By Linda Cicoira

The property and buildings at Arcadia Nursing Home and Quail Run Assisted Living in Gargatha are still for sale, but its license is now owned by Smith-Packett, the same company that recently bought Shore Rehab in Parksley when Riverside was going to close it last year.

With the change, the Gargatha home is scheduled to close March 5, leaving 66 people homeless and 80 without employment.

“We’re very, very sorry to hear it,” manager Lisa Nottingham said Thursday. “We took in a lot of the residents that didn’t have family and we love ‘em and now we’re going to have to ship them off. Most of them will wind up across the Bay. Working with Maryland is a process … to get their Medicaid certified.”

“We are looking for beds,” Nottingham continued, “doing our best to concentrate on the residents.” As for the workers, “They’re sticking it out until the end because they’ve been with these residents so long. They feel a professional obligation. We’re fam-

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By Stefanie Jackson

David Annis, the Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission’s director of housing development, retired from his post Jan. 5, leaving behind a 32-year career and an 850-housing-unit, $56 million legacy.

An Eastern Shore native, Annis worked as a contractor before accepting an administrative position at A-NPDC around 1985 to manage construction projects. The Eastern Shore had recently received its first community development block grant, totaling $794,489 to rehabilitate 41 units of the Whitesville housing project in Parksley.

During Annis’s 32 years with A-NPDC, he obtained grants for community development, including building or rehabilitating single and multi-family housing units and water and sewer systems in both Accomack and Northampton counties. He provided oversight and management for 151 rental units in Parksley, Onancock, Belle Haven, Exmore, Cheriton, and Cape Charles.

Annis’ more recent accomplishments include acquiring $1,380,000 in 2005 to rehab Onancock Square, $7,387,336 in 2005 for Accomack Manor Apartments in Parksley, and $4,172,070 in 2007 for Crispus Attucks Apartments in Exmore.

He obtained $5,145,584 in 2012 to build and rehab new and existing units at Mill Run in Belle Haven, $3,745,445 in 2013 to acquire and rehab 34 units at William Hughes Apartments in Cape Charles, $1,277,000 in 2013 for Metompkin community improvements, and many more millions of dollars for innumerable community development projects during his career spanning over three decades.

Annis was also behind the acquisition of $1,495,000 for Tangier Health Clinic in 2009 and $700,000 for Eastern Shore Rural Health’s new Eastville health center in 2017.

The project closest to Annis’ heart is the Makemie Park “self-help” project. In 1998, $650,000 was granted for this community near Sanford which did not have indoor plumbing. Annis recalled a two-mile stretch of road where each house had a single pipe running to a ditch to dispose sewage. The families were unable to obtain health department permits to install septic systems, due to unsuitable soil conditions. The community needed its own sewer system.

The $650,000 “self-help” grant paid for materials, but left the cost of labor to families. The community took on the task of performing the labor themselves, with five or six people showing up every Saturday morning from 2002 to 2006 to dig the 2.5 miles of trenches on both sides of the road for the sewer line, Annis remembered. When it was completed, Makemie Park residents could make the claim of having dug, at that time, the largest sewer system in the state. There are 27 families connected to the Makemie Park sewer system today, Annis said.

His job has become more complex over the years. The community development block grant program has changed, with fewer federal funds available and state priorities leaning more towards economic development than community development, Annis said.

Housing and Urban Development (HUD) used to completely fund housing projects, Annis continued. Now, building one apartment complex requires four or five sources of funds, from federal, low-income tax credits to grants and loans. The job has been “challenging but interesting.”

It has also been rewarding. “I enjoy this work,” Annis said. “We did a lot of good things,” like providing “indoor plumbing for the first time … to generations of people. … It’s important for children to grow up in houses that have water, sewer, heat…” Annis concluded, “The impact on folks on the Shore” will “last a lifetime.”

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David Annis at his desk, from which he has managed millions of dollars in housing grants.
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Murray Retains Chairmanship

By Stefanie Jackson

Northampton supervisors elected their chairman and vice chairman for 2018. Chairman Spencer Murray won another term in a 3-2 vote. Supervisor Robert Duer nominated Supervisor Oliver Bennett, while Supervisor John Coker nominated Murray for re-election. Bennett said he was “disappointed” in the decision and believed Murray had previously agreed to allow him a turn as chairman, in support of his agenda: “old folks, little children, those who may not have, education, and families.” Murray said he did not recall making any such agreement, because it would have been unfair to other supervisors, but thanked Bennett for his comments.

Supervisor David Fauber nominated Coker for vice chairman, who was unopposed and won with four votes; Bennett abstained.

The board is still working jointly with the county’s planning commission to revise a zoning ordinance to allow a recreational pond at Cherrystone Campground, where the Chesapeake Bay beachfront is eroding.

On Dec. 12, supervisors passed a motion to add “ponds” as an accessory use for campgrounds within the zoning ordinance. Susan McGhee, director of the Department of Planning and Zoning, was present Jan. 9 to share the planning commission’s request to add the word “recreational” before “ponds” in the text. The commission also wants to move “campground” within the ordinance from category 6, for recreational use, to category 2, for commercial use.

Both new supervisors raised concerns about the zoning ordinance, including Fauber’s request to the planning commission to provide a definition of “recreational ponds,” and Coker’s emphasis on requiring special use permits for non-conforming uses.

Former supervisor Granville Hogg, who abstained from the Dec. 12 vote on the zoning ordinance due to a personal association with the campground, added his two cents during the public comment period. He briefly described Cherrystone’s history, dating back to about 1965, and its beginnings as a rustic campground. Since then, the campground has added multiple accessory buildings, including a general store, restaurant, and bakery.

Hogg suggested that as the campground has “evolved over time,” its “business model” has changed, and questioned whether it is still appropriate for this “commercial enterprise” to be categorized as an existing business as defined by the current zoning ordinance. He asked supervisors to consider whether it is necessary to redefine “campground” within the ordinance or if Cherrystone Campground’s business should be re-categorized.

Supervisors said they will continue to review the matter. Coker said while he supports Cherrystone Campground, he does not want supervisors to unintentionally create any loopholes in the zoning ordinance for other businesses to exploit.

Finance Director John Chandler proposed three budget amendments to accept the following funds: a $25 donation to the DARE program, a $3,625 insurance reimbursement for a wind-damaged sign on the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel, and a $2,342 insurance reimbursement for damage to a sheriff’s vehicle.

Chandler proposed one budget amendment of $2,531 to pay Northampton’s share of the cost to replace a boiler at the Eastern Shore Public Library. He advised supervisors that if insurance covered the boiler replacement, Northampton’s actual cost would be one-tenth the proposed amount, or about $253.

Accomack pays 75 percent of the regional library’s operating costs, while Northampton covers the remaining 25 percent. Murray asked Chandler if those figures would be renegotiated following the construction of the library’s new $5 million facility in Parksley.

Supervisors retroactively adopted a resolution declaring a countywide state of emergency due to the winter storm that arrived last week. Murray extended personal thanks to all farmers and heavy equipment operators who freely offered their assistance to clear snow from the regional jail’s parking lot and about half of Northampton’s convenience centers, as well as other areas throughout the county.

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Blizzard Brings Life to Standstill, Sets Weather Records

By Stefanie Jackson

New Year 2018 started not with a bang, but a bomb — a “bomb cyclone” — that hit the Eastern Shore and the entire east coast with record low temperatures, snow, wind gusts and snowdrifts, trapping residents in their homes and shutting down Accomack and Northampton schools and businesses for days. A “bomb cyclone” is so named because it develops very quickly - or explosively - meaning central storm pressure drops at a rate of at least one “millibar” per hour for 24 hours. (A millibar is a unit of air pressure as measured by a barometer.) This type of cold-weather storm is commonly called a nor’easter on the Shore. While a cyclone does not produce sustained winds like a hurricane, it can be quite destructive, and preceding the term with “bomb” alerts the public to the storm’s severity and potential danger. Record low temperatures and strong wind gusts helped create the perfect storm of conditions to challenge the Accomack-Northampton Electric Cooperative (ANEC) and confound the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), causing power outages and keeping roads blocked and residents stuck at home for far longer than usual following a winter snowfall.

It all began Jan. 1 when Wallops Island reported a low of 14 degrees, tying the record set for that day in 1994. It got even colder Jan. 2, when the temperature dropped to 12 degrees, beating the record low of 18 degrees set on that date in 1969. Yet another record was slashed Wednesday, Jan. 3, with Wallops’s temperature dipping to 10 degrees; five degrees lower than the previous record set on that date in 1979.

Snow began falling late Wednesday night, with one inch of accumulation recorded at Wallops by 1:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 4. Another 7.5 inches of snow fell throughout the day, bringing the total accumulation to 8.5 inches. The highest recorded snow accumulation on the Shore was 13 inches in Bloxom, reported to the National Weather Service by a trained spotter. Other reports of snow accumulation included 6.7 inches at Quinby, 7 inches at New Church, and 8 inches on Chincoteague.

Snow drifts of 3 to 4 feet were common, created by winds nearing 70 miles per hour on some parts of the Shore. The mildest storm winds reported were 34 mph in Tasley and 41 mph in Accomac. The wind picked up to 48 mph on Chincoteague and 49 mph at Wallops Island. Further south, winds increased to 53 mph in Wachapreague, 54 mph in Melfa, and 63 mph in Onancock. Wind speeds of 64 mph and 66 mph were reported at Kiptopeke State Park and Silver Beach, respectively. Gusts were strongest at Tangier Sound Light, with recorded wind speeds up to 69 mph.

Nearly 2,270 ANEC customers experienced a power outage at 8:45 a.m., Thursday, Jan. 4, “the most members affected at one time,” according to the cooperative’s website. ANEC restored power to all but 750 customers by 11 a.m. The number of remaining outages was reduced to 100 by 2 p.m. and 70 by 6 p.m., with all out-

Northam Inauguration Tomorrow

By Linda Cicoira

The inauguration of Eastern Shore native Ralph Northam, the 73rd Governor of Virginia, will be held Saturday at the state capital with all the fanfare befitting the top office.

Governor for just a few more hours. Inauguration of the Shore.

Northam, who grew up in Onancock, will be the state’s lieutenant governor for just a few more hours. Inaugural events will begin Saturday with a prayer breakfast at 8 a.m., at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church at 815 East Grace Street. That’s a ticket event.

At the Inaugural Ceremony & Parade, passes will be required for seating only. Gates open at 9:30 a.m. at Capitol Square with the ceremony beginning at noon.

From 2 to 4 p.m., the public is invited to tour the Executive Mansion and greet the new first family.

The Inaugural Ball will kick off at 8 p.m. Saturday at Main Street Station, and the First Lady’s Brunch will be at 11 a.m. Sunday at the Grand Ballroom of the Jefferson Hotel on Franklin Street. Tickets will be required for both of those events.

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ages resolved by 9:15 p.m. Director of Operations and Construction Services Brian Charnock stated crews did “a phenomenal job restoring power to members under some harsh weather conditions,” including snow drifts on secondary roads.

VDOT’s efforts to make roads passable required crews working non-stop in 12-hour shifts before and after the snow arrived, according to Communications Manager Paula Miller. She said the Eastern Shore was one of the areas “hardest hit” by the storm. VDOT personnel from Hampton Roads and “tiger teams” from across the state - who attack a job until it’s finished - helped battle “freezing temperatures and especially blowing and drifting snow that would blow snow back onto the mainline as fast as (crews) could plow it,” Miller said. Personnel reported a snow drift taller than the blower brought in to clear it.

Maintaining passage along Route 13 was VDOT’s first priority, with crews beginning to target secondary roads by the weekend. But continued freezing temperatures proved challenging. “Usually, we get snow and it melts quickly,” Miller said. “This was ... unusual.”

Friday, Jan. 5, the low temperature of 13 degrees at Wallops Island tied the record set in 1981, and a new low of 10 degrees was set on Saturday, beating the previous record of 13 degrees in 1999. The temperature plummeted to 2 degrees Sunday, Jan. 7, obliterating the record low of 12 degrees set on that date in 2014. The thermometer finally rose above freezing Monday, Jan. 8, with a high of 40 degrees at Wallops. Both Acomack and Northampton schools were closed Thursday, Jan. 4 through Thursday, Jan. 11.

Law enforcement officers were kept busy with calls before and after the storm. From 1 a.m., Wednesday, Jan. 3, until midnight, Monday, Jan. 8, sheriff’s departments from both counties performed a total of 24 EMS or firefighter assists and seven doctor or nurse transports. They responded to 11 domestic disputes, six non-domestic disputes, five incidents of shots fired, five thefts, 20 animal control complaints, and 25 general complaints. There were seven 911 hang ups. Law enforcement performed 12 welfare checks, responded to 43 residential or business alarms and assisted at least 113 motorists. Northampton County Sheriff David Doughty said the actual number of motorists assisted was likely far higher than recorded.

The Eastern Shore Post’s Facebook page was avalanched with posts praising official personnel and Good Samaritans alike for helping keep Shore citizens safe through the unprecedented winter storm. Their expressions of thanks to one another can be found on Pages 16-19; thanks to responders can be found on Page 27.

A story on how residents kept themselves occupied during the storm and its aftermath is found on Page 25.
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Nandua High School Teacher Faces Felony Strangulation Charge

A Nandua High School teacher was charged with felony strangulation last week in connection with an incident that happened at a nightspot in Cape Charles on Christmas Eve.

Jeffrey Antonio Wayman, 39, a physical education/driver education instructor with Accomack County Public Schools for 15 years, who lives on Belle Haven Road in Belle Haven, is accused of “impeding the blood circulation of Tyler Combs without such person’s consent by knowingly, intentionally and unlawfully applying pressure to the neck of such person resulting in wounding or bodily injury.”

Wayman was also charged with assault and battery of Combs and disorderly conduct, both misdemeanors. He was arrested Jan. 3 by Sgt. Bobby Taylor of the Accomack County Sheriff’s Office. The case is being handled by Officer Andrew Spencer of the Cape Charles Police Department (CCPD).

Judge Gordon Vincent, of Northampton General District Court, set a $5,000 unsecured bond for Wayman, which was agreed upon by defense lawyer Paul Watson and Commonwealth’s Attorney Beverly Leatherbury. The bond specified that Wayman “may not leave Virginia, no excessive alcohol, no possession of firearms or other dangerous weapons, no contact with the complaining witness and good behavior.”

His job status was not disclosed at press time Thursday.

“I wish I could tell you more, but essentially at this point, I don’t know myself,” Principal George Parker said Wednesday. He was aware that “some-thing happened” but did not have the details. Parker referred questions to the school division’s central office.

Superintendent Chris Holland was also reached Wednesday by telephone. He said he was unaware of the charge and asked for the teacher’s name. “I don’t know any-thing, I have no comment,” Holland said.

Watson said he was notified by Accomac schools that a reporter was asking ques-tions about the charges. “My understanding is he has not” been put on administrative leave, Watson said. The lawyer stressed that charges had also been placed on the other man and said he would be talking to his cli-ent before saying anything else.

Wayman was charged with assault and battery of Justin Cody Bott Travis in Accomack General District Court in 2010, but the charge wasn’t prosecuted.

Combs, 21, of Seaside Road in Cape-ville, was charged with reckless han-dling of a firearm, disorderly conduct, brandishing a firearm and carrying a concealed firearm without a permit, according to Chief Jim Pruitt of CCPD. All four counts are misdemeanors. Combs is free on unspecified bond. Pruitt said both men had been drinking.

“Some words were exchanged and then the two got into a scuffle,” Pruitt said, adding, “It could have been a really bad situation. The other issue we have is nobody called and reported it,” despite that there was apparently a room full of people in attendance.

Pruitt said the incident occurred at about 1 a.m. and that his office was not alerted about it until much later. “No shots were fired,” he added.

Because the unnamed establishment also sells alcohol, an ABC agent is also “looking into it on the administrative side,” Agent Chelsea Pfeifer said.

Bloxom Man Free on Bond After Abduction Charges

A Bloxom man was freed recently on a $10,000 secured bond after being charged with abduction, according to documents filed in Accomack General District Court.

Shane Austin Taylor, 24, of Winterville Road, was charged with kidnapping Ash-lyn Bloxom on Dec. 26, 2017. He was ar-rested the next day and retained Accomac lawyer Tommy Dix to defend him. He was ordered to avoid contact with Bloxom and comply with a 10 p.m. curfew.

A preliminary hearing was sched-uled for Feb. 26, 2018. Deputy K.A. Reese of Accomack County Sheriff’s Office (ACSO) investigated.

In another case, Moroti Wale Gbad-amosi, 40, with addresses on Madison Way in Hyattsville, Md., and 10th Street in Bowie, Md., was charged with rape by force or intimidation and sexual battery for offenses that occurred on June 10, 2017. He was arrested Dec. 23, 2017.

Judge Gordon Vincent set a secured bond of $50,000 on Jan. 3. Gbadamosi was forbidden to leave the Delmarva Peninsula and ordered to surrender all passports. Pfc. C.G. Butler of the Chincoteague Police Department (CPD) in-vestigated. Catherine M. Six, a Virginia Beach lawyer, was retained to rep-reSENT him. The defendant works as a caregiver in Maryland. Records show the arresting officer “indicated he picked the accused up from Georgia.”

Calvin Nathaniel Nock Jr., 39, of Horn-town Circle in Horntown, was charged with possession of a Schedule I or II drug on Dec. 26, 2017. He was arrested the same day. Deputy Luke Arnold of ACSO investi-gated. Secured bond was set at $5,000.

Jasmine Sade Dickerson, also known as Adonis Taylor, 24, of High Road in Berlin, Conn., was accused of forging a public record on Dec. 24, 2017. She was arrested two days later. Reese investigated.

Ricky Earl Riley, 55, of Metomkin Road in Parksley, was charged with possess-ion or transportation of a firearm by a non-violent felon on Dec. 25, 2017. He was arrested that same day. A prelimi-nary hearing was set for Feb. 26, 2018. Trooper B.M. Tripp investigated. Mary-land authorities are seeking extradition for him because he didn’t show up for a traffic violation hearing. He is being held in Accomack Jail without bond.

Patrick Thomas Guzi, 56, of Ridge Road on Chincoteague, was charged with possession of PCP, also known as Phen-cyclidine, a controlled substance, on Dec. 24, 2017. He was arrested the same day. Secured bail was set at $4,000. A prelimi-nary hearing was scheduled for February.

Edward Jackson Moore, 54, of Sunny Court in Cape Charles, was charged with possession of cocaine on Dec. 14, 2017. He was arrested Dec. 15. Reese investigated. An unsecured bond was set at $5,000.

George Michael Cline, 59, of Sea Mist Drive on Chincoteague, was charged with a third offense of DUI on Dec. 30, 2017, which is a felony. A breathalyzer test showed him at .19 grams per 210 liters of breath. The legal limit is .08 grams. Court records state he “admitted to knowingly driving on a suspended operator’s license.” Cline is being held without bond. Officer David Gladding of CPD investigated.

Davery Weston Bonneville, 32, of Ce-dar Street in Pocomoke City, Md., was charged with neglect “while being a parent or guardian or person responsible for the care of a child under the age of 18” and committing “a willful act or omission in the care of such child so gross and wanton as to show a reckless disregard for human life.” The offense occurred Jan. 7, 2018. Bonneville was also charged with driv-ing with a suspended license and eluding. Trooper K.J. Johnson investigated.
Obituaries

Louis White Belote

Mr. Louis White Belote Jr., 53, a resident of Exmore, passed away Sunday, Jan. 7, 2018, at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital in Onancock. Mr. Belote was born in Nassawadox, on April 9, 1964. He was the son of the late Louis W. Belote Sr. and the late Pauline Belote Simpson. Mr. Belote was a member of Exmore Baptist Church and a graduate of Northampton High School, Class of 1983. He was an avid basketball fan, gardener, fisherman, lover of country music, and his passion was art.

He is survived by a brother, Bob L. Belote and his wife, Anne, of Eastville; a sister, Melissa A. Munguia and her husband, Armando, of Enterprise, Ala.; five nieces and nephews, Adam Belote, of Savannah, Ga., Sarah Belote, of Baltimore, Md., Timothy Belote, of Nassawadox, Ashley Munguia, of Enterprise, and Michael and his wife, Amanda, of Orlando, Fla.; and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins. He will also be greatly missed by many friends and church family. In addition to his mother and father, he was predeceased by his paternal grandparents, the late Will and Marion Belote, and maternal grandparents, the late John and Ruby Voyles.

Funeral service will be held Saturday, Jan. 13, 2018, at 2 p.m. at Doughty Funeral Home with Rev. Jonathan Carpenter officiating. To honor his request there will be no viewing. Interment will be private in Wachapreague Cemetery. Flowers will be accepted or memorials may be made to the SPCA Animal Shelter, 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.

James W. Custis

Mr. James W. Custis Sr., affectionately known as “Big Jim,” of Moyock, N.C., formerly of Onancock, was found to have passed from this world on Saturday, Jan. 6, 2018.

Mr. Custis was born on the Eastern Shore on July 14, 1941, to the late Frances Custis, and raised in conjunction with her second husband, the late Roland Custis. He is survived by his brother, Elson Custis, also of Moyock; two children, James W. Custis Jr., MD (Krissy), and Christina Lynn Custis-Thomas (Charles); three grandchildren, Ethan Alexander Custis, Oliver Manning Custis, and Christopher Custis; and two great-grandchildren, Emma Lyn Custis and Jaxon Wyatt Custis.

Mr. Custis graduated from Onancock High School and enlisted in the U.S. Army, beginning active duty on Nov. 21, 1963. He fought for the country he loved during the Vietnam War and remained in the military, proudly retiring as sergeant first class on Nov. 30, 1983, after 20 years of service. An avid hunter and outdoorsman, Mr. Custis was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Onancock Elks Lodge #1766, B.P.O.E., the American Legion, and the National Rifle Association, and a devoted fan of the Alabama Crimson Tide.

Funeral services were conducted from the chapel of the Williams-Onancock Funeral Home on Thursday, Jan. 11, 2018, with Rev. G. Wayne Parsley officiating. Interment was in the Fairview Lawn Cemetery, where he was laid to rest alongside his beloved mother and father.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Legion Post 288, P.O. Box 288, Coinjock, NC 27923.

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

Arrangements were made by the Williams-Onancock Funeral Home.

Eleanor Ames Davis

Ms. Eleanor Ames Davis, the daughter of the Hon. Levin Nock Davis and Lela Thomas Davis was born on Ames’ Ridge, in Painter, on Nov. 8, 1920. She moved with her family to Front Street, in Accomac, where she attended Accomac High School (first through 11th grades) and graduated salutatorian of the Class of 1938. Ms. Davis completed three years at the College of William & Mary, but left the college in 1941 as World War II was beginning to pursue a degree from Strayer’s Business College in Washington, D.C.

After completing a secretarial science degree at Strayer’s in 1942, Ms. Davis was hired as an executive secretary for Miller & Chevalier, a Washington, D.C., law firm founded in 1920. Miller & Chevalier is a top-ranked firm with practices in tax, litigation, international law and employee benefits. During her tenure at M&C, Ms. Davis was secretary to several of the firm’s managing and senior partners. For 47 years she commuted on buses and then, the Metro from Arlington and Falls Church to the firm’s location two blocks from the White House. Her time away from the office was spent socializing and traveling with her friends, especially a group of her William & Mary classmates from the Class of 1942. Her travels took her to more than 30 states, 10 countries, Bermuda and almost every island in the Caribbean.

Ms. Davis took great pride in her work and upon her retirement in 1990, received a special commendation by the lawyers of Miller & Chevalier, including a special letter from then-President George H. W. Bush, for her years of excellent and devoted service.

Ms. Davis retired back to her family home in Accomac and enjoyed her many lifelong Eastern Shore friends and family members. She was a lifelong member of Drummondtown United Methodist Church, a founding member of Eastern Shore Yacht & Country Club, and a founding member of the Eastern Shore of Virginia Historical Society.

She is predeceased by her parents; her brother, L. Franklin Davis; and sister-in-law, Ann Powell Davis. She is survived by her three nieces, Margaret Davis Shields (husband, Wright), of New Bern, N.C., Ann Davis Mewborn (husband, Scott), of Richmond, and Mary Anthony Davis, of Richmond; three great-nieces, Claire Shields Sugg (husband, Adam), of Atlanta, Ga., Gray Renn Mewborn, and Emma Page Custis Mewborn, both of Richmond; and two great-nephews, Ray Jacob Shields, of Falls Church, and Liam Powell Davis-Vojta, of Richmond; as well as many Ames and Davis Family cousins.

A Celebration of Life service will be held on Monday, Jan. 15, 2018, at 11 a.m. at Drummondtown United Methodist Church, and burial will follow at the Fairview Lawn Cemetery in Onancock. The family will receive friends and family at Sycamore Bend, Onancock, immediately following the burial service.

Memorial donations may be made to Drummondtown United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 267, Accomac, VA 23301, or to the William & Mary Alumni Association, P.O. Box 2100, Williamsburg, VA 23187-0210, or www.giving.wm.edu

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

Arrangements were made by the Williams-Onancock Funeral Home.

Joseph Paige Doughty

Mr. Joseph Paige Doughty, 69, a resident of Norfolk, passed away Sunday, Jan. 7, 2018, at DePaul Medical Center in...
Mr. John Anthony Nekunas, 76, husband of Lenora Nekunas and a resident of Parksley, passed away Friday, Jan. 5, 2018, with his loving family at his side.

Born March 14, 1941, in Queens, N.Y., he was the son of the late Anthony George Nekunas and Adele Karazia Nekunas. Following high school, Mr. Nekunas joined the U.S. Coast Guard where he served his country for 15 years, mastering his trade as an electrician and adopted the nickname, “Nick.” Though his service ended, Mr. Nekunas continued to do what he loved, serving his community as a dependable electrician and as charter boat captain of the “Kelly Marie,” running fishing charters out of Quinby and Onancock. Raised Catholic, Mr. Nekunas was a longtime member of Saint Peter the Apostle Catholic Church. He was a devoted and loving husband and father; and he especially adored his grandchildren and attending their sporting events, perhaps as much as he loved fishing. Mr. Nekunas’ presence will be greatly missed by loved ones, and his memory forever cherished.

In addition to his wife of 53 years, Mr. Nekunas is survived by his daughter, Kelly Nekunas Saunders and husband, Worth; and grandchildren, Turner and Saylor, all of Parksley; nephews, Joe Balchunas and wife, Bree, and John Balchunas and wife, Jennifer; and great-nieces, Ellie and Katie, all of Florida; and many cousins and extended family members in New York. Other than his parents, he was predeceased by his sister, Marie Nekunas Balchunas and her husband, Joseph.

Funeral services will be conducted from the chapel of the Williams-Parksley Funeral Home on Sunday, Jan. 14, 2018, at 2 p.m., with Father Rogelio L. Abadano and Rev. Andy Cobb officiating. Interment, with military honors, will follow in the Parkesky Cemetery. There will be a visitation at the funeral home on Saturday, Jan. 13, 2018, from 5 until 8 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made in Mr. Nekunas’ honor to St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church, P.O. Box 860, Onley, VA 23418.

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

Arrangements were made by the Williams-Parksley Funeral Home.

Ms. Joan Arline Farrell

Ms. Joan Arline Farrell, 84, of Chincoteague Island, passed away on Jan. 4, 2018, at her residence.

She was born in Rockville Centre, N.Y., on Aug. 27, 1933, to the late Frank Rissmann and Dorothy (Yonkers) Carlough.

She was a member of the 3Cs of Saint Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church. Ms. Farrell is survived by her daughter, Jill Candusso and her husband, Tom, of Yorktown; two sons, Patrick Farrell, of Philadelphia, Michael Francis Farrell, of Chincoteague; granddaughter, Jenna Candusso, of Chicago; grandson, Matthew Candusso, of Yorktown; brother, Frank and his wife, Marcelle Rissmann Jr., of Islip Terrace, N.Y.; four half-brothers, Russell Carlough, of Long Island, N.Y., Robert Carlough, of Boca Raton, Fla., Roger and his wife, Patricia Carlough, of Hamilton, N.J., Kenneth Rissman and his wife, Kathy, of Byron, Ga.; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held on Saturday, Jan. 13, 2018, at 3 p.m. at the Saint Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church on Chincoteague, with Father Michael Imperial officiating.

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

Marie Martha Johnson

Mrs. Marie Martha Johnson, 91, of Greenbush, wife of the late Albert Clifton Johnson Jr., passed away on Jan. 2, 2018, at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital in Onley.

Born on March 15, 1926, in Philadelphia, Pa., she was the daughter of the late Johann Widenbauer and Katharina Pfeiffer Widenbauer. Mrs. Johnson was a homemaker and was devoted to her husband, children and church. She enjoyed cooking, attending the North Street Playhouse and talking with her sister, Teresa Rogosky, and her best friend, Ruth Harold.

Mrs. Johnson is survived by eight children, Greg Johnson and wife, Louise, and his stepchildren, Kelly Charis and Vernon Parks; Kris Johnson; Anita Johnson and husband, Greg Hart, and their children, John Hart and Katie Hart; Paul Johnson and his wife, Linda, and their children, Danielle and Jessica; Karl Johnson and his wife, Claudia, and their children, Matthew and Curtis; Jeremy Johnson; Suzanne Johnson; Andrea Johnson Derby and her daughter, Carly Broyles and her husband, Sam; two great grandchildren, George and Ivan Broyles; and a sister, Teresa Rogosky.

She was preceded in death by five siblings: Martha, Julianna, Ann, Ottilia and John.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Jan. 9 from St. Peter’s Catholic Church in Onley, with Father Rogelio L. Abadano officiating. Interment followed in the Parkesky Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church, P.O. Box 860, Onley, VA 23418.

Arrangements were made by the Thornton Funeral Home in Parksley.

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

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The Eastern Shore Post invited readers to thank those who helped them during last week’s storm. It’s evident from the next few pages that the “Blizzard of 2018” will be remembered not only for its severity, but for unselfish way Eastern Shore residents looked out for one another.

Tracy Somers: For the last two days, Eli Somers has worked clearing steps and walkways and driveways. He made about $80. We took him to Walmart to buy something. He decided to get a new bike. Left it at the service desk until we were done shopping. After we returned to get it, it had been paid for! I don’t know who it was, but I would really like to thank them!

Bonnie White, Shannon Maige Isdell: Jody and Mapp Cullen for helping with storm clean-up, clearing roads and driveways, and pulling people out all over the Shore.

Laurie Lewis Wayman Laird: Brice Ashby for getting my son to his dad’s safely, Billy Moore for clearing our road, and Bill Petka (Rhonda Campbell Petka) for thinking of us when they went to the store (grocery drop-off), and JB Laird (Kay Laird) for his attempts to get us out of here. Also thankful that Heritage Hall provided sleeping accommodations for my mom who is a nurse so she could get to work each night since she could not get home.

JoAnna L. Knitter: My grandma Judy Kinney Lord brought over my heavy coat I had left at her house a couple of weeks before (at Christmas) so that I wouldn’t be cold when taking my son outside to play in the snow.

Pat Gorman: Took three tractors to clear our driveway. Thank you Jeff Horner, Wayne Mears & Hiawatha Wyatt! Much appreciated!

Tara Burdette and Angela Hall Neal: Steven and Suzannah Lang were kind enough to run to Pocomoke to pick up my husband’s meds after we ended up stuck in the snow, and cleared driveways for neighbors and elderly. Can not thank them enough!

Mel Tankard-Cropper: I want to give a big shout out to all of the nursing assistants that dedicated their time, stayed away from their homes and family, lack of sleep, pulled double shifts and worked their days off to stay and help the patient that needs 24-hour tender loving care. Thank you so much. You are appreciated.

Roxane Ward: My husband works for ANEC. He got stuck trying to get to a substation to restore power during the worst of the storm and Will Atkinson came to his aid and got him out. Will Atkinson worked tirelessly helping people as did other farmers.

Brenda Daisey Harris: All first responders — Fire, EMTs, LE, 911 Dispatchers, A&N, VDOT — the scanner went 24/7. A big thank you to all of them.

Shannon Salazar: I heard/ saw Sands Gayle clearing a ton of paths for people. Gotta love our farmers!

Brooke Taylor: Lee Turlington and Mike Lewis did many random acts of kindness this week and got me to work at RSMH! My jeep never would have made it with the drifts on Thursday!

Kyle Laird: Chip Turlington and C. Ray Pruitt. Chip cleared the roads to our house and farm houses so that we could get out (our heat stopped working). C. Ray for taking care of our farm in our absence.

Christy Fetterman Belote: Joe Lewis and Mark Smith for plowing Oyster House Road and around the fields of it’s residents so we could get out long before VDOT could make it to us (understandably).

Beth Sterling Mills: A huge thank you to Jimmy Smith who plowed our long farm driveway and all of Craddockville Neck Road! He is always here with his tractor when it snows!

Tina Lynn, Angela Atkinson: Mapp & Jody Cullen who dedicated their time helping those in need, pulling people out that were stuck in the snow, digging people out that couldn’t get out, helping businesses clear the parking lots… they have been doing this since the storm hit! Can’t forget to thank their tractor “orange crush.”

Amy Drewer Savona: Ryan Tilghman helped pull out our Jeep when we were trying to make a doctor’s appointment for our foster son on Friday morning after his husband worked 24 hours as a paramedic on Chincoteague. He helped my husband position the vehicle so we could get out quickly and then barreled down the street to pick up our son and me so we would be in the warmth of his truck and not have to walk to the Jeep. Thank you! Dinner and money for fuel are coming his way! We love you, Ry!

Mary E. Heine: Chris Truckner who helped my son-in-law repair a burst pipe in their home.

Ashley Bright: Jeremy Warren hopped on his tractor and cleared out more than half of Trevenville and when anybody called him there was thanks!

Tammy Parks: My equine vet, Dr. Jessica Yankus, who (off the clock) drove to my farm in Modest Town all the way from Princess Anne, Md., at 7 p.m. on Sat-
urday, as soon as the roads were plowed, to bring a replacement heated water tub for my horses. Their de-
lider had malfunctioned early Thursday morning, and I was unable to leave my farm. She knew I was wor-
ried about colic, and she had a spare heated tub she wasn't using. She had been out on emergency calls on the coldest night of the year and came out of kindness afterward when she could have gone home.

Ann Bell Wessells: Ron Dahlke of Crawford Door Sales in Accomac who used his tractor to plow a path for me to get out of the office parking lot. Many thanks!

David Waterfield: Brandon Revell & his dad Wayne Revell (Cheryl McCready Revell), Justin and Wy-
att, cleared roads and assisted stuck vehicles around Atlantic area throughout the storm. This is the norm for these guys though, whenever we get snow they are always out there working and helping where they can.

Cameron Linton: If you live in Atlantic and you know Wayne Revell and Brandon Revell, you need to personally thank them, because if it wasn’t for them, Atlantic would be shut down. Great people and great friends!

Karen Cherrix: If it wasn’t for the Revell family, many other families in Atlantic would still be stuck. Thanks to Wayne and Brandon, my husband was able to get out to go to work where he was needed. We really appreciate families like the Revells and Hickmans who didn’t think twice to help out the community.

Johnson Equestrian: We are back in business at PPF. Our neighbors rock! Big thanks to the Revells for digging us out. We are so grateful to live in such a great community.

Karon McNight Eichelberger: Kim and Zach Mills came over and cleared my sidewalk and dug a path so I could get my car out.

Ginny Dorsch Nipper: Bobby Seckers for clearing my parents LONG driveway and refused any sort of payment! He also told Dad that he didn’t get home last night until after 8 p.m. from digging folks out in Nassawadox and Franktown. Thank you, Bobby!

Barbara Satchell and Lillie Sample: Kevin Cropp-er who helped people all day Friday to Sunday. Much love to him.

Shirley Lewis-Phillips: Cecil Ames always takes care of his neighborhood yards and roads (Chesapeake, Va.). Great man with a big heart.

Lucy Turner: ANEC, VDOT, and all the fire de-
partments for all the hours they spent keeping us safe and warm. Steve Lang who cleared our driveway so my husband could make his medical and fire calls! And can’t forget the Army National Guard, which helped on many ambulance calls.

April Rose Hart: Billy Miller (nephew), who lives in Pocomoke Md., came to Parksysle and cleared out my driveway along with those of several other family members. Very thoughtful and appreciated.

Brittany Moore: Ryan Tilghman spent all hours of the day and night pulling ambulances and civilians out during the blizzard. He also took people home that weren’t able to make it home in their own vehicles.

Linda Matthews Judge: Ray Wimbrow for packing down the drifts in my long driveway and shoveling my car out, and Cody Britton for searching for and finding my kitten who found a way to escape a warm home.

Laurie K Perry Thomas: Accomac County Public Safety - C. Ray Pruitt was in constant contact with me as the new town manager for Tangier, as well as Accomac County Board of Supervisors-helped organize the National Guard bring in groceries and supplies to Tangier while we were frozen in. Also Crisfield Fire Department, local Crisfield residents, and Tanger-men that were stuck on that side due to storm, for assistance in getting supplies loaded on helicopters.

Virginia National Guard aviation crews used two UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters to pick up and deliver food, mail and medicine to icebound Tangier Island on Jan. 6. Six soldiers assigned to Sandston-based 2nd Battalio-n, 224th Aviation Regiment, participated in the mission, flying first to Crisfield, Md., to pick up supplies.

Crystal Gayle Simpson: I would like to recognize all the ESVA EMS/FIRE agencies, 911 dispatchers, law enforcement from both counties, VSP, ANEC, VDOT, National Guard, Hospital Staff, Farmers & wrecker companies. Personal thanks to the Park-
sley Volunteer Fire Co., National Guard and my husband for getting me home safely after a 12-hour shift at 911. All of the agencies I listed don’t ever get the credit they deserve! Kudos to all!

Ashlyn Morgan Belote: My husband Myles Belote who worked tirelessly to get me out of the driveway so I could get to work as well as walked our long road to get picked up by Jake Guy so that we could have some groceries that we desperately needed. Plus found time to pull people out that were stuck and get to the fire department to lend a helping hand.

Angel Stevens: Troy Richardson and Curtis Spady. My mom Ann Brady Johnson was attempt-
ing to go to work at Riverside Shore Memorial. She’s a 35-year employee there. She became stranded in Nassawadox on Seaside Road, Troy and Curtis helped her get back home and then helped retrieve the truck. It was also Troy’s birthday.

Shenika Tull: The Montross family! After An-
thony Montross worked a 12-plus-hour shift with the state police, he was able to come take me to get oil for my family to keep the house warm. I have a 5-week-old baby as well as a 12-year-old and he paid, unbeknownst to me!

Brittany Fisher: I want to give big thanks to Bobby Shrievess. I’m 37 weeks pregnant and he took time out to shovel my whole driveway — three 3-foot snow drifts — so I could get my car out “just in case,” and he only accepted a cup of hot chocolate for payment! Such a BIG hearted man. Thank you!

Sylvia Sissy: And I’d love to thank him as well (Bobby Shrievess) for marking our driveway and clearing it for me to work both of my CNA jobs. Thank you and congrats on your wedding.

Tracy Croswell: Curtis Whitney stayed here with me during the storm (and) made sure my kids and family were OK. He shoveled snow and walked to the store because we couldn’t drive. I love my nephew and he’s something wonderful. Thank God for him.

Ericka Willke: Lee Turlington for all his help in the community pulling out numerous cars and Brooke Taylor for her work at the hospital through the storm! One of the sweetest and most giving couples we are blessed to have on the Shore!

Carole Valentine: My neighbors and their son - Cheryl, Jim and Andy Steiner - for digging me out. It was a LOT of digging, which I cannot do any more.

Michelle Williams: We’re in Hebron. Our neigh-
bor Chris Davala helped keep our road and driveways clear while we waited for the SHA (State Highway Administration).

Holly Taylor: Ed Tankard (owner of Tankard Nursery) happened to drive up just as I had gotten myself super stuck in a pretty deep drift... Without hesitation, he got out of his truck, helped me shovel some snow to allow for a clearer path, hooked a chain to my truck and pulled me out. A man that has hundreds of people working for him stopped to help me in the whipping wind with snow stinging our faces, barely able to see a thing. I thought that was pretty awesome.

Ruth Shrieves: Our neighbor, Dave Hender-
shot, came over with his snowblower and did our driveway and in front of our mailbox.

Brooke Taylor: Darrel Ramer Anderson and her husband Charlie, 1. For being the sweetest people we have ever met, and 2. For clearing a pathway through our little Hicks Lane in Onan-
cock and for clearing off the steps into our house. Such a nice surprise to come home from work! Very blessed to have you guys next door!

Tracey Holmes: Ned Finney sent his friend to plow Acco-
mack Senior Village parking lot. We thank you. We, the Holmes & Robinson Family, also thank the person who plowed Seaside Road near Indi-
antown Park.

Lisa Baines: Dean Hickman, who cleared Bradford Road and Matthews Lane so my husband could get out for his dialysis. Another gentleman from Fisher-
man Road, name unknown, came and transported my husband to the ER on Friday, Jan. 6, at Riverside in Onancock to receive his dialysis. Very thankful.

Cindy Outten: I’m in Girdletree, Md. I want to thank Brad Hauck. He came a total of four times to clear my long driveway. He has a heart of gold. Always helping neighbors and friends. Thank you Brad.

Walker Fluhart: Lee Sturgis spent the entirety of the storm pulling Ambulance 11-2 to calls when there was no way for us to get there. He took no payment of any kind and we could not have done our job without him!

Mary E. Parker: A heartfelt “thank you” to Tra-
vis, George, and Kristin. I do not know their last names. We were unable to free the Jeep on Route 13 across from the hospital entrance. Within a few minutes a vehicle traveling south on Route 13 stopped. Three “kids” got out and tried to push us out. After several tries, they called for the National Guard to assist, and because my husband’s pain was increasing, they offered to take us to the ER while our daughter and son-in-law waited for help with the Jeep. All three refused payment for their help. Thank you Travis, George and Kristin for coming to our aid on such a frigid night. To your parents: “You have raised compassionate and caring children.” Also, Onley Police Chief Spivey stayed with our son-in-law until the National Guard arrived. Thanks to Dr. Frank Naur and nurses Rachael and George.

Barbara Gray: Jonathan Rolleston for digging out and pulling out numerous cars that either ran off the road or got stuck in the snow drifts on Fleming Road. Well done!

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~ Snow Thanks! ~

Mary Montress: Shane Burton for volunteering to go to my house and vacuum up water and pull up carpet and padding. My pipes froze and burst and I am three to my house and vacuum up water and pull up carpet.

Darlene Carrico: Pep Up’s employee, Mr. Powell. As soon as storm hit, my furnace went out. He came out in that temble cold and fixed it. What a godsend he is.

Anthony Salvatore LoFaso: Our neighbor, Matt Austen, used his tractor to clear our driveway and several others in the neighborhood. He wore his Santa hat while doing his good deed for us.

Julie Collins Elbers: To whomever plowed Duncan Manor Road in Onancock —thank you so very much! I live at the very end and getting out anytime soon would have been impossible! Was able to finally go get some much needed groceries today and check on my sister’s house, so thanks again! You’re my angel!

Carol Annis: Jeff Doughty and his friend (unknown name) for digging around my daughter’s truck in the hospital parking lot so she could get home to tend to her horses after working; Robert Wessells (my uncle) and Aunt Tina Pastor John Cullop, David Bundick, Ray Annis (my dad), Carl Ayres, and Shannon and Harris Phillips who helped me get out of the ditch and helped me with the Gator, which was also stuck; my family for keeping my kids safe; and Carter Boan for helping me also dig out! Thank you from Bobbi Rae (my daughter) and her family. And most of all thank God for keeping my daughter safe while walking in high drifts at night in the middle of a blizzard and keeping everybody safe who had to be out to dig to help her!

Jason Bennett: I would like to thank Andy Cobb, pastor of Onancock Baptist Church. On Sunday Jan. 7, I was stuck in the snow while turning around after mailing a letter out of town. I called him and he came and pulled me out so I could get to work!

Cypress Stem Preschool: One of our preschool students and his father, Kyle McConnell, shoveled the entire sidewalk as well as a couple parking spaces at Cypress STEM Learning Center in Poconoke.

Timmy Van: I’d like to thank Travis Jester for giving me a ride to work every day during the storm to NASA. I could not have gotten there without him.

Kinte Smith: Will Atkinson for clearing our roads and helping others especially with my driveway lol. Lee Sturgis for all his help pulling ambulances. I’ve known these guys since we were young. Great guys with great families.

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Pamela Mister-Lynch: Matt Hickman from Dublin Farms of Horntown for coming over to Sign Post Road in New Church and rescuing stuck cars and clearing a path so everyone else could pass thru. Also Barry Outten (Lynda Outten) for coming to Sign Post Road for my senior parents, and clearing a 4 to 5-foot snowbank from their driveway so they could get in and out! These guys left their homes and drove several miles to come help my parents and those in my parents’ community! Many thanks to you! Lindsay Revell Lang: Revell Farms of Atlantic. They’ve cleared the roads in Atlantic and numerous driveways. They’ve also helped many people get their vehicles out of ditches and snow drifts.

Eileen Lee: Alex and Andy on Nelson Drive, who saw me getting off a four-day, 24-hour work shift. People were stuck and nobody could come in, and it was “dark thirty,” and I was so tired. They saw me trying to move the snow with a windshield doohickie. They retrieved a shovel and proceeded to clear the way so I could get my car in. Thank you Alex and Andy!

Deena Peters Parks: Ron and Heather on Main Street in Melfa for watching my house while I was away, and especially Ron for helping me get my car unstuck when I got home. And for the person who scraped my driveway so I could pull the car in.

Don Amadeo: I’d like to thank the employees of Royal Farms in Onley. They were the only convenience store in that area open during the entire storm, some of them working multiple shifts in a row, so that emergency workers had a place to grab a drink or a snack or even some chicken. Believe me, it was most appreciated!

Sylvia Sissy: All of the Royal Farms employees, in Parksley and Exmore, too. And thanks, Don Amadeo, for your work as well.

Michelle Mariner Moses: I send a special thank you to my son, Mike Boan, for getting his sister, Megan Boan Casher, to work at Pizza Hut for the last two days so they could open and offer VDOT a place to find food and the other families that showed up to get food that were out working. Also the multiple people he pulled out of the ditch on Saturday and to my neighbor, Randy Powell, for helping him get unstuck from my driveway.

Sarah Wilson Shotwell: Barabara Mulligan and her husband, who are friends of a friend on Facebook, private messaged me to give me a ride to work at the hospital. I am a nurse and as a last resort was planning on walking if I had to (I live two miles from the hospital), I was also having trouble getting my childcare to me and they graciously brought my mom to me, as my husband, who is security at NASA, got stuck there for a couple days.

Shenika Tull: My son’s father, Robert Bailey, and his nephew, Troy, shoveled out my mother’s driveway. It had 2 to 3-foot snowdrifts all the way through, so she couldn’t get to work. They dug for more than an hour. Just wanted to say thank you!

Meghan Oliver: The young men of Captains Cove – Dale Eric Spiker, Nick Zeller (Dani Nicole Zeller), David Smith, Chase Haugh, Chase Riley and others who rescued a 76-year-old man from his vehicle that was stuck in a snow drift off of Rabbit Knav Road, plus many others they went out to help, not to mention the several driveways they shoveled for the residents. They were not asked; they just did it. They were all true heroes to the stranded gentleman. Hats off to them all!

Stephanie B. Chance: Derrick Bowden of Temperanceville. Thank you for clearing a path down the drive way so that Cody and I could get out to work. Not only did he clear the driveway, he also cleared a path all the way down to New Temperanceville Road for the rest of our neighbors to get out. He stayed out clearing paths until he couldn’t feel his toes! Thank you so much!

Fritz Lauer: Bloxom Volunteer Fire Company cadet member Robbie Sterling for being a big help throughout the snowstorm. He was out here every day, and ran many calls.

Annie Parks: John Parks, Ryan Tilghman and Stephen Hopkins all cleared my driveway to make sure I was able to get to my 24-hour work shift. Thanks guys!

Jody Cullen: Special gratitude to Michael Wesch who volunteered to clear medical personal driveways in Northampton County so we could concentrate on Accomack-a godsend!

Marie Taylor Brady: Jackie Bailey for coming to help us get out when needed then pulling us out when we got stuck and getting my in-laws out!

Erica Kane: Sending a huge shout out to this guy whom my family has never ever met, he saw my boyfriend walking down the street to fill up our water bottles due to the water freezing our pump, he told him he had lots of water and he would bring some back, the man found our house and brought my family and family a 32-pack of water. His name was Chase he drives a black GMC Truck. We greatly appreciated him cause we were stuck in our yards with feet’s of snow and he didn’t hesitate to help.

Teresa Marshall Wimbrow: Barry Outten and son, Collin, for clearing our driveway and most of the streets in town. Also my nephew Brice Massey and friend Brian Justice. We’d probably still be stuck in our driveway if it wasn’t for them.

Karen Ann Smith: A big thank you goes out to my brothers Ronald and Kevin Smith for clearing the driveway out. I was stuck in the house around three days and about to lose my mind.

Erica Kane: Sending a huge shout out to my father, Mike Davis; my pastor, Rev. Kelvin Jones; Gordan, and my uncle Wendell for coming to my house as well as going around to different neighborhoods shoveling out our driveways, or shoveling porches, helping our elderly and putting down salt making sure they had a safe way out of our yards and houses. Y’all are truly a blessing to our community. Thanks a bunch and I love you all.

Anne Marie Dupere Coates: Thank you to our neighbors A.J. and Tony Ward who always check on us when there is a storm and came and helped clear the road and driveway in the windy, freezing cold. The whole Ward family are the best neighbors.

Jennifer Brady: Thank you to our neighbors, Brenda and David Schultz, for lending us their proper snow shovel and helping us dig out a path to our wood pile. Thank you to the many farmers with tractors that cleared Cherry Stone Road and Wilkins Drive which were covered up to 3 feet of snow in spots!

Patty Woodhurst: Brian Hansen for coming to pull us out more than once.

Mary Lee Landon: My brother Elton Lewis Merritt Jr. for going around in Heritage Acres getting a lot of people’s sidewalks off in case an ambulance had to get out to get to them. He was out while it was still snowing trying to make their lives a little easier!

Miranda Driskell Duston: James G. Smith and Carol Smith who ventured out at 10:00 at night (armed with a hair dryer!) to unfreeze my pipes so they didn’t burst! I was away and they came immediately when our pet sitter noticed we had no water. They are Chincoteague angels!

Jo Ellen Burton: I want to thank Chris Willey for picking up my son and his girlfriend and taking them to my friend Robin Watson who gave them a warm and safe place to stay until we could get them home. You are both angels.

Carolyn Santucci: Jackie Bailey for plowing our driveway and Joe Caporella for coming down and bringing his snowblower. And many thanks to VDOT, fire and rescue and ANEC. You all did an amazing job.

Teedy Baines: Thanks to my parents, David and Lisa Baines, and grandmother, Elsie Davis, for having my boys during the snow storm and thanks to my family/neighbor Emma and
Melvin Nock: Thank you Mike Wesch for coming out with your Bobcat and clearing the mountains of snow from our driveway, the neighbors’ driveways, the street, and everything else you do with the kindest heart and a simple “good neighbor” mentality. We are so grateful for what you did.

Conchata C. Webb: Thanks Latanya Matthews for taking me out to the grocery store and to Toni Jackson for letting me get snowed in with her.

Melissa Hines: Mr. Press helping out, Mr. Rock is not feeling well. Thank God for good people.

Katlyn Nichole: Kelly Barnes trucking, Ronnie Barnes, Brandy B. Barnes, Craig Kelly Jr., Dakota Barnes for helping everyone!

Keva Chance: Berto Rodriguez and friend helped pull me and my sister out of our yard so I could go to the store to get my sick 8-month-old some more medicine.

Tweet Hall Toppin: Will Atkinson and all farmers out with their tractors clearing the roads!

Marilyn Burton Tankard: Big shout of “thank you” to my nephew Twan Pharrazo for taking the time to ensure that his mom (Dale Gholson), his sister (Shynnika Gholson) and his Auntie (me) got to work safely during the storm! He took us to work, picked us up, and made sure we were safe and that we had all that we needed! ... His sister works in Eastville and I work in Cape Charles! He did this for five days straight while helping others!

Cheyenne Michele: Thank you Shannon Rose Merritt for helping my family on Saturday night. You were a life saver.

Carolyn Weatherly: I would like to thank David Silvia for clearing my driveway again. Thank you, David.

April Schyler Ellis: A big thank you to Tracey Parks Renas for getting me as far as she did so I could walk the rest of the way home! And my two sons and husband for meeting me down the road (about 1/4 mile) and walking back with me in the deep snow. I had just finished three night shifts at the hospital and was so fortunate to get home when I did.

Ralph Moore: I pulled an older gentleman out of his driveway today he was stuck halfway in. And I would also like to thank Tammi Kos George, Mitchell Fafer, Jesse DeMoss, and Will and Albert Doughty for helping me get unstuck from Cherrydale Road where my truck was stuck.

Marilyn Hayes Martin: I would like to thank Wayne Revel and his family for clearing not only my lane but for helping clear the way for several people in Atlantic so they could get out for whatever reasons we’re. Thank you to Bengy Thomas for clearing driveways and your acts of kindness as a loving Christian neighbor in Atlantic.

Jane Kellam: Riverside Shore Rehab thanks all the employees who came to work and worked tirelessly to care for our residents and each other! Also a big thanks to Lee and Sonny Sturgis, Freddie Matthews, Garrett Kellam, Pierce Taylor, Don Amedeo, Tasley Volunteer Fire Company for helping us get our staff to work! We could not have made it without you!
Snowed In? “Snow” Problem!

By Krystle Bono

When the Shore is covered in snow and ice – and the kids are out of school – it’s nice to get out of the house and take some time to fully embrace the winter wonderland that has devoured the area. But what exactly can you do besides watch everything on Netflix and eat all day in your pajamas? Here are 10 ways you can beat going stir-crazy the next time snow is in the forecast, and maybe even burn off a few of those extra chili and hot cocoa calories:

1. Sledding
   One of the most popular things to do once the snow hits, sledding is an activity the whole family will love. Whether you venture out to find some of the Shore’s hills, or make a slope of your own in your backyard, sledding will keep you entertained for hours. Not to mention, trekking up a steep hill multiple times will definitely help shed some “lb’s,” especially if you are wearing 12 layers of clothes. Local hardware stores sell plastic sleds in all shapes and sizes, but you can also get creative and use trash can lids or large bins.

2. Ice Skating
   With many creeks and backyard ponds frozen over with at least a foot-deep of ice, many residents are breaking out their ice skates. Of course, you can still take a spin on the ice without lacing up, but beware – it is recommended that you measure the ice before attempting to do any activities for a thickness of at least four inches, so you don’t end up taking an unwanted, icy plunge.

3. Ice Hockey
   An even better alternative (and more competitive) pastime than ice skating, is ice hockey. The same recommendations apply to measure the ice before you cut loose. If you are really feeling adventurous, you can spray paint the ice (with something non-toxic and environmentally friendly only!) to make it the real deal.

4. Tackle Football
   Who doesn’t enjoy a game of backyard football – especially when you have a nice bed of snow to soften the blow when you hit the ground? Not ideal when the snow is knee-deep, but a few inches of blanket permits a great opportunity for family and friends to get out and moving.

5. Snowboarding/Skiing
   Although the majority of the Shore is flat, there are a few places that have some nice slopes in both Accomack and Northampton counties. If you don’t have a real snowboard or ski equipment, fear not, as some department stores and online retailers make inexpensive plastic boards that are great for playing around on a snow day, and will not break the bank.

6. Four-Wheeling
   A popular pasttime in any element on the Shore, four-wheeling in the snow is a fun way to kill some time with friends, and not worry about getting mud up your nose. Four-wheelers are also another means to pull a sled or tube if you are really looking for an extra thrill. Building small hills are a great way to catch some air (and potentially wipe out) during the ride.

7. Horseback riding
   If you have horses, another way to get out and stretch everyone’s legs is to go for a trail ride. Riding is limited in snowy conditions, unless of course, you have an indoor riding arena, or a way to remove snow to provide proper footing for outdoor riding – but with all precautions taken, it’s nice to take a stroll with your four-legged tour guide. Bonus: Sleigh rides are also a great way to enjoy the snow if you have the means.

8. Hunting
   When it’s freezing and food is limited, animals tend to be out and about, in an attempt to keep warm and their bellies full, which makes for perfect conditions for many area hunters to bust out the camo. Always remember to check local bag limits and restrictions, as well as what is in season before venturing out.

9. Build an Igloo
   When you have good packing snow, building a snowman is a must. But what is better than a snowman? An igloo. We built quite a few igloos at my house when I was a kid. To achieve the “best” brick mold, you can use any large rectangle plastic container in your cabinet. At last, a day you can use the tupperware bin without the lid that always seems to be mysteriously lost. There are plenty of tutorials online for step-by-step instructions.

10. Tubing
    I remember many a snow day being pulled behind my dad’s 4x4 truck through an open field in the snow, much like tubing on the water. We did not use a tube, instead, we would use a plastic kiddie pool, or something else creative we had around the farm. Whether you use a tube, pool, truck bed liner (as I have seen used by others), or something completely different, you’ll need a rope long enough to whip you around – and the plus side is, if you fall off, you don’t have to worry about jelly fish!

So, the next time the Shore gets a good helping of the white stuff, you’ll have plenty of reasons to venture out into the snowy abyss, and be sure to email your pictures to sports@easternshorepost.com
By Krystle Bono

Blizzarcane, Bomb Cyclone, Snowpocalypse or Snowmageddon 2018 – whatever name you may have dubbed the area’s first significant snowfall of the year, all of these names have one thing in common, in that we saw enough snow to put the entire Shore through a severe case of cabin fever.

However, many residents made the most of their days off from work and school to take advantage of the wintery elements in sports-like fashion, from good ol’ fashioned sledding, to ice skating and hockey on the many frozen creeks, to even snowboarding. Hunters also did not let the freezing temps stop them from participating the last weekend of deer season.
Tuesday, Jan. 16 –
4 p.m.: Arcadia Girls Varsity Basketball @ Stephen Decatur
5:30 p.m.: Nandua Girls Varsity Basketball @ Chincoteague
Northampton Girls Varsity Basketball @ Franklin
Broadwater Girls Varsity Basketball vs. Isle of Wight
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Wednesday, Jan. 17 –
4 p.m.: Arcadia Varsity Wrestling @ Nandua
5 p.m.: Nandua Girls Varsity Basketball @ Easton
6:30 p.m.: Nandua Boys Varsity Basketball @ Easton

Thursday, Jan. 18 –
5:30 p.m.: Broadwater Girls Varsity Basketball vs. Stonebridge
Chincoteague Girls Varsity Basketball @ Arcadia
7 p.m.: Broadwater Boys Varsity Basketball vs. Stonebridge
Arcadia Boys Varsity Basketball @ Chincoteague

Friday, Jan. 19 –
5 p.m.: Shore Swim vs. Pocomoke @ Pocomoke YMCA
Northampton Varsity Wrestling @ Rural Retreat
5:30 p.m.: Chincoteague Girls Varsity Basketball vs. Broadwater
Northampton Girls Varsity Basketball @ Nandua
7 p.m.: Chincoteague Boys Varsity Basketball vs. Broadwater
Nandua Boys Varsity Basketball @ Northampton

Saturday, Jan. 20 –
Northampton Varsity Wrestling @ Rural Retreat
1:30 p.m.: Northampton Boys Varsity Basketball @ Surry County

Monday, Jan. 22 –
5:30 p.m.: Chincoteague Girls Varsity Basketball vs. Salisbury
Broadwater Girls Varsity Basketball vs. Atlantic Shores
Arcadia Boys Varsity Basketball @ Holly Grove
7 p.m.: Chincoteague Boys Varsity Basketball vs. Salisbury
Broadwater Boys Varsity Basketball vs. Atlantic Shores

Tuesday, Jan. 23 –
5:30 p.m.: Arcadia Girls Varsity Basketball @ Northampton
7 p.m.: Northampton Boys Varsity Basketball @ Arcadia
Nandua Boys Varsity Basketball vs. Pocomoke
Broadwater Boys Varsity Basketball vs. Hampton Christian

Wednesday, Jan. 24 –
5:30 p.m.: Nandua Varsity Wrestling @ Indian River
Arcadia Girls Varsity Basketball @ Nandua
6:30 p.m.: Northampton Girls Varsity Basketball @ Norfolk Academy
7 p.m.: Nandua Boys Varsity Basketball @ Arcadia

Thursday, Jan. 25 –
4 p.m.: Arcadia Girls Varsity Basketball @ Colonel Richardson
Shore Swim vs. Stephen Decatur @ Eastern Shore YMCA
Arcadia Varsity Wrestling @ Delmar
5:30 p.m.: Arcadia Boys Varsity Basketball @ Colonel Richardson
Basketball Sign-Ups and Practice

Accomack County Parks and Recreation youth basketball practice and sign-ups will be held Saturday, Jan. 13, at Arcadia High School. Saturday will be the last day to sign up. Registration will be available 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. The practice schedule is as follows:

9 – 10:15 a.m: Pee-Wees (ages 5-8)
10:15 a.m. – Noon: ACPR Lakers and ACPR Cavaliers (ages 9-12)
12 – 1:45 p.m.: ACPR Knights and ACPR Celtics (ages 9-12)
1:45 – 3 p.m.: Ages 13-15

Accomack Parks and Recreation will not have a cheerleader program for the basketball season.

For additional information, contact the Parks and Recreation office at 757-787-3900, 757-824-0314, or Wayne at 757-710-1947.

Bust the Rust Nandua Softball Camp

The Nandua softball team will hold its annual softball camp at Nandua High School on Saturday, Feb. 24, for players aged 8-12. All ability and skill levels are welcome. Registration will take place from 8 to 8:30 a.m. and is $35 per player. Camp hours will be from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

All proceeds will benefit the Nandua softball program. This will be a great way to shake off those rusty skills and get ready for spring. Contact Lynn Williams at 757-710-4242 or find us on Facebook.

ACPR Youth YMCA Little Dribblers Basketball

There is still time to sign up for Little Dribblers basketball at the Y. Practices will start Monday, Jan. 15, at 5:15 p.m., in the gymnasium at the Y.

Kids will learn the fundamentals of basketball, with the emphasis placed on fun.

For more information or to sign up, please call the Y at 757-787-5601.

Tumbling at the Y

Tumbling at the YMCA will start Tuesday, Jan. 23, at 5:30 p.m. Classes are designed to teach the basics of tumbling to children who have never tumbled before, and to those who are looking to improve their skills. Our focus will be on technique, flexibility, building confidence, coordination and good sportsmanship.

For more information or to register, call the Y at 757-787-5601.
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Adult Care

family oriented around here. Some of the workers have been here 20 plus years.”

Thirty-two of the residents are on the nursing side. “We’re making efforts trying to make referrals,” Nottingham added. Accomack Administrator Mike Mason said, “the county has had multiple discussions with the court-appointed receiver, the last being in November where we offered our assistance to facilitate discussions with a buyer ... should one materialize ... The judge ... gave approval to initiate closure of the facility back in early November or late October ... It was inevitable ... if a buyer could not be found, the reality of the facility’s finances would force closure of the facility. Apparently, this point has been reached with the recent closure announcement.”

The receiver indicated to Chairman Robert Crockett, “the residents in the skilled nursing facility could likely be absorbed into available beds at Shore Rehab in Parksley and Heritage Hall” in Nassawadox,” said Mason. “I find some comfort with this statement since it indicates most residents will be able to remain close to their family here on the Shore although I know there will likely be exceptions.”

“My major concern is with the residents of the assisted living facility, Quail Run, because there are very few local options for this type of housing. I am told that profitability for an assisted living facility in this area is difficult to achieve due to the low rates paid by the state. This situation hampers the ability to find a new operator. We have communicated this to our state representatives but I suspect rates don’t get changed overnight, certainly not in enough time to make an immediate impact here.”

Three, or four at the most, came from the closure of buildings at the former G.F. Horne Assisted Living facility in Onancock, she said.

(Continued from Front Page)

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Storm Brings Out Creativity in Shore Residents

By Linda Cicoira

Polly Ransone, of Onancock, likes to hang her laundry on the clothesline. The early 2018 blizzard named Winter Storm Grayson put a damper on that last week. The 4- to 15-foot snow drifts and winds of 50 mph didn’t help. But she prevailed and posted a picture on Facebook to prove it.

“Just in case anyone was wondering, it doesn’t feel good when a frozen tablecloth hits you in the face,” Ransone wrote.

“Sheets are no fun either!” someone else responded.

Weather doesn’t interfere with Ransone’s life. Not if she can help it. She says the clothes freeze first and then dry. She has it all worked out.

“The hanging in the snow almost started as a joke,” Ransone said later. She’s been at this awhile. “Also doing my part for the environment and the power peak,” she said.

The Queen of Laundry has a mix of clothespins. “I like wood and a friend gave me plastic birds that I like.”

Meanwhile, Accomack Supervisor Grayson Chesser, of Jenkins Bridge, said the storm’s name was “a defamation of character.” He jokingly was planning on filing a class action suit with another Eastern Shore man by the same name. The blizzard’s steep drop in atmospheric pressure had some forecasters describing it as a “bomb cyclone.” It’s not a thing Chesser will live down in the near future.

When those meteorologists started voicing their forecasts, residents in Accomack and Northampton counties responded with the usual storm anxiety and anticipation. Gassing up their vehicles and emptying grocery store shelves was the only response anyone could have. That had been going on for days but the last minutes got more intense as people got off from work and the flurries began Wednesday.

The Walmart store stayed open while shoppers shopped and stockers stocked but something was wrong with the plumbing there and employees complained there was no water and all the bathrooms were closed. A huge plastic sheet was taped across the front entrance to the men’s and women’s facilities.

Those waiting to get the last container of milk or loaf of bread seemed unfazed. They were ready to get home and look out the windows for the first flakes to fall and then take to the internet to talk about it.

The Eastern Shore Post began to get reports from across the two counties between 7:30 and 8 p.m., Jan. 3.

Lisa Fanning-Brittingham wrote there was snow in Nassawadox. Painter Mayor Connie Campbell reported “very fine” snow there. Bethany Scheely told of sleet at the sheriff’s office in Eastville. Tiffany Blackwell said a mix was falling in Parksley. Kate Bradford said there was also a mix in Tasley. Maratha Matthews said Fox Grove had snow. Connie Burford said Bloxom had snow.

And there was Jawn Dolph telling of flurries in Cape Charles. Christie Northam Kellam said it was snowing/sleeting in Exmore.

“Snowing in Onancock,” wrote John Crockett. “Not much yet, but it’s coming down a lot.”

The next morning, the world was a winter wonderland as the wind hissed and blew the snow in swirls. Near Painter, at about 6:30 a.m., a porch swing, that had been secured, got loose and took down the porch railing and post before blowing a few more yards away. Snow had piled up, and people were starting to take pictures. For those who had power, the first of the shots were snow and ice-covered decks and trees. Birds were scurrying for feeders.

And then the usual winter storm events began. Eating or going out and getting stuck.

“Running on my treadmill, reading, watching daytime TV, snuggling on the couch with my dog and cats and cooking new recipes” was where it was at with Jessie Louise Reffuats. “Crock-Pot carnitas with guacamole last night!”

“Reading, baking and EATING!!! up here in Temperanceville!” reported Robert Meehan.

“At my age, I much prefer warmer weather,” said Robert Doughty of South Chesconessex. “I heeded the forecast … to stock our shelves with essential products — bread, milk, soft drinks, etc. and yes adult beverages. I have gas logs for heat, gas stove for cooking in case the electricity goes out.”

And that occurred in many areas as heat pumps worked overtime to keep up while being hindered further by low voltages that also made microwaves and regular ovens heat slower.

“We’ve been cooking,” said Deborah Faye Taylor. “My husband is putting a puzzle together and I have been reading my Bible and doing my coloring) book.”

“I exercised, watched TV, slept, watched TV, cooked breakfast, lunch and dinner yesterday,” said Dawn Conquest. Today I’m gonna make bread pudding because I checked my cabinets and have all the ingredients for it!”

Some were catching up on much-needed sleep. There were those who took the time to do arts or crafts or clean. Others were going outside to smoke a few drags before quickly retreating.

“Reading, watching Netflix, catching up on shows on DVR and just spending time with the family, which we don’t get much time to do because of crazy work schedules around here,” Heather Hopkins of Parksley.

“Reading, catching up on emails, (the) usual,” wrote Ann Page. “What I am not doing is attempting to go outside! Too cold and no snow shovel!”

Amy Drewer Savona had the right idea. She was “ordering designer items for our Relay for Life accessories bingo while all of these online sales are filling my inbox. Lilly Pulitzer, SCOUT, Vera Bradley, and Spartina on tap so far!!” She’s going to let the Post know when the event will be.

“There’s been a bare cork board hanging in my house for two years,” wrote Jessie Widgeon, of Exmore. “I dug some pictures out that were collecting in my closet and hung them all up. I love it.”

“Shoveling, taking down the last of the Christmas decor, cleaning and rearranging furniture” were among the tasks taken up by Jody Chance of Onancock. “Who needs a gym?!” she said.

Emily Hanson Moore, a member of the English Department at the Eastern Shore Community College, was busy preparing syllabi and first-week course materials. “Faculty may have lost two on-campus workdays, but the semester still begins next week,” she said. “Plus, we’re keeping the kids entertained while my husband and I both work from home. Not an easy task!”

But not everyone got to work from home.

Lisa Parks Mason was working at VDOT in Temperanceville. Teri White Taylor was at her job at a local post office. Tamara Lauer Pruitt was “Working! Going on 48 hours! We have an awesome nursing team!”

And we know all those others from VDOT, ANEC, farmers with tractors and other equipment and all the emergency workers were out there doing their best to keep the rest of us warm and safe.

Still, John Stewart, of Wardtown, summed it up. “I wish it would warm up a bit. I’m tired of binge-watching TV and worrying about frozen pipes. I would like to be able to get out of my driveway if they ever plow my street. My dogs are sick of having such a limited outdoor area for taking care of their biological needs, if you get my drift, pun intended.”

Anthony LoFaso, of Onancock, enjoyed the recent storm. “I love snow and this blizzard was awesome. My work as a cable splicer for Verizon had me outdoors in all weather and I learned the secret of surviving cold weather. Don’t resist the cold but embrace it. Breathe in the cold air. Acclimate to it. Become friends with it. Don’t longer for warm weather. It’ll just make it worse. Each season in its own time. There’s only normally a handful of days that are brutal. Most you can dress right and enjoy it. Worked for me for 18 years.”
Northam Asks Trump Administration To Exclude Virginia from Offshore Drilling

By Linda Cicoira
Governor-elect Ralph Northam wants Virginia to be excluded from the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management’s plans to expand offshore drilling off all U.S. waters, according to a letter he sent Thursday to Secretary of Interior Ryan Zinke.

“I grew up on Virginia’s Eastern Shore and can tell you firsthand that the Chesapeake Bay and the commonwealth’s ocean and coastal resources are every bit as ecologically and economically valuable as those of Florida, a state that was recently exempted from the leasing plan,” Northam wrote. “I am encouraged by the decision to exempt Florida from the plan, and respectfully ask that the same exemption be made for … Virginia.”

“Nearly half of the economy of the Hampton Roads region is tied to our military assets, and we are in constant competition with other states to retain and grow these resources,” Northam continued. “Less than two years ago, the Department of Defense raised material objections to the incompatibility of drilling with naval operations off Virginia’s coast. Nothing should be done to jeopardize our strong position with the military in Virginia.”

Northam was also concerned about Virginia’s tourism industry with travelers spending more than $22 billion annually and supporting more than 200,000 jobs. In addition to tourism, Virginia has seen significant growth in its seafood industry. The state is the leading seafood producer on the East Coast, the third largest producer in the country, and the national leader in hard clam aquaculture. “Virginia depends on healthy and clean water that is only possible through responsible environmental stewardship,” he wrote.

Northam also wants Virginians to be allowed to participate in a series of hearings that will include the Hampton Roads and Eastern Shore before the public comment period ends March 9. BOEM has proposed a single public meeting in Richmond, nearly 100 miles away from the coastal communities that will feel the impacts of the plan most. He has requested addition sessions in those areas.

Libraries Closed Friday, Monday

In honor of our state holidays, Eastern Shore public libraries in Accomac, Cape Charles, Chincoteague, and Nassawadox will be closed on Friday, Jan. 12 for Lee-Jackson Day and Monday, January 15 for Martin Luther King Day. These libraries will be open on Saturday, Jan. 13 normal hours EXCEPT for the Accomac library which is closed for boiler replacement. Patrons are not accumulating library fines until the library is open. For additional information or to leave a message for Accomac staff, please call the Northampton Free Library at 757-414-0010.

Chincoteague Arts Schedule Announced

Submitted Article

The Chincoteague Island Arts Organization (CIAO) will kick off 2018 with a full schedule of programs in the downtown Island Theatre and Annex.

For the fifth year, CIAO hosts the popular Classic Film Series in the Island Theatre. The series will run from Friday, Jan. 12 through Friday, May 18. Admission is $5 per person. Popcorn, candy and soft drinks available for sale. The first film is “Dr. No,” the original James Bond film, starring Sean Connery. A complete list of films can be found on the CIAO website at www.ciarts.org or on the CIAO Facebook page.

CIAO’s newest performance program launches on Saturday, Jan. 27, at 7 p.m. The Annex Cabaret takes place in the Theatre Annex (adjacent to the Island Theatre on the corner of Mumford Street) on the last Saturday of each month. The first event features the group WW Tunes singing popular songs from the World War II era. Admission is $5 at the door. Beer and wine will be for sale with valid ID.

On Saturday, Feb. 3, at 1 p.m., at the Island Theatre, CIAO will host “The Music of African Americans,” an interactive program telling the story of the lives and the music of the African American people. Tickets are $10; Children aged 8 and under are admitted free.

Go to www.ciarts.org for more information.

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Week of Jan. 13 - Jan. 19, 2018

Saturday
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Sunday
Lunch: 3 Pc. Fried Chicken $9
Dinner: Corned Beef & Cabbage & Potatoes $10

Monday
Meatloaf $9

Tuesday
Fresh Roasted Turkey Platter $10

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Stuffed 8oz. Pork Chop $9

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Chicken Parmesan $9

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In the aftermath of the winter storm, the Eastern Shore Post uploaded the latest VDOT road reports on its Facebook page and readers went crazy with thanks and praise.

The newspaper just had to share.

“Thanks, to all those who serve our communities!”
— Suzie Kellam of Magotha

“Thank you, all!”
— Betty Badger of Marionville

“We saw firsthand how bad the roads were. They just could not keep the roads open with the blowing snow.”
— Irene Davis of Onancock

“Keep up the good work VDOT.”
— Vicky Killmon Fussell of Greenbush

“Thanks, to all VDOT workers and first responders.”
— Michael Sharpe, of Melfa

“Keep up the good work.
— Linda Coughlin of Birdsnest

“You all are doing a great job.”
— Christine Marie

“THANK YOU, nurses, doctors, technicians, and especially maintenance staff.”
— Nancy Blose of Onley

“Thank you. I paid to have our street and my drive cleared for one lane. Figured y’all had more than you could handle. But the next day you were there and finished the job. Saw a worker on 13 yesterday driving an open grader as cold as it was! Wish there was some way I could have gotten a hot thermos of coffee and a warm sandwich to him.”
— Carole Valentine, VDOT retired engineer

“Thank you, for all of your services and we know you’re doing everything possible!”
— Kim Fisher

“Great job. We thank all.”
— Mary A Butler of Temperanceville

“Thank you, everyone for all your hard work in this difficult weather.”
— Joyce MacCreaday of Onancock

“Thank you so much for your service to us.”
— Angelina Barfield of Bloxom

“Thank you for all you’re doing. Great job.”
— Judy Beckinger of Tangier

“Thank you for all you do!”
— Sherry Waters Sharpe of Melfa

“Thank you all, for what you do.”
— Debbie Bundick

“Want to thank all the crew members for their hard work. Be safe.”
— Becky Wharton of Crisfield, Md.

“Thank you for all you are doing. I know it is tough.”
— Gary Young of Parksville

“Thank you you, one & all for all you have done for our Shore!”
— Carole Mears Beasley of Belle Haven

“Thanks for the hard work.”
— Kathy Thompson-Meadows

“Thank you for all your hard work!”
— Tammy McCullough of Accomac

“Thank you for all that you all are doing.”
— Danielle Mears of Nassawadox

“Thanks for all they do. Be safe.”
— Shirlene Shrieves of Melfa

“We appreciate everything that you do, VDOT crews.”
— Ellicul B. Parker

“Thank you, everyone!”
— Crystal O’Neal Vance of Oak Hall

“Thanks so much from Bethel Church Road, Bloxom.”
— Kimberly Mears

“Thank you for all you do and have done and will do in the future. You guys rock!”
— Lisa Davis

“Thank you for all you guys are doing. I know it’s hard with this cold weather. Just know I appreciate all of your hard work. Please be safe.”
— Jolie Quinines Heyward

“Great job VDOT, EMS and VSP and everyone else involved in this bad storm.”
— Doug Gillespie

“Thank you for all your hard work!”
— Rebecca Scott Buck

“Thank you!”
— Dawn Sparrow of Pocomoke City, Md.
— Suzy Corson of Locustville
— Patty Clare DeMarco of Atlantic
— Geneva Ames of Townsend
— Nancy Lewis
— Kate W Meyer of Cape Charles

“I know they are giving it all they can. God bless them!”
— Robert Hall

“I am so grateful for you guys! Thank you.”
— Stephanie Larrabee Howard of Parksville

“You all have done a great job.”
— Mary Jo Jordan Sparrow

“This is one for the books. Great job.”
— Sue Pruitt

“Thank you for your sacrifice!”
— Marie Gunter of Bloxom

“Thank you. Stay safe and warm.”
— Charlene Ellis

“Good job to all who are out helping those in the storm, VDOT, VSP, Fire/EMS, Farmers, Regular Joes. I know it’s been hard and slow work, especially with so many roads blocked by cars that are stuck and abandoned!”
— Travis Knight of Oak Hall

“Yea, out today on SB, and Major Jones’ bulldozer - heroic efforts. Thank you.”
— Steve Hardy of Silver Beach

“Thank you so much for all your doing! Blessings over you and your family in Jesus’ name!”
— Karen Collins of Painter

“I appreciate all that is done by the many dedicated people to keep roads passable and emergency response able to get where they are needed. Thanks.”
— Amy Thorns Amadeo of Tasley

“Thank you for the update and all you all have done!”
— Sandy Morgan of Quinby

“Thank you VDOT and all emergency/essential personnel and first responders!”
— Sara Meiser Seay of Cape Charles

“Thank you for all you are doing.”
— Valerie Newman

“Thank you to all the doctors, nurses, CNAs and all hospital workers for getting to work and some stranded for several days.”
— Janet Wood Millard, Director of Emergency Services at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital, and of Painter

“Wish there were something the rest of us could do to help. Know we love you.”
— Beth Erlund

“Thanks.”
— Angel Shrieves of Belle Haven
— Mary E. Parker of Onley
— Lisa Wharton
— A.L. Kingsbury

“Good job guys.”
— Valerie Brown

“I can’t get out and I live far back, and that’s fine. Thank you, everyone for everything you are doing. If I could, I would help, but maybe those who can get out bring coffee or finger foods, snacks, something for these men and women as we did a few years ago for our firefighters. Just a thought.”
— Beverly Bennett of the Onancock area

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Thank you to all those who helped us weather the storm.

— The Eastern Shore Post
Snow Scenes

Photo, left, courtesy of Cypress Stem Preschool

Left: Shore residents found ample snow to indulge in a frozen favorite: snow cream.

Photo by Mary Stiegelbauer

Members of draMAStic dance works and Rawhide Theatre Company went forward with work on their short film, “Sisters.”

Photo by Linda Cicoira

Food was hard to find in the snow. This bird snatched a frozen cherry from a backyard tree.
**Nassawadox**

The Alzheimer’s Association will host a program, Orientation: The Basics of Alzheimer’s Disease, at Northampton Free Library, on Thursday, Jan. 25, from 2 to 4 p.m. The class will cover detection, risk factors, stages of the disease, treatment and more. The program is free. However, registration is required to 1-800-272-3900.

**ANEC Contest**

The annual essay contest to determine who will participate in A&N Electric Cooperative’s Washington Youth Tour begins this month. The contest is open to all high school and home school juniors living in the cooperative’s service area. A student from each area high school will be selected to attend the Youth Tour during a five-day trip to Washington, D.C.

Every June, as many as 1,500 high school students from across the country spend a week in the nation’s capital.

Essay entries are to be a minimum of 150 words in length and based on either of the following topics:

“Like the Eastern Shore of Virginia.”

Essay guidelines were sent to guidance offices at each high school on Tuesday, Jan. 9. Home schoolers can request the guidelines from the cooperative’s Tasley office. The deadline for essay entrants is Feb. 16.

For more information about the Youth Tour Program, visit www.youthtour.coop

To learn more about how you can participate in ANEC’s Washington Youth Tour program speak with your high school’s guidance office or contact ANEC Youth Tour Coordinator Patsy Grod at 757-787-9750 ext. 322. Visit our website to learn about last year's Youth Tour experience at www.anec.com/content/youth-tour.

**United Way Funding Available**

The United Way of the Eastern Shore’s 2017-2018 Application for Funding is now available to agencies interested in applying for undesignated funds received from the 2017 United Way Campaign.

Agencies must meet the following criteria to be eligible for funding:

1. Must be incorporated as a non-profit voluntary organization serving the Eastern Shore of Virginia.
2. Must be classified as tax-exempt as a 501(c)(3).
3. Must be registered with the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services allowing agency to solicit funds in Virginia.
4. Must demonstrate having appropriate accounting records and controls over the receipt and expenditure of funds in accordance with standards for voluntary health and welfare organizations.
5. Must be governed by an active Board of Directors and must practice non-discrimination in the employment of staff, recruitment of Board Members, and the provision of services.
6. Must fall within the impact areas of Arts, Education, Financial Stability or Health.

Applications are being emailed automatically to agencies that applied last year and to agencies that have made subsequent requests to be added to the list. Other agencies that are interested and meet the eligibility criteria should contact Dawn Byrd at dbyrd@esunitedway.org to receive an application packet or for additional information. The deadline is Wednesday, Feb. 14.

Interviews will be held the week of April 9. The schedule will be emailed to qualifying agencies in March.

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**Martin Luther King Jr. Celebrations**

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 a 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 adult 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

The Northampton County branch of the NAACP will celebrate Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s birthday on Monday, Jan. 15, at 8:30 a.m., with the Annual Community Unity Breakfast to be held in the cafeteria of Northampton High School. Tickets are $6 for adults and no charge for students. The featured speaker for the breakfast will be the Bishop Irvin O. Jackson, pastor of the Living Word Church of Deliverance in Parkers.

The Northampton County branch of the NAACP is mobilizing area residents to volunteer in the clean up of the Samuel D. Outlaw Blacksmith Shop grounds on Boundary Ave. in Onancock, on Monday, Jan. 15, from 9 a.m. to noon. Registration begins at 8 a.m. There will also be an afternoon celebration at ESTACI, 3100 Main St., Exmore, from 3 to 5 p.m.

Accomack and Northampton County Public Schools will be closed on Monday, Jan. 15, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Classes will resume a regular schedule on Tuesday.

**Tasley Fire Company to Host Dinner & Auction**

The Tasley Volunteer Fire Company will be hosting a dinner and auction to help raise funds for their much needed new fire station. The event will be held on Saturday, Feb. 10, at the Elk’s Lodge on Front Street in Accomac. Doors open at 5 p.m. with silent auction items on display and open for bids. A delicious “ham and clam” dinner will be served by the Elks at 6 p.m. At 7 p.m., Chester Jackson will begin a live auction. Featuring many items donated by local artisans, individuals and businesses, including works by local artists and carvers, this auction promises something for everyone.

Tickets are $25 each. For more information or to purchase tickets, call the fire station at 757-787-7870, message your request through the fire company’s Facebook page, or ask any member. Tickets are also available at Eventbrite.com. The volunteers would like to thank everyone in advance for their support.
Wheaton Graduates VMI

Barrett M.D. Wheaton graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering from the Virginia Military Institute, in Lexington, at the Dec. 20 commencement ceremony.

He is a 2013 graduate of Chincoteague Combined School and is the son of Dan and Renee Whealton.

While at VMI, Barrett served as a squad leader, platoon sergeant and platoon lieutenant. He is a member of the Society of American Military Engineers, American Society of Mechanical Engineers Robotics Club (founding member) and the Taekwondo Club (founding member).

Barrett has been selected to attend the United States Army Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Georgia. Upon completion he will be commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

Liddle Makes Dean’s List

Ashley Liddle, of Wallops Island, a double major in psychology and public health in the College of Arts and Sciences at Shenandoah University, was named to the fall 2017 Dean’s List.

Cape Charles Elementary Oral History Project

On Dec. 9, alumni, former faculty and friends of the Cape Charles Elementary school gathered at the Cape Charles Civic Center to celebrate the completion of an oral history project that documents the experiences of some those who attended and taught at the historic African American elementary school. The event was sponsored and coordinated by the Cape Charles Rosenwald School Restoration Initiative, Inc. (CCRSRI). At the luncheon, Dr. Linda Schulz, CCRSRI board member and project coordinator, presented 12 of the interviewees with audio and video copies and transcripts of their interviews.

CCRSRI President Tevya Williams Griffin welcomed everyone, including the majority of the oral history subjects and their guests, along with Cape Charles Mayor George Proto and town council member Joan Natali. The luncheon also included a presentation from Kimb Denny, of the Cape Charles Historical Society, who appealed to alumni for artifacts for an exhibit on the Cape Charles Elementary School at Cape Charles Museum, opening in the spring 2018.

The oral history project entitled, “Voices from Over the Hump,” features 14 interviews conducted by graduate students from Old Dominion University Department of Linguistics. Funding for the initiative came from the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities. The recordings and transcripts will be provided to the archives of the Cape Charles Historical Society, the Cape Charles Memorial Library, the Eastern Shore Public Library, and the Eastern Shore Historical Society.

Cape Charles Elementary was built in 1928/29 and closed in 1963. The school was one of the 5,000 schools built for African American children under the auspices of the Rosenwald Foundation in the early years of the 20th century. Julius Rosenwald was a Jewish Philanthropist who at the turn of the century, influenced by his friend, Booker T. Washington, established a fund dedicated to helping communities rectify the lack of educational opportunities for African American Children in the rural south. The school building is one of the few brick Rosenwald schools in existence and one of two Rosenwald schools still standing on the Eastern Shore. The school is located on Old Cape Charles Road, between the entrance to the harbor and the entrance to Bay Creek Golf Resort and Club. After the school closed, the building was sold by the town and was transformed into an eel processing plant, which has since closed.

The Cape Charles Rosenwald School Restoration Initiative Inc. was founded with the intent of purchasing and restoring the historic building and preserving the history of the school, which is also known as Cape Charles Colored School.

For more information about the oral history project, please contact Linda Schulz at 617-460-0660. For more information about the CCRSRI, contact Tevya Williams Griffin at 804-318-0607. To loan or donate artifacts from Cape Charles Elementary School for exhibit at The Cape Charles Museum, contact Kimb Denny at 757-607-6483.

From left: John Nottingham, Janice Grace, Richard Bland, Bishop James Davis Jr., Clarence Smaw, Odelle Collins, Pauline Mapp Foreman, Thomas Godwin, Dianne Davis, Charles Bell, and Valentine Evans
FRIDAY JAN. 12

★ noon & 5:30 p.m. - AA mtg. - United Methodist Church, 75 Market St., Onancock
★ 12:30 p.m. - Science & Philosophy Seminar: History of Racist Ideas - ESCC, lecture hall, Melfa
★ 3:30 p.m. - Boredom Busters: Constructing - Pocomoke Library
★ 6 p.m. - Celebrate Recovery Group mtg. - Onancock Baptist Church
★ 7 p.m. - Life Teach Series - Rachel/Leah Covenant Ministries Center - 757-787-2486
★ 7:30 p.m. - Texas Hold'em Tournament - Parksley VFC
★ 7:30 p.m. - Bingo - Exmore Moose Lodge, Belle Haven
★ 7:30 p.m. - AA mtg. - Downing's UMC, Oak Hall

SATURDAY JAN. 13

★ 9:30 a.m.-noon - Mary N. Smith RISE Mentor Prgm. - Mary N. Smith Cultural Ctr, Accomac - boys ages 9 to 15 - lunch provided - wear sweats & sneakers - 709-3267
★ 10:30 a.m. - Empowering Girls' Group - ESTACI, Exmore - 757-656-3460 - planning for the 2018 Greek Scholarship Dinner
★ noon & 7:30 p.m. - AA mtg. - Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 66 Market St., Onancock
★ 6:30 p.m. - Epiphany Party & Auction - Cape Charles Vol. Fire Station - 331-2206
★ 7:30 p.m. - Bingo - Eastville Vol. Fire Co.

MONDAY JAN. 15

★ 3 p.m. - By the Bay Alpaca Afternoon Tea (Rescheduled from Jan. 8 due to inclement weather) - Cape Charles Civic Center - $20 - Reservations required: 757-695-4192
★ 5-6 p.m. - Al-Anon mtg. - Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Onancock
★ 6 p.m. - Bingo - Elk's Lodge, Tasley
★ 6:15 p.m. - Central Shore Lions Club mtg. - Sage Diner, Onley
★ 8:30 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 - 757-787-1761
★ 7 p.m. - AA mtg. - Rock Church, Onley
★ 7 p.m. - AA mtg. - Christ Episcopal Church, Eastville
★ 7:30 p.m. - Painter Town Council, Planning Commission & Joint Public Hearing mtg. (Rescheduled from Jan. 8 due to inclement weather) - Painter Town Hall
★ 7:30 p.m. - Accomack Cty. Taxpayers' Assn. mtg. - Accomack County Administration Building

WEDNESDAY JAN. 17

★ 7:45 a.m. - Kiwanis Club of Accomack County mtg. - Sage Diner, Onley
★ 10 a.m. - TOPS mtg. - Market St. UMC, Onancock - 757-787-4718
★ 10-11 a.m. - Alzheimer's Caregiving Group - Hermitage, 23610 North St., Onancock - 787-2592 (John Kellam)
★ 10 a.m.-noon - Accomack AARP mtg. - Sage Diner, Onley
★ 10:30-11:30 a.m. - Overeaters Anon. mtg. - Rock Church, Onley - 757-655-4834
★ 11 a.m. - Prayer Time - Downing's UMC, Oak Hall
★ 11 a.m.-1 p.m. - Soup Kitchen - Corner Stone Seventh Day Adventist Church, 3431 Main St., Exmore
★ 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. - Debedeavon Toastmasters' mtg. - NASA/Wallops Base - Call Owen Hooks at 824-1941 for base access.
★ noon - AA mtg. - United Methodist Church, 75 Market St., Onancock
★ 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. - AA & Al-Anon. mtgs. - Franktown UMC
★ 7:30 p.m. - Bingo - Painter VFC

THURSDAY JAN. 18

★ 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
★ 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. - Bingo - Cheriton VFC - smoke free

SUNDAY JAN. 14

★ 9:30 a.m. - AA mtg. - Historic Cokesbury Church, 13 Market St., Onancock
★ 12:30 p.m. - Bingo - Vietnam Veterans' Bldg., Main St., Onley
★ 4 p.m. - Pastoral Anniversary Service - Refuge Temple Outreach Ministry, Pocomoke, Md.
★ 5-6:30 p.m. - Parents' and Sons' Group - ESTACI, Exmore - 757-656-3460
★ 9 a.m. - Al-Anon mtg. - Refuge Inn, Chincoteague
★ 9:30 a.m. - MOMS mtg. - Onancock Baptist Church, upstairs - 709-9351 - bring a snack & your kids
★ 10 a.m. - Veterans' Workshop - Virginia Employment Commission, Onley - 787-5862
★ 10 a.m. - Bingo - Accomack Senior Village, Onancock - 787-3900
★ 10 a.m. - Zumba - Franktown UMC
★ 10:30 a.m. - Play Time - Pocomoke Library
★ 11 a.m. - Duplicate Bridge - Fairgrounds, Onancock - 757-787-2432
★ 5:30 p.m. - AA mtg. - St. James' Episcopal Church, Accomac
★ 6 p.m. - Rachel Leah Ministries - 787-2486 (call for location)
★ 6 p.m. - Bingo - Pocomoke Elks, next to YMCA
★ 6-8:30 p.m. - GED Class - ESCC, Class A-51, Melfa
★ 6:30 p.m. - AA mtg. - Trinity UMC, 109 Plum St., Cape Charles
★ 7:30 p.m. - Bingo - Painter Garrison UMC
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**Help Wanted**

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

**Experienced Cook Needed**
An experienced cook is needed at YukYuk and Joe’s, in Eastville. Please apply in person.

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.

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

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**Emergency Medical Technician (ALS preferred)**
Northampton County is accepting applications for Full- and Part-time Emergency Medical Technicians (ALS Preferred) in the Emergency Medical Services Department. Applicant must at a minimum possess the following: Commonwealth of Virginia – Department of Health Emergency Medical Technician certification, CPR, valid VA. Driver’s License with good driving record, Emergency Vehicle Operators Course, and Hazardous Materials Awareness. Criminal Background check, physical and drug screening are requirements with this position.

An application can be obtained at the EMS Office or on the Northampton County EMS website (http://northampton-ems.org/news.html?view=1&id=14314). 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.

**The Eastern Shore Community Services Board is seeking candidates for the following positions:**
- **Developmental Services Community Coordinator**
- **IT Systems Analyst**
- **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

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CLASS A CDL DRIVER NEEDED – Full-time, long distance. Must have current physical, clean driving record, produce experience preferred, references required. Drug free workplace, good equipment benefits. Call (757) 767-5997.


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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:

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

Handicapped assistance available: 757-678-0440 extension 516 at least 48 hours in advance.

Marshall Cox, Chairman
Wetlands Board

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

A.) VMRC 2017-2119: Northampton County is applying to remove three 4x50’ piers, one 4x72’ pier, three 50’ seawalls, and one 72’ seawall. They will also be installing two 50’ seawalls and two 6x42’ floating docks with two 3x10’ ramps. The work will be done from a barge and upland. No excavating will be done.

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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The Gift of Stillness: Take Some Time to Share, Give and Receive

By Carla Savage-Wells

Why, Yes! Many of our snowbound readers likely watched the 75th Golden Globe Awards. This column is not about the stunning speech made by Oprah Winfrey. As a fellow lifetime member of the National Forensics League (now called the National Speech and Debate Association), I am in awe of her communication skills.

“Her acceptance speech for the Cecil B. DeMille lifetime achievement award brought the house down and then some, not just as the most rousing speech of the night (among many calls to arms) but also as the instantly iconic address of the Time’s Up and #MeToo movements.” - New York Times. In recognition of the Oprah’s endorsement of the Time’s Up movement and the start of 2018, I’m actually writing about the use of our time.

Trying to make good use of time is nearly a universal concern. In a 24 hour day, we are expected to sleep for eight hours, work for a minimum of eight hours; and in the other 480 minutes each day, take time to play, worship, spend time friends and loved ones or take a nice long bath. Traveling, volunteering, exercising, learning, self-care or edification all must fit in to the same amount of time we’re all given. Maya Angelou said, “Since time is the one immaterial object which we cannot influence -- neither speed up nor slow down, add to nor diminish -- it is an immeasurably valuable gift.”

As a boomer looking forward to retirement, it may seem strange for me to suggest adopting an attitude of gratitude about our work. The Blizzard of 2018 has given us a bit of time to be still and take stock of what we have; and imagine how different life could be if we had nowhere to go or nothing to do to reach our goals or earn a living. Take time to work. It’s the price of success.

Take time to share. Life is too short to be selfish. This year, share your skills and your knowledge. There is a neighbor that could use a helping hand or a listening ear. Perhaps a child could use a mentor or a tutor. Adopt a highway, a good habit, an elder or an organization, and take the time to make time to share your energy, your light, or your talents. Reading aloud, styling the hair or holding the hand of the extremely young, old or infirm for an hour or two a month could make a positive difference in their lives or the life of a weary caregiver.

By a similar token, take time to GIVE love and RECEIVE love. Take a look at the cashier, caregiver, cousin, or clerk in front of you and imagine a badge that says, “Make me feel special.” Call them by name. Say something nice. Show them some love. That’s a great place to start. And if it doesn’t come back to you, remember that love is patient. Love is nourishment for the soul; the giver’s and the receiver’s. At the risk of speaking as a clanging cymbal; love is the greatest gift. Make time for more of it in your life.

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Consumers: Learn To Protect Yourselves From Phishing Scammers

By Richard L. Saunders

“Phishing” is not an outdoor sport, although it sounds like one. Phishing is the process by which scammer try to obtain key information from potential victims in order to do them financial harm and/or commit identity theft. As with any other scam, the key is avoidance, because once you have been scammed, it is unlikely that you will make a financial recovery, and unsnarling identity theft can be the mother of all hassles.

The key piece of data that the “phishers” are after is your social security number. That needs to be closely guarded by you because it can be the key to your financial kingdom. “Live social security numbers are actively sold on the black market, so never provide it unless you absolutely have to, such as using Medicare.

“Phishing” takes all sorts of forms, from the outlandish, crudely-written, so-called Nigerian scams to sophisticated and disarmingly realistic sounding communication. These scams can come by phone, email and even by mobile old-fashioned U.S. Postal Service mail. Understand when you get such an email, almost everyone is on a list of one sort or another.

Data mining is a big operation, and unless you have been living in a cave for 30 years, basic data about you (name, address, email address) is on a list. Furthermore, there are so-called list brokers who sell these digitized lists to scammers for the use by scammers to try to defraud. So when you receive an e-mail that seems suspicious, know that 10,000 other people may have received the same email. If just one percent of the recipients provide what the scammers want, it is a good day for the scammers. Be real careful about opening attachments to such emails and especially careful about supplying any personal data that the attachment wants you to supply.

“Phishing” emails often take the form of a notice saying that there is a problem with your bank account and you need to fill out an attachment to reconfirm some basic information (SSN, account number, password). Fill that out at your peril. Do not call the phone number on the email, it may well lead you to one of the scammers. If you have any concerns, go to your bank in person. “Phishing” can involve government agencies and can look very official.

I was the recipient of one purporting to be from the IRS. I know that the IRS never uses email. They are firmly rooted in the 19th century. But it could have been tempting. Instead of offering millions like the outlandish Nigerian scams, it said a review showed that I was owed $109.60, a not implausible figure. I was asked to fill out an attachment on which my SSN, debit card number and PIN were requested. I leave it to the readers imagination what would have happened had I completed and submitted the attachment.

“Phishing” comes over the phone in the form of offers to lower your credit card interest rates. These scams, judging by the voices one hears, usually originate in Asia. Think critically, why would a bank, who issues a credit card, offer, out of the blue, to lower their interest rates, thereby cutting the profitability of their credit card business?

One last dishonesty feature. Many such email solicitations offer a place to click if you wish to “unsubscribe” to these notices. Do not click. You are not removing yourself from the target list. Instead, you are confirming for potential scammers that yours is a live and active email address.

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Regionalism Can Work

Dear Editor:

The issue of “regionalism” has been raised again recently and it has been pointed out that this board has not contributed Northampton County tax dollars to the new $5 million Eastern Shore Regional Library to be built in Parksley. I wish to submit the following facts that relate to the new library and the broader issue of “regionalism.”

Accomack

- Planning for a new “regional” library started before 2013 and the Accomack supervisors debated whether a library constituted a “core service” from the county. It was considered among other competing capital projects including a new county administration building.
- Accomack supervisors voted to place a referendum on the November 2014 ballot to allow the voters to decide whether to spend ($3.5 million) on a new library. The citizen vote was very close, with 52 percent not supporting the borrowing of the funds. Architectural planning for the new library and a capital campaign proceeded despite the citizen vote.
- In November 2017, Accomack supervisors unanimously approved a motion making the $2.0 million previously pledged by them contingent on the county not being liable for default on any other funds ($1.7 million) borrowed by the Eastern Shore Library trustees. Sale of the existing old library building which is assessed at $575,000 is slated to repay part of the borrowings. An additional motion made the $2.0 million conditional on a memorandum of agreement between the library trustees and the supervisors and the appointment of a project manager reporting to a steering committee to be named.

Northampton

- There are two existing libraries in Northampton that need local funding support from taxpayers and private citizens, one in Cape Charles and one in Nassawadox.
- A new high school/middle school complex is needed in Northampton requiring approximately $25 million in capital funding. It is considered a “core service.”
- A $5 million regional library in Cheriton, for instance, would understandably not be supported by Accomack taxpayers and after a failed referendum, Northampton supervisors would likely be voted out of office.
- Many Northampton private citizens have already contributed thousands of dollars to the new Eastern Shore Regional Library capital campaign.
- Almost 20 years ago the Accomack/Northampton Regional Jail was constructed to house more than 200 inmates at a cost of $24 million. Accomack County, as part of the agreement, was given five “free” beds for prisoners. The jail population averages between 90 and 100 prisoners with Accomack usually providing 5-9. In fairness, as a member of the Jail Board, I can say that when the Regional Jail was constructed Accomack did NOT agree to close its jail. This is extremely understandable as the distance and costs to daily transport prisoners to Eastville for numerous court appearances and trials would be tremendous. Northampton County taxpayers subsidize the Regional Jail over $1.5 million annually. With wisdom born of 20/20 hindsight, this regional approach may have been a mistake. When Accomack needs a new jail, it will be constructed in Accomack.

Regionalism

Virginia agencies push regionalism for funding. Perhaps that is OK when a project is truly regional, but it can work against focused local needs as well.

There are areas where the interests and ownership of the two counties overlap:
- Tourists do not know where the county lines are; they are our common interest.
- High speed internet is critical to economic development. Billions of federal and state funds are being tied up for rural broadband. Now, absent net neutrality, the major telecoms will invest opening the way for new options and partnerships. We need a comprehensive broadband strategy that includes fiber, but also remains open to private sector competition for business, education, telemedicine, and private citizens who will sign up for it.
- The counties jointly own the short-line railroad. We should maximize its potential.
- Clean and navigable waters can only be assured through our cooperation.
- Public safety, health, and medical services needs are universal. Eastern Shore Rural Health serves the entire shore from Atlantic to Cape Charles and has a capital campaign underway to expand in Eastville.

My hope for 2018 is that communication and cooperation will dominate both locally and regionally. If the high ground is currently unoccupied, I ask that our two counties meet there for the benefit of all the citizens of the Eastern Shore.

Spencer Murray, Chairman
Northampton County Board of Supervisors
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