to do so. Instead, he took pictures of the cars and license plates outside, recording who was involved in the meeting.

“We did talk about his business license,” Selinsky said of Smith. “He refused to sign off on not suing us.” There are questions about a building, parking and the environmental possibilities. The meeting lasted less than an hour but then some sat and talked for about ten minutes, Selinsky said.

“No corruption at least on my end,” he added. “I’m not a fan of it. I wanted it to be on the 8th like it’s supposed to be.”

On Oct. 7, 2017, all of the town’s records were being stored inside Taylor’s vehicle. The car caught fire and everything was destroyed. It happened a couple of days before the documents were to be turned over for a long-overdue audit, which has made town officials suspicious.
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I look forward to another good year," Crockett said. "Accomack County is in a good position," but it will strive for a better position in the future.

District 7 Supervisor Laura Belle Gordy, vice chairwoman in 2017, would usually take the top job, but decided to let someone else step up. Supervisor Reneta Major nominated Hart.

"They will do their best because the women nominated them," Major said with a laugh.

The votes to confirm Crockett and Hart for their respective roles were unanimous among those present. Supervisor Grayson Chesser was absent. The winter storm bearing down on the region was named "Grayson," a fact not lost on his fellow supervisors.

"Grayson is coming," said Hart, who is the director of emergency services. "Yeah, he's busy." Hart said the area could get hit with 6 to 10 inches or possibly a foot of snow. "Temperatures will go up a little bit and afterwards will go very, very frigid. Beware of the tides … on seaside prior and on the bayside later. Tangier is iced in. The cutter is supposed to try to get there in the morning."

Hart praised C. Ray Pruitt, director of Public Safety. "He's just on top of it."

The National Guard is coming and the Air National Guard will be available if needed on Tangier, Hart said.
Administrators Outearn Teachers and County Counterparts

By Stefanie Jackson

Northampton school administrator salaries are on par with those of county administrators, and are often higher, while teachers make about the same as county law enforcement and correctional officers.

Superintendent Eddie Lawrence is the school district’s highest paid employee, making $121,033 annually. His salary is comparable to the budgeted salary of $124,355 for Northampton’s county administrator. That position has been held by Charles Kolakowski since May 2017. His yearly earnings are $101,000. Lawrence has spent his entire career as an educator on the Eastern Shore, working for many years as a teacher, principal and administrator in Accomack County before becoming Northampton schools’ superintendent in July 2014. Lawrence oversees about 150 teachers and 1,570 students at four schools, and implements policies created by a seven-member elected school board.

Associate Superintendent Annette Gray is the second-highest paid Northampton school employee, earning $112,778 annually. Gray makes over 50 percent more than Deputy County Administrator Janice Williams, whose annual salary is $73,440.

Northampton schools Chief Financial Officer Brook Thomas is the third-highest paid in the school district. She receives $103,787 annually to manage the money that pays for all school expenses, from teacher salaries to school building repair and maintenance. New county Director of Finance John Chandler, who began work Jan. 1, earns $91,000 annually. His position is budgeted at $98,777.

Northampton schools Director of Technology Dan Harris makes $82,196, compared to county Director of Information Technology Mark Heneghan, who earns $77,700 annually.

Director of Operations Chris Truckner makes $76,475 annually to ensure each school building runs in a safe, secure, and efficient manner for students, teachers, and staff. His closest counterpart within the county is Director of Public Works Chris Thomas, who makes $62,653 annually.

Director of Administrative Services Melinda Phillips earns $85,058 yearly. Director of Special Programs Keren Plowden makes $70,256 annually, overseeing programs supporting student achievement, from special education to the talented and gifted program (TAG) to programs for English language learners (ELL). There are not equivalent positions at the county.

The fourth-highest paid Northampton school employee and highest paid principal is Northhampton High School Principal Michael Myers, who makes $96,471 annually. Kiptopeke Elementary Principal Subrina Parker earns $85,058. Occohannock Elementary Principal Ron Yorke and Northampton Middle School Principal Laurel Crenshaw make $79,335 and $77,903, respectively.

All salaries of Northampton school administrators, directors, and principals noted above are actual salaries for fiscal year 2018. When comparing salaries of Northampton school employees and county employees in similar positions, it should be noted that levels of compensation vary based on individual qualifications and experience.

The following teacher salaries are budgeted salaries for the 2017-2018 school year and do not necessarily reflect the actual salary of any one teacher.

The base salary in Northampton for a first-year teacher with no professional experience, with a bachelor’s degree, is $35,523. This figure is nearly the same amount as the pay for most of Northampton’s professional corrections officers, who each make about $34,783 yearly working at the county jail. Professional law enforcement officers outearn first-year teachers in Northampton, each with a budgeted salary of at least $37,746.

Holding a master’s degree bumps up a first-year teacher’s salary to $37,656.

Teachers with bachelor’s degrees will earn $37,704 in their fifth through tenth years of teaching. Teachers make $44,411 with 20 years experience, and $52,826 with 30 years experience. With more than 35 years experience, teachers earn $58,479, close to the budgeted salaries of the county jail manager or police captain, which are $58,303 and $60,874, respectively.

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Dog Park Site Bites the Dust at Chincoteague Town Council Meeting

By Linda Cicoira

Vice Mayor Denise Bowden’s motion to put a dog park at Chincoteague Veteran’s Memorial Park died without a second Tuesday night following complaints of disrespect from a local veterans’ group. It was suggested another site be considered and the committee outline rules and regulations.

Meanwhile, a 4-2 vote allowed the spending of $106,000 over two years to proceed with acquiring a discharge permit for a wastewater plant.

Regarding the latter issue, Vice Mayor Denise Bowden and Council Members Ben Ellis, Gene Wayne Taylor and Eddie Lewis voted in favor. Jim Frese and Ellen Richardson were opposed. Mayor Arthur Leonard only votes to break a tie.

Last month, the town’s Budget and Personnel Committee voted to recommend council approve an amendment to spend funds for modeling purposes. The amendment was needed so $55,000 could be taken from reserves in the current fiscal budget. The rest is anticipated to come from the next budget year.

Harvey Spurlock, director of public works, said the total figure is a “ceiling cost, a not-to-exceed number.” The plant itself would cost between $4.5 million and $5 million and would be expandable.

Ellis said once the modeling is completed, another $58,000 would be needed to complete the budget application. “It’s a lot of money … requirements are not going down … or getting less stringent.” Ellis said the permit is good for five years and could be renewed for another five.

“We’re talking about this ultra … you’re basically discharging pure water,” Spurlock said.

Frese and Richardson were not convinced the spending would make the permit a done deal and used other nearby projects as examples.

“When this thing started, we were going to fund that first $50,000,” said Frese. “It turned into $212,000 … We don’t even know who’s going to fund that first $50,000,” said Spurlock.

Spurlock said in 2009, the VMRC and the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) provided guidance in a memo of understanding. Ellis said the homework had been done.

Richardson said “a private person was given permission to run an outflow pipe and he was stopped by shellfish sanitation … this is taxpayers’ money. I don’t want to be paying anymore. We need to be careful. Got to have all the i’s dotted and the t’s crossed.”

“It’s time,” said Lewis. “We have to move forward with this. … We could have had sewage in the 70s. (The cost) will double in ten years.”

“Eddie is right, you can ride around here in the summertime and smell it in some places,” said Bowden. “The infrastructure we have in this town isn’t going to last much longer.”

Leonard suggested matching federal funds could be sought for the money being spent to study our inlet. “It’s worth a try.”

After hearing arguments for and against the dog park, council members urged a committee to take another look at a third location called Hallie Wheaton Smith where the Island Nature Trail is behind Chincoteague High. Leonard said from the start of the session that the town is committed to having a dog park.

Taylor said he was working on another site of high land that would have no issues with flooding or runoff.

Residents were concerned about child safety, disruption of the skateboard facility, Little League practice, and disrespect of veterans at a dog park. The memorial park had been selected because amenities were already in place. Others wanted the dog park there because they said with rules and regulations in place, it would be a good match. Supervisor Billy Joe Tarr was in favor of locating the dog park at Veteran’s Park.

Richardson reviewed an online story about bacteria from dog waste. She said if 100 dogs visited a park for three days there would be enough bacteria to close a bay. She was against using Leonard or memorial park for the dog park because she said the areas flood during storms.

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To Eastern Shore Holdings LLC
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For $25,000

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To Brandon and Jennifer Reid
Lot in Cape Charles
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Because of increased enrollment) and also for public education (that is the increased was mostly spoken for by re-benchmarking improving revenues. Of that, $1.2 billion proximate $1.7 billion surplus because of 2017. We ended the fiscal year with an ap- tion plan in a lengthy address on Dec. 18, McAuliffe presented his proposed $115 bil- ling plan for Virginia on his way out. Gov. governor actually submits a two-year spend- governors provides that the outgoing gov- nor for Virginia, but also provide some help from the executive branch for Eastern Shore-specific issues.

Virginia’s peculiar system of one-term governors provides that the outgoing gov- ernor actually submits a two-year spend- ing plan for Virginia on his way out. Gov. McAuliffe presented his proposed $115 bil- lion plan in a lengthy address on Dec. 18, 2017. We ended the fiscal year with an ap- proximate $1.7 billion surplus because of improving revenues. Of that, $1.2 billion was mostly spoken for by re-benchmarking for public education (that is the increased cost of providing the basic public education because of increased enrollment) and also the ever-increasing cost of Virginia’s Med- icaid program.

Besides having limited additional re- sources, agency heads presented budget requests totaling more than $2 billion in additional funding. To further complicate things, Gov. McAuliffe built into his bud- get spending based upon savings that would be realized from Virginia’s Med- icaid expansion. Those savings total well over $400 million for the two-year budget cycle. The governor used those savings to make investments in increased state em- ployee and teacher salaries, new invest- ment in public education and increasing the commonwealth’s cash reserves.

The governor’s proposed budget will work its way through the process and will be amended heavily in the House Appropriations Committee and Senate Finance Committee. Gov. Northam will want to have some say in the spend- ing plan through the budget amendment process. I, too, will be proposing budget amendments. The budget will be worked on throughout the entire two-month ses- sion, but will be the last item dealt with in the closing days of the session in March. It is likely that revenues will continue to im- prove throughout January and February leaving us with some additional resources. One item of note is a significant appropri- ation in Gov. McAuliffe’s outgoing budget for the Eastern Shore Public Library.

Of course, a lot of what happens in this General Assembly session could hinge on the tie vote in the House of Delegates race in Newport News, which may well be de- cided by drawing names out of hat. This new parity or near parity in the House of Delegates could really go either way in its impact. It could force compromise or could bring about intransigence that results in no policy changes of any substance making it through the House.

I will have my usual round of pre-General Assembly session town hall meetings across the 6th Senate District. So far, we have scheduled Thursday, Jan 4, at the Chincote-ague Community Center from 6:30-8 p.m. and Saturday, Jan. 6, at the Pretlow Library in Norfolk from 10:30 a.m. to noon. An- other Town Hall will be scheduled for late January for the Eastern Shore. In addition, through the wonders of modern technology, I hope to have a telephonic Town Hall some time around the middle of the General As- sembly Session to update folks on how we are progressing in Richmond.

I will leave for Richmond Sunday, Jan. 7, and will return Monday, March 12. I will, of course, be home on the weekends to tend to legislative and law office business.

We are in new “temporary” offices in Richmond (temporary for the next four or five years while a new General Assembly office building is being con- structed on the site of the old building). Visitors are welcome during the Gener- al Assembly Session, so, please do not hesitate to call my office or stop by when you are at the Capitol. We are also very pleased to have Steven Yeung, of Melfa, working with us as a Session Aide during the General Assembly Session.

There will likely be, again, over 3,000 plus pieces of legislation introduced. It is helpful to hear from the folks back home on legislation. You can monitor the progress of the Virginia General As- sembly through a very user-friendly site at virgiiniageneralassembly.gov

I also plan to continue to update the folks through a weekly newspaper col- umn and radio report once the General Assembly is gavelled into session.

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Obituaries

George Fred Floyd Jr.
Mr. George Fred Floyd Jr., 91, passed away peacefully at his home on Friday, Dec. 29, 2017. He was proud of being born in Church Neck and having lived his entire life there. His parents were the late George Fred Floyd II, Julia Elizabeth Hyslop Floyd, and stepmother, Vanessa Jacob Floyd.

After high school, Mr. Floyd went to VMI for one year before entering the Merchant Marines. He returned home to the family farm and farmed successfully for many years. He grew a variety of crops including tomatoes, potatoes, cucumbers, cabbage, strawberries, and string beans. He and his family were also involved in the training of standard bred horses for harness racing. In later years, he was known for his delicious watermelons and cantaloupes. He was an avid gardener his entire life. He also enjoyed his daily rummy games and weekly poker games with good friends.

He was a member of Johnsons United Methodist Church and an active board member of Northampton County Farm Bureau.

He is survived by one son, George “Gee” Floyd III and his wife, Mary, of Machipongo; one daughter, Jenny Jacob Floyd, of Nassawadox; one brother, Page Jacob Floyd; and two grandsons, Jacob “Jake” and Jason Floyd.

Mr. Floyd was predeceased by his wife, Virginia Wilkins Floyd, and his sister, Anne Bull Turner. He is also survived by his nephews, Morgan Turner, Jeff Turner and wife, Dottie, Steve Turner and wife, JoAyne, and his niece, Julie Turner and husband, Mike Hannigan.

Services will be held at Hungars Episcopal Church, in Bridgetown, on Saturday, Jan. 6, 2018, at 2 p.m., with the Rev. Daniel Crockett officiating. A reception will follow in the parish house.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Riverside Shore Hospice, P.O. Box 615, Onley, VA 23418, or to Johnson’s United Methodist Church, c/o Marge Kacik, 12337 Trout Ln., Machipongo, VA 23405.

Memorial tributes may be sent to the family at www.hollandfuneralhome.net

Arrangements were made by Holland Funeral Home in Nassawadox.

Joe Guy Killough
Mr. Joe Guy Killough, 71, husband of Deborah Walker Killough and a resident of Pungoteague, passed away Friday, Dec. 29, 2017, at his residence. A native of Alcorn County, Miss., he was the son of the late Vernon Killough and the late Inez Lancaster Killough. He was retired U.S. Navy chief petty officer, lifetime VFW member and a member of the American Legion and Sons of the Confederate Veterans.

In addition to his loving wife, he is survived by a grandson, Matthew T. Dennison and his wife, Erica, of Painter; two great-grandchildren, Eli Dennison and Max Dennison, both of Painter; numerous cousins; and a special cousin, Jimmie Killough, of Chicago.

Mr. Killough was predeceased by his first wife, Agnes D. Killough.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, Jan. 5, 2018, at 11 a.m., at Craddockville United Methodist Church with Rev. Rob Kelly officiating. Interment will follow in Onancock Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Craddockville United Methodist Church, c/o Mrs. June Custis, P.O. Box 66, Craddockville, VA 23341 or SPCA, P. O. Box 164, Onley, VA 23418.

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

Arrangements were made by Doughty Funeral Home in Exmore.

Ann Frances O’Neill

She was born in Cambridge, Mass. on Aug. 30, 1941, to the late Arthur and Anna (Stefaney) Bell.

She was a member of Saint Andrew The Apostle Catholic Church and the Three Cs. She volunteered at the Wildlife Refuge. Mrs. O’Neill graduated from Boston College in 1963 and received a Masters of Public Policy from the University of Maryland in 1991.

For 30 years, from 1973, she and her family lived in Calvert County, Maryland. She went to work for the Calvert County government in 1979 as the county’s first consumer advocate. In 1982, she became the clerk for the board of county commissioners. In 1987, she became the first female department head in Calvert County Government. Her title was director of the Department of Community Resources.

Mrs. O’Neill retired from county government in 2002 and in 2003 she and her husband sold the “big” house in Calvert County and moved to Chincoteague. Two winters on the island convinced her that Florida would be a little warmer. So, for 12 years, she and her husband were snow birders.

Mrs. O’Neill is survived by her loving spouse of 52 years, Matthew O’Neill, of Chincoteague Island, three sons, Matthew J. O’Neill III, of Clearwater, Fla., Timothy A. O’Neill, of Saint Leonard, Md., and Michael J. O’Neill, of Brookeville, Md.; a daughter, Elizabeth A. Oster and her husband, Matthew E., of Lusby, Md.; 11 grandchildren; a sister, Joann Maloney, of Mequon, Wis.; and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Jan. 13, 2018, at 11 a.m., from the Saint Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church on Chincoteague with the Father Michael Imperial officiating. Another memorial service will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2018, at noon, from the Saint John Vianney Catholic Church in Prince Frederick, Md.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Saint Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church, 6319 Mumford St., Chincoteague Island, VA 23336. Services entrusted to Salyer Funeral Home Inc. on Chincoteague Island. Condolences may be made online at www.salyerfh.com.

Obituaries may be faxed to 789-7681 or emailed to editor@easternshorepost.com
G.F.Horne Buildings Condemned  
Frozen Sprinkler Ceiling Collapse

By Linda Cicoira

Two unoccupied buildings at the former G.F. Horne Assisted Living center on Hartman Avenue in Onancock were condemned last weekend after frozen sprinkler systems caused pipes to burst and ceilings to collapse.

Chief Adam James of Onancock Volunteer Fire Department said the first call came in at about 2:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 29. James said there was water damage throughout Building A. Fire Inspector Peter Surran of Accomack County condemned that structure as unsuitable for occupancy.

Then at nearly 7 p.m., the Onancock company was called back to the scene because the same problem occurred in Building B, right next door. James said he condemned that building and notified Surran.

A survey of Building C, which is now run by The Eastern Shore Community Services Board, was made and residents and workers were found to be living there and warm, he said. James referred questions about the buildings to the services board. The director did not answer a reporter’s phone call by press time.

Brand Spanking New!

Freddie Gutierrez Lux Jr. was the first baby born at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital in 2018. He was born to Nancy Lux Cabrera (center), of Mears, at 2:13 a.m. on Jan. 2. He weighed 8 pounds and 2 ounces, and measured 20 inches long. In addition to his mother, his extended family joins him in the photograph. He will be welcomed home by siblings Yarelyn and Elizabeth Gutierrez Lux and Victoria A. Gutierrez. Dr. David Scott was the delivering obstetrician.

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**RIDDLE SEARCH – BUILDING A HOUSE**

Look up, down, and diagonally, both forward and backward to find every word on the list. Circle each one as you find it. When all the words are circled, take the UNUSED letters and write them on the blanks below. Go from left to right and top to bottom to find the answer to this riddle: How does a penguin build a house?

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Riddle answer: __________

**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 gag.

- Bash
- MINGAL
- Extra
- PEAR
- Mold
- LEMING
- Sniff
- HEALIN

**Today’s Word**

“Does all this equal rights stuff mean I can’t laugh at her anymore?”

**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.

**MIME MILE TILE TALE TALK**

DON’T GET BOXED IN!

You have five minutes to get out of this challenge. In this type of problem you are given a word that must be changed into another word in a series of moves. During each move, you must change one letter in the previous word, so as to form a new word. In our example, we changed MIME to TALK in four moves. See if you can change the following words in four moves each.

1. LESS to MORE
2. OUST to REND
3. PEST to GONE
4. RUBE to GENT
5. SALT to LICK

**Junior Whirl** by Charles Barry Townsend

**CAN YOU SPOT**

Ping Pong Patty’s winning shot?

Answer: Not yet, will pull ready away.

**Doodle Pics!** The two pictures shown here are graphic presentations of familiar words, phrases or names. You have one minute to identify both.

**Chain Reaction!** Take the seven letters printed below our diagram and place them in the circles so that eight four-letter words can be read, top to bottom, along the connecting lines. All the words will begin with the letter in the top circle.

**Difficulty This Week:** Easy

**Frame of Mind**

5. SALT LICK SALT LICK
4. RUBE GENT RUBE GENT
3. PEST GONE PEST GONE
2. OUST REND OUST REND
1. LESS MORE LESS MORE
**Health Matters**

Winter Weather Preparedness

**Courtesy of The Virginia Department of Health**

Here are several quick steps you can take to keep yourself and your loved ones safe this winter:

- Have an emergency kit prepared with supplies such as an alternate fuel source for heating your home, flashlights and batteries for your home and car, blankets, food that needs no cooking or refrigeration, a 3-day supply of water, prescription medicines, a battery-operated radio and flashlights, battery powered cell phone chargers, snow shovel etc. Learn more about preparing a winter preparedness plan by visiting www.readyvirginia.gov.
- Winterize your home by insulating walls and attics, caulking and weatherstripping doors and windows. In addition, if you use woodstoves or fireplaces to heat your home, remember to have them professionally serviced and cleaned.
- Check batteries in smoke detectors and carbon monoxide monitors.
- Prepare your vehicle with emergency supplies and have maintenance service on your vehicle as often as the manufacturer recommends.

**Car Safety**

Severe snow storms may limit visibility and create hazardous road conditions. If you must travel during severe weather, consider checking road conditions by visiting http://www.511virginia.org. Should you become stranded, staying in until help can arrive is the safest thing to do.

Be sure to prepare an emergency kit for your car with items such as:
- Blankets
- First Aid Kit
- Windshield scraper
- Booster cables
- Mobile phone/charger
- Tool kit
- Bag of sand or cat litter (to pour on snow for added traction)
- Tow rope
- Collapsible shovel
- Water
- Canned or dried foods and a can opener
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Canned compressed air with sealant (for emergency tire repair)
- A brightly colored cloth to tie to the antenna as a signal to rescuers.

**Fire Hazards**

During a power outage, use flashlights instead of candles for lighting and keep extra batteries in stock. If you plan to use a wood stove, fireplace or space heater, be extremely careful. Follow the manufacturer’s instructions and remember these safety tips:
- Store a multipurpose, dry chemical fire extinguisher near the area to be heated.
- Do not burn paper in a fireplace.
- Ensure adequate ventilation by opening an interior door or slightly opening a window if you must use a kerosene heater.
- Use only the type of fuel your heater is designed to use, don’t substitute.
- If your heater has a damaged electrical cord or produces sparks, don’t use it.
- Use fireplaces, wood stoves, and other combustion heaters only if they are properly vented to the outside. Take care when using these heating sources and make sure they do not leak gas from the flue into the indoor air space. Make sure chimneys and flues are cleaned periodically.
- Do not place space heaters near things that may catch on fire, such as drapes, furniture, or bedding.

**Carbon Monoxide**

Carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless gas that is poisonous to breathe. Deadly levels of carbon monoxide can quickly build up when the exhaust from grills or generators is not properly vented. The gas emitted by these sources can linger for hours, even after the generator or grill has shut off. Operate all gasoline-powered devices such as generators outdoors and never bring them indoors.

If you suspect that you are experiencing carbon monoxide poisoning, get fresh air immediately. Leave the home immediately and seek medical attention. Depending on the level of exposure, symptoms of carbon monoxide may resemble the flu.

**Electrical Hazards**

If snow/water is present anywhere near electrical circuits and electrical equipment, turn off the power at the main breaker or fuse on the service panel. Do not turn the power back on until electrical equipment has been inspected by a qualified electrician.
- Never touch electrical equipment if the ground is wet, unless you are certain that the power is off.
- Never touch a downed power line.
- When using gasoline and diesel generators to supply power to a building, switch the main breaker or fuse on the service panel to the off position prior to starting the generator.
- If clearing or other work must be performed near a downed power line, contact the utility company to discuss de-energizing and grounding or shielding of power lines.
- Extreme caution is necessary when moving ladders and other equipment near overhead power lines to avoid inadvertent contact.

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Bobby pin  Landline  PDA  VCR
Fax  Maps  Phonebook  Wake-up call
Floppy disk  Pager  Tape deck  Walkman
Ice tray  Pay phone  Typewriter

Last Week's Answers

ARRTRUPOPSAIDANA
MICHILLNROWDECATLON
ATALOSSCINTHEWORLD
DECKTHEHALLSSEMIDUET

DOLLYLOSTNICHOLAE
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆  Moderate  ◆◆  Challenging  ◆◆◆  HOO BOY!

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By Krystle Bono

The Arcadia Firebirds and Nandua Warriors traveled to Salisbury Dec. 15 and 16 to grapple in the annual Parkside Holiday Tournament against Parkside, Laurel, Rockville, Snow Hill, Wicomico, Colonel Richardson and St. Charles.

Nandua finished the weekend in fifth place with a team score of 342, just 20 points behind Snow Hill, and the Firebirds placed seventh with 280 team points. Parkside took the top spot with a team score of 488.

Arcadia’s Angel Vasquez earned a second-place finish in the 106-pound weight bracket, and Nandua’s Kyle Sosnowski was third. Sosnowski fell to Vasquez in the second round by a major decision of 13-2.

Firebird Ronaldo-Lopez Mendez placed fifth in the 113-pound weight bracket and Warrior Dylan Ross finished seventh.

Marvin Gomez of Arcadia would take the fourth-place spot in the 120-pound weight bracket, and Nandua’s Julio Vasquez earned a sixth-place finish.

Emmanuel Zuniga earned fourth at 126 for Arcadia. Nandua’s Devon Niles brought home a fourth placing in the 132 bracket, and Arcadia’s Beto Perez finished behind him in fifth.

In the 138 bracket, Cameron Mears represented Nandua on the podium in fourth, and Arcadia’s Trevor Barnes took home fifth place.

Nandua’s Jalik Davis earned a seventh-place finish in the 152-pound weight bracket.

Matthew Teasley earned a second-place finish in the 160 bracket, after falling in the final round by a tie-breaker against Laurel’s Jamir Townsend, 12-10. Arcadia’s Logan Chance placed seventh.

Warrior Carl Bacchi finished fifth in the 170-pound weight bracket.

Arcadia’s Johnathon Miller grabbed a seventh-place finish at 182.

In the 220 bracket, Joseph Castiglia finished in third, with Arcadia’s Julian Dedicatoria placing sixth.

Nandua’s Juan Flores nabbed a third-place finish in the 285 bracket and Arcadia’s Austin Studebaker settled behind him in fourth.

The Northampton Yellow Jackets have been busy over the last few weeks, competing in the Lancaster Duels Dec. 16, and then they hosted Mathews in Eastville Dec. 18. The varsity club also participated in the Colon E. Baker Classic Dec. 28, held at Great Bridge High School.

Northampton brought home a first-place team finish at the Lancaster Duels, retiring all five teams they faced (Warwick 78-0, Essex 78-0, Lancaster 58-21, Franklin 57-24 and Northumberland 60-21).

The Yellow Jackets defeated Mathews in front of their home crowd by a 59-15 count.

Jose Terron earned a win for the Yellow Jackets at 106 over Mathew’s Josh Rodadino by a decision of 10-6.

Mathews took 113 by forfeit and Northampton’s Myles Lewis came out on top over Haden Higginbotham by a fall time of 41 seconds.

Caleb Sadler of Mathews got the upper hand over Northampton’s Brandon Odom in the 126 battle by pin of 1:57.

Mathews would also take the 132 match over Devon Johnson by an 11-10 decision.

Yellow Jacket Trenton Johnson pinned his Mathew opponent, Dayton Whiting, in two minutes and 28 seconds to win the 138 weight class.

Cody Goller claimed another W for Northampton at 145 by a major decision, 14-3, over O’hygie Johnson.

Sean Patrick Marsh and Trip Wescoat each took forfeits for Northampton at 152 and 160, respectively.

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Northampton’s Gary Peart III earned a win by major decision, 14-3, over Mathew’s Jacob Dalton at 170.

Jaquan Johnson pinned his Mathew’s rival, Carlos Vicente, in four minutes and 42 seconds to earn another win for the Yellow Jackets in the 182 weight class.

Yellow Jacket Durell Robinson defeated Fredrick West by a fall time of one minute at 195, and teammates Masen Ingram and Tyrone Cephas took forfeits in their respective weight classes to round out the day.

The Yellow Jackets wrestled in the Colon E. Baker Classic over the holiday break, alongside Grassfield, Lee-Davis, Great Bridge, Frank W. Cox, Princess Anne, Ocean Lakes, Salem, Nansemond River, Turner Ashby, Kempsville and Fluvanna County. The team finished 10th with an overall score of 97.5 points.

Individually, Terron finished 10th in the 106 bracket.

In the 113 weight class, Kevin Perez placed eighth.

Lewis took sixth place overall in the 120 weight class.

Odom earned seventh at 126 and Devon Johnson was eighth overall at 132.

Trenton Johnson grabbed a 10th place finish in the 138 bracket.

Goller and Marsh each placed seventh in the 145 and 152 weight classes, respectively.

Joe Curry also competed in the 152 bracket and placed 11th.

Peart grabbed a fifth-place finish at in the 160 weight.

Jaquan Johnson earned the highest placing for the Yellow Jackets of the day, earning third in the 182 bracket.

Robinson placed fourth overall at 195 for Northampton, and teammate Ingram also nabbed a fourth-place finish in the 220 weight bracket.

The Yellow Jackets will host their annual Fred Diem/Scott Miles Round Robin Tournament Jan. 12 and 13, in Eastville, and will welcome 9 teams, including Nandua, Arcadia, Bayside, Cape Henry, Green Run, Henrico, Lancaster, Matoaca and Pennisula Catholic.

Senior Vikings Selected for All-Metro Conference

Broadwater Vikings seniors Olivia Kellam, setter, (L), and Anna Sexauer, outside hitter, (R), were selected in November for the All Metro Conference volleyball team.

Photo by Jennifer Ingram

Northampton’s Sean Patrick Marsh wrestles his Franklin opponent during the Lancaster Duels, Dec. 16.

Photo by Jennifer Ingram

Cody Goller attempts to pin Mathew’s O’hygie Johnson on Dec. 18, during Northampton’s home match against Mathews.
Shore Basketball Action

By Krystle Bono

The Northampton Yellow Jackets boys varsity team hit the road to Surry High School to battle the Sussex Central Tigers Dec. 26, where the Yellow Jackets dropped a 77-58 loss to the Tigers.

Vonte Coston led Northampton’s point count, netting 23 total. Sheldon Payne hooped 10 and Tamaze Brisco scored seven points.

Jerron Jenkins grabbed the most rebounds for the Yellow Jackets, totaling 11. Brisco rebounded five and assisted three.

Northampton faced the Surry County Cougars Dec. 27, for another road tilt. The Cougars defeated the Yellow Jackets, 78-44.

Coston would throw the most points again for Northampton with 17. Devin Hill potted nine points and Payne and Jenkins totaled eight apiece.

Jenkins rebounded the team high with seven and Brisco grabbed six.

The Nandua Warriors boys varsity participated in the Governor’s Challenge holiday tournament at the Wicomico Youth and Civic Center and surrounding high schools in Salisbury, which ran Dec. 26 – 30, and hosted a slew of 120 teams.

Nandua faced Carver Vo-Tech Dec. 26, and fell 68-46 to the Bears.

Jaylen Smith led the Warriors on the scoreboard, posting 22 points. Johnson and Stamps each tossed 10 points apiece.

The rebounds and steal count were also led by Smith, who notched six and five, respectively.

Nandua’s JV boys basketball squad also competed in the Governor’s Challenge holiday break. The junior Warriors earned a win over Bennet, 56-44, on Dec. 28, to begin their tournament run.

JaWan Needam had the most rebounds with seven and Brisco grabbed six.

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A Sho-Nuf Catch

Junior angler Gregory Lessard caught this citation rock last Friday with Sho-Nuf Sportfishing/Charters.
The Eastern Shore of Virginia Anglers Club will hold its monthly meeting Jan. 8, in the conference room of the Sage Restaurant in Onley. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m., and will feature a presentation by author C. L. Marshall.

A native of Saxis, Marshall is the former sports editor of the Eastern Shore News and Mid-Atlantic Fisherman, and the author of several books, including “Chesapeake Bay Duck Hunting Tales” and “Hunting & Fishing the Chesapeake.” Marshall’s presentation will focus on local fishing and hunting.

The public is invited to attend, and new or prospective members are also welcome. For more information, visit www.esanglersclub.org
Cape Charles
The Town of Cape Charles will host the 26th Annual Epiphany Party and Auction, held at the Cape Charles Volunteer Fire Station, on Saturday, Jan. 13, at 6:30 p.m. Bring your least favorite, but highly desirable, Christmas gift to be auctioned, and an appetizer, beverage or dessert to share. Chili will be served. The proceeds from this auction will benefit Citizens for Central Park and the Wounded Warriors. For more information, contact Chris Bannon at 757-331-2206.

Cheriton
The Cheriton Volunteer Fire Company will host a Flapjack Dinner at the fire station, on Wednesday, Jan. 10, from 5 to 7 p.m. The all-you-can-eat menu includes pancakes, scrambled eggs, sage sausage, baked apples, and a drink. The cost is $9 for adults, $5 for kids under 12, and $8 for take-out boxes.

Chincoteague
The Chincoteague Center will host a ServSafe Food Safety Training and Certification Course, on Saturday, Jan. 27, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The course is $250 per person and includes course, textbook and exam. Virginia Food Regulations requires food establishments, including temporary sites, to have at least one employee with supervisory and management responsibility and who is a Certified Food Protection Manager, by July 1, 2018. If you have questions as to whether your festival or event will require this certification, contact the Accomack County Health Department at 757-787-5886. For more information, contact Thomas Johnson at 757-789-1752, by Jan. 3.

Princess Anne, Md.
The University of Maryland Eastern Shore will host a Year-Round Grazing Workshop, on Jan. 25 and 27. Registration is $20 and includes a boxed lunch. Registration is mandatory. Call 410-651-6210, for more information.

MLK Jr. Celebration
The Accomack County branch of the NAACP will celebrate Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s birthday on Monday, Jan. 15, at 10 a.m., with service at Macedonia A.M.E. Church in Accomac, with Rev. Andre Jefferson Jr. as the guest speaker. The service will be followed by the traditional march to the courthouse steps where Samuel H. Cooper Jr., Accomack circuit court clerk, will give remarks. The celebration will conclude with a youth and young adults program, at 1 p.m., at the Mary N. Smith Cultural Enrichment Center. For more information, call 757-709-3753 or email naacpacck7041@gmail.com
### Friday Jan. 5
- **noon & 5:30 p.m. - AA mtg.** - United Methodist Church, 75 Market St., Onancock
  - **5-8 p.m. - Station 1 Pizza Night** - 4264 Firehouse St., New Church - $12/pizza, $1/additional topping (sausage and pepperoni), drive-through and tables
- **6 p.m. - Celebrate Recovery Group mtg.** - Onancock Baptist Church
- **7 p.m. - Life Teach Series - Rachel/Leah** - Covenant Ministries Center - 757-787-2486
- **7 p.m. - AA mtg.** - Christ Episcopal Church, Eastville
- **7:30 p.m. - Bingo** - Exmore Moose Lodge, Belle Haven
- **7:30 p.m. - AA mtg.** - Downing’s UMC, Oak Hall

### Saturday Jan. 6
- **9 a.m.-noon - Family Library Day** - Pocomoke Library
- **9:30 a.m. - E.S. Women’s Cancer Support Group mtg.** - Sage Diner, Onley - 787-3982
- **noon & 7:30 p.m. - AA mtg.** - Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 66 Market St., Onancock
- **7:30 p.m. - Bingo** - Eastville Vol. Fire Co.

### Monday Jan. 8
- **4-5 p.m. - Alzheimer’s Caregivers’ Support Group** - E.S. Physicians & Surgeons, medical library, 9524 Hospital Ave., Nassawadox - 302-2128 (Melissa Glennon)
- **5-6 p.m. - Al-Anon mtg.** - Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Onancock
- **5:15 p.m. - Friends of Northampton Memorial Library mtg.** - library, Cape Charles
- **6 p.m. - Bingo** - Elk’s Lodge, Tasley
- **6:30 p.m. - Cub Scout Pack 300 mtg.** - Grace UMC, Parksley
- **6:30-8:30 p.m. - Free English for Speakers of Other Languages** - Metompkin Elementary School, Parksley - 757-789-1761
- **7 p.m. - Multiple Sclerosis Support Group** - Hampton Inn & Suites, 4129 Lankford Hwy., Exmore - 442-7722
- **7 p.m. - AA mtg.** - Rock Church, Onley
- **7 p.m. - AA mtg.** - Christ Episcopal Church, Eastville

### Tuesday Jan. 9
- **9 a.m. - Al-Anon mtg.** - Refuge Inn, Chincoteague
- **10 a.m. - Zumba** - Franktown UMC
- **10 a.m. - E.S. Community Services Board mtg.** - E.S. Behavioral Healthcare Center, 19056 Greenbush Rd., Parksley
- **10:30 a.m. - Story Time: All Things Water** - Pocomoke Library
- **11 a.m. - Duplicate Bridge** - Fairgrounds, Onancock - 757-787-2432
- **11 a.m. - E.S. Public Library Board of Trustees’ mtg.** - main library, children’s room, 23610 Front St., Accomac
- **11:30 a.m. - Riverside Shore Hospice Grief Support Group mtg.** - Chincoteague UMC - 789-5000
- **11:30 a.m. - Free Meals for the Hungry** - Sage Diner, Onley - 787-2059
- **11 a.m. - United Methodist Church, 75 Market St., Onancock**
- **11 a.m. - Prayer Time** - Downing’s UMC, Oak Hall
- **11 a.m. - Waste Watchers’ mtg.** - Chamber of Commerce, Melfa
- **11 a.m.-1 p.m. - Soup Kitchen** - Corner Stone Seventh Day Adventist Church, 3431 Main St., Exmore
- **noon - AA mtg.** - United Methodist Church, 75 Market St., Onancock
- **5 p.m. - E.S. Soil & Water Conservation District Board mtg.** - USDA Service Center, 22545 Center Pkwy., Accomac
- **5-7 p.m. - Soup Kitchen & Clothes Closet** - Grace and Truth Ministries, 19 Boundary Ave., Onancock – Donations: 757-789-5369
- **5:30-6:30 p.m. - Free Meals for the Hungry** - Epworth UMC, Exmore - 757-442-6391
- **6 p.m. - AA mtg.** - Downing’s UMC, 7291 Lankford Hwy., Oak Hall
- **6-7 p.m. - Prayer Line Open (St. Matthew’s Church, Onley)** - Call 665-7403, 387-7021 or 894-1521 w/prayer requests
- **6:30-8:30 p.m. - Free English for Speakers of Other Languages** - Metompkin Elementary School, Parksley - 757-789-1761
- **7 p.m. - Drinking Liberally mtg.** - Charlotte Hotel, 7 North St., Onancock
- **7 p.m. - AA & Al-Anon. mtgs.** - Franktown UMC
- **7:30 p.m. - Bingo** - Painter VFC

### Wednesday Jan. 10
- **7:45 a.m. - Kiwanis Club of Accomack County mtg.** - Sage Diner, Onley
- **9 a.m.-1 p.m. - Veterans’ Employment Representative** - Northampton Cty. Dept. of Social Services - no appt. needed
- **10 a.m. - TOPS mtg.** - Market St. UMC, Onancock - 757-787-4718
- **10:30-11:30 a.m. - Overeaters Anon. mtg.** - Rock Church, Onley - 757-655-4834
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### Thursday Jan. 11
- **10:30 a.m. - Story Time** - Cape Charles Memorial Library (babies & toddlers downstairs/preschoolers upstairs)
- **10:30 a.m. - Children’s Story Hour** - library, Accomac
- **1 p.m. - Screen Painting** - Pocomoke Library
- **5:30 p.m. - Shore Losers mtg.** - Drummondtown Baptist Church, Accomac - $1/wk.
- **5:30 p.m. - TOPS VA-550 mtg.** - Zion Baptist Church, Parksley - 757-787-7099
- **6-8:30 p.m. - GED Class** - ESCC, Class A-51, Melfa
- **6:30 p.m. - AA mtg.** - Trinity UMC, 109 Plum St., Cape Charles
- **7:30 p.m. - Order of the Eastern Star (Acc. Chap. #62) mtg.** - Masonic Lodge, Chincoteague
- **7:30 p.m. - Bingo** - Cheriton VFC - smoke free

### Saturday Jan. 6
- **8 a.m. - UMM Breakfast** - Craddockville UMC
- **9:30 a.m. - AA mtg.** - Historic Cokesbury Church, 13 Market St., Onancock
- **2 p.m. - Bingo** - FVW Post 2296, Tasley
- **4 p.m. - Methodist District Conference mtg.** - Nandua High School, Onley
- **7:30 p.m. - AA mtg.** - Christ UMC, 6253 Church St., Chincoteague

### Sunday Jan. 7
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Help Wanted

Community caretaker wanted for a gated community on Folly Creek in Accomac. Position requires a mature, trustworthy individual with good customer service and communications skills. Ability to perform maintenance and repair chores on community facilities is required. Ability to solicit proposals, make recommendations and monitor performance of community contractors and vendors is a must. Position requires ability to operate community water taxi as required. Comfortable living accommodations are provided on site. Salary negotiable. Please email resumes or statements of qualifications to SEAVIEWPOA@gmail.com. Resumes will be accepted through noon on January 31, 2018.

Property Manager: Peter Cartwright Apartments

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An application can be obtained at the EMS Office or on the Northampton County EMS website (http://northamptonems.org/news.html?view=1&id=1378). Completed application form, cover letter, copies of current certifications, and copy of DMV driving record can be submitted to the Department of EMS, PO BOX 235 Eastville, Va. 23347, no later than January 13, 2018. Northampton County is an EOE.

Help Wanted

HELP WANTED: Manager and front desk staff for drop off/pick up dry cleaner in Onley. Please call 757-740-9022 for interview. HVAC SHEET METAL MECHANIC WANTED: Hand tools necessary. Min. 2 years experience. Call Pat at 757-442-4428.

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HELP WANTED: Individuals who have roofing experience and general laborers needed on renovation site. Please call for interview. 877-503-2728.

NEEDED: VIRGINIA INSPECTOR/Mechanic Top dollar for individual with state inspectors license. Contact Ross Kool at Kool Ford 757-787-1209.

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

- Payroll Administrator
- Senior Clinician/Clinician
- Developmental Disabilities Aide (PCAs & CNAs welcome)
- Substance Abuse Outpatient Clinician (CSAC required)
- Part-time Driver
- Mental Health Skill-Building Specialist
- Residential Supervisor
- Mental Health Facility Technician

For more information or to apply, please visit the ESCSB’s website at www.escsb.org. ESCSB is an EOE.
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**'99 23-FT. SEA ERA $12,500 - 260 Maximum 2600 SCR twin 4.3L V6 engines. Exc. cond. w/recent maintenance records. Many extras. $16K OBO. Call 540-287-5047.**

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PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to the Code of Virginia Section 15.2-2507, the Northampton County Board of Supervisors will hear public comments on the following proposed amendment to its Fiscal Year 2018 County Budget on Tuesday, January 9, 2018, at 7:00 p.m., in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, 16404 Courthouse Road, Eastville, Virginia.

The proposed amendment is a request from the Northampton County School Board for an increase of $597,103.00, in order to appropriate the balances remaining in the Federal awards listed below after all Fiscal Year 2017 reimbursements were processed:

Account Description Remaining Funds
Title I, Part A (Basic Programs) $253,997.00
Title I, Part C (Migrant) $251,204.00
Title VI-B, Special Education (Sec. 619) $16,417.00
Learn2-Succeed CIG $19,904.00
Title VI-B Sped Pk (Sec. 619) $16,819.00
Title VI-B Rural and Low Income Schools $23,340.00
Title III, Part A (Language Acquisition) $7,892.00
Title II, Part A (Teacher Quality) $597,103.00

Persons interested in this matter should attend the public hearing in order to express their views.

Handicapped assistance available: 757-678-0440.

Charles Kolakowski
County Administrator

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE’S SALE OF
20639 Bayside Rd., Onancock, Virginia 23417
(Accomack County)

In execution of a deed of trust, from PAUL POULSON, dated September 5, 2001, in the principal amount of $43,531.65, recorded in the Clerk’s Office of the County of Accomack, Virginia, in Deed Book 2001, at Page 21036, (Seth E. Twery, P.C. having been appointed Substitute Trustee, by Appointment of Substitute Trustee dated October 5, 2017 of record in said Clerk’s Office as Instrument Number 170004387), due to default in payment of the debt secured, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in front of the Courthouse for the Circuit Court of Accomack County, Virginia on the 11th day of January, 2018, at 12:00 noon that certain tract of real estate known as 20639 Bayside Rd., Onancock, Virginia 23417 situated in the County of Accomack, Virginia, being more particularly described as follows:

All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in White Rabbit, near Onancock, Lee Magisterial District, Accomack County, Virginia, containing one half acre (1/2A.) more or less, and bounded as following on the North, by land of the heirs of Major Poulsdon, Sr., on the East, by land of the Chesapeake Corporation, on the south by land of Rosetta Poulsdon, and on the West by Virginia State Highway No. 658; together with all the buildings, rights, privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging, or anywise appertaining.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Northampton County Wetlands Board will meet Wednesday, January 17, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. in the Board Chambers located at 16404 Courthouse Road in Eastville, VA, for the purpose of considering the following wetlands/coastal primary sand dunes matters under public hearing and to conduct regular business. The Board will assemble at 9:00 am to conduct site visits.

A.) VMRC 2017-2103: H.M. Terry Company Inc. is applying to construct a new replacement bulkhead two feet channelward of the existing steel sheet structure that was installed in the 1990s. The new bulkhead will be heavy grade vinyl sheathing accompanied by 10” butt- pile marine treated wood pilings, approximately 50 pilings. Both the sheathing and the pilings will be vibrated in place from the upland. Pilings will be placed on 7-8’ centers. A total of 339 linear feet of bulkhead will be installed, return wall80 included; 60 feet of the bulkheading will be a new install, 279 feet will be replacement in front of an existing structure. Flooding on regular and light storm tide occurs regularly at this seafood shucking and packing facility. No trees will need to be removed for this install.

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

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Despite all those efforts, the “season” comes and someone you know brings you a precious gift.

I’m not writing about those Christmas presents you recently received or the valentines you might get next month. This malady starts with a scratchy throat and ends with the sneezing, runny nose and headache that will drag you to the ground. It’s the only way some people know to get rid of the blight. They must pass it on. UGH!

The traditional theory is a cold can be caught by prolonged exposure to low temperatures and rainy damp days or nights. That’s how “a cold” got its name, according to various websites.

But really, I say, the easiest way to get the virus is to live or work with someone who never washes their hands and then touches everything. It is disgusting. So to truly combat and protect yourself, you must spray or wipe off everything over and over and over again. From the knobs of the kitchen cabinets to refrigerator handles to light switches, door knobs and faucets. UGH.

And telephones are the worst things to carry germs. Don’t talk on or even touch other people’s telephones or cell phones. Still, while you are battling as hard as you possibly can to hold off the evil germs that are spreading when a sick person doesn’t cover their mouth (or coughs into their hand and then decides to touch everything on your desk), a tiny droplet of ick can come along and ruin a perfectly good couple of weeks.

It isn’t uncommon for healthy Americans to get a cold between 4 and 6 times a year. That seems unreal to me. The World Wide Web repeatedly reports this. Schools are the incubators as the students, especially when their parents and guardians aren’t around, don’t wear their gloves or hats, wear their coats wide open instead of buttoning or zipping them and get within the prescribed bubble of other people’s space. It is a germaphobe’s nightmare.

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Thanks and have a healthy 2018.

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David Boyd
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The geography of the Eastern Shore of Virginia is unique. Indeed, out of 1,310 square miles known as Accomack County, only 450 of that is land, with 65 percent of that water. West of the U.S. Route 13 corridor, much of the groundwater in the shallow aquifer is anywhere from 0-12 inches below the surface. Rainfall is going to either drain into the Chesapeake Bay, the Atlantic seashore, or our “sole source” drinking water supply. That means that when it is depleted or contaminated, there is no other source to supply our critically necessary and life-sustaining resource.

If 250 industrial houses are permitted and built (conservatively) it is estimated that the withdrawal of groundwater from our deeper aquifer could exceed 147 million gallons per year. Other estimates are the manure generated from just this limited number of houses could reach or exceed 58,000 tons per year — manure which could contain nitrates, phosphates and possibly antibiotics, pharmaceuticals and other toxins. It is worth noting that Mountaire on the Delmarva peninsula has just agreed to drill new wells for 88 residents because the groundwater there has been contaminat-
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