First Degree Murder Conviction for Man Who Stabbed Hospital Employee

Story and Photo by Linda Cicoira

Before stabbing his former girlfriend 46 times last November, Winston Leroy Burton prepared for the murder by putting on surgical sleeves to protect himself from the blood that would later leave a trail as he repeatedly struck her with a cheap knife that eventually broke.

Testimony at his trial in Northampton Circuit Court this week also disclosed that the 58-year-old Cheriton man waited in the parking lot of Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital in Nassawadox, where Shelli Crockett worked, and started “butchering” her before she even got out of her car.

Her screams were heard by a coworker who was also arriving at the facility.

“I thought he was hitting her,” Amanda Butler said. “I walked towards where what was going on. He pulled her out of the car. He had her in the headlock. I got a little bit closer and realized he wasn’t just punching her. I got close enough to see blood splatter. He was dragging her over by the dumpsters … her face was up against the fence. He was repeatedly stabbing her. I could see the wounds and there was blood everywhere … I was five or six inches from the back of his head. I screamed for him to get off of her. Anything to get him to stop … finally he stood up.”

“F--- it. Call the cops,” she recounted hearing him say. “I watched him walk away far enough so he would not come back at me,” she continued. She then tried to comfort her friend. “You couldn’t see what color her skin was. She was alive and trying to speak to me,” Butler testified as she wiped the tears from her face.

Three rows of family and friends, including Crockett’s parents and the father of her daughter, also showed signs of distress at the testimony. Many were...

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Board Votes to Dissolve Onley Fire and Rescue

By Linda Cicoira

Acomack supervisors unanimously agreed Wednesday to dissolve Onley Volunteer Fire & Rescue (OVF&R), effective immediately. The company was also directed to liquidate its assets.

Other nearby units will take up the slack as they have been doing for months and new response boundary lines will be drawn up by the county fire/rescue commission to officially incorporate the district.

Earlier in the session, Mayor Jack Pierson of Onley, who said he was not speaking in his official capacity, suggested a group be put together to interview the Onley station’s roster. “Give them 60 to 90 days to prove if they can run it,” he said. “It should be a fair decision, because it’s a big decision.”

“I think this is the only thing that can be done,” Vice Chairwoman Laura Belle Gordy, who represents the Onley area, said. “I hope that someday we will have a good fire company again.”

“In the 70s, Onley cried out for the need for fire and rescue,” said Royal Governor, president of the company. “Why deprive them now?” he asked. “It should be a fair decision, because it’s a big decision.”

Ambulance “had a blown motor” but the engine was replaced. Governor said on June 25, 2017, a new ambulance was purchased. On June 8, they were notified that their OMD (Operational Medical Director) resigned effective July 8.

“Other stations have poor statistics and yet are rewarded with county staffing,” Governor continued. “Are those other companies … going to be held to the...

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Another worker saw the disturbance and went to get help. When he returned with reinforcements, he saw Burton driving away. Earlier, he asked Burton to move his car because it was parked in an illegal spot. He said the defendant was cordial and drove away from the hospital.

In addition to the eye-witnesses who identified Burton, five others, including his daughter, said he confessed his guilt to them within minutes of the killing, and there was a slew of scientific evidence to back up the charge.

Even so, Burton pleaded not guilty and asked for a trial by jury, which turned into a formality as those who watched the case unfold wondered why he bothered. After two days, the jury took less than 40 minutes to pick a leader, sift through the legal instructions and bring back a guilty verdict. In addition to the first-degree murder charge, the panel found him guilty of three or more subsequent violent crimes, which by law calls for a mandatory life sentence.

“You can’t give him what he deserves,” said Commonwealth’s Attorney Bruce Jones. “But you can convict him of what he did … give him as much justice as you can give him,” the prosecutor said before the deliberations began. The recommendation for sentencing was already decided but the jury had to go through the process. “The General Assembly has done your thinking for you,” Jones told the jurors.

“You can’t give Mr. Burton what he deserves,” he repeated. “But you can give him a down payment on it.”

The statute does not allow a circuit court judge to suspend any of the time. Murder without the third-strike provision calls for 20 years to life. Jones chose not to prosecute an abduction charge, which was also initially brought under the multiple-crime clause. It was a result of Burton dragging Crockett from one location to another.

Defense lawyer Carl Bundick contended no one saw a weapon. He fought the murder allegation with every motion possible, but Judge W. Revell Lewis III would have none of it. Bundick complained that the jury was not made up of Burton’s peers because there were only two blacks on it despite that the local African American population is more than 36 percent of the total population. Many jurors were excused from serving after saying they read about the case and did not think they could be impartial. Others knew officers involved in the investigation or someone else connected to the case.

Lewis explained that the prospective jury list is made up of registered voters and those with driver’s licenses. “The pool has been readily available for some time,” the judge added.

“We did not know the makeup of the jury” until the lawyers made their strikes, Bundick argued.

Burton wanted to be sentenced immediately. Lewis ordered a short form presentence report and continued the case.

Prior to trial, Bundick asked for a change of venue, suppression of evidence and a psychological evaluation. During the preceding, he motioned to strike evidence claiming there was no proof of premeditation.

Neither of the lawyers removed a juror who said her brother was murdered.

Dr. Elizabeth Kinnison, an assistant chief medical examiner, said the cause of death was multiple stab wounds. There were 20 such injuries on the neck and head and 16 defensive wounds on Crockett’s hands. Probably the most significant injury, the pathologist said, was to her right cheek. The wound “went through her tongue, to the back of the throat and injured her jugular vein.”

Lead investigator Lt. Michelle Hallette of the Northampton County Sheriff’s Office supervised and took photos of the crime scene, observed blood being drawn from Burton for comparisons and collected and sent evidence to the lab. Investigator Tara Leckel was involved in a search of the area and spotted the red knife handle, which was discarded in the bottom of a ditch. Investigator Terry Thomas got search warrants and arranged for evidence to be taken from cell phones. He also interviewed Burton.

After killing Crockett, Burton drove himself to the Eastern Shore Regional Jail in Eastville. On the way, he called a friend and his daughter to tell them about the stabbing. He told his daughter he did it because “he blacked out and snapped.” His daughter said she didn’t notice anything unusual about his speech. “It was just the regular tone,” she said.

His blood showed no signs of alcohol or drug use. And psychological evaluation found him sane and competent to stand trial.

Deputies Kyle Martin and Matt Taylor and Sgt. Carl Allums testified Burton told them about the stabbing after he arrived at the jail. Burton injured his hand during the crime, was bleeding and wanted help. Court records also stated he told them he was hearing voices.

Samuel Boggs, of Acomac, went to church with Crockett and her family. She was “just a sister in the church, that’s all. Just a friend,” he said. But Burton thought he was Crockett’s new boyfriend and call Boggs several times leaving voice and text messages in what the prosecutor called “a frenzy of anger and rage.”

Burton has a long history of violence. He once jumped out of a second story window in Accomack Circuit Court after a jury recommended a lengthy sentence. Records filed in both Eastern Shore counties show convictions beginning when he was a juvenile in 1976 and was found guilty of burglary and grand larceny. That same year, he was also convicted of possession of stolen property. A charge of malicious wounding was made but not prosecuted in 1977. The reason was not specified.

In 1980, when Burton was 21, he was sentenced to five years in prison with all but 12 months suspended for maliciously shooting a farm laborer whom he said was accidentally pushed into him at a local nightspot. He pleaded guilty.

Soon afterwards, Burton was back in court for stabbing his teenage wife. “She was going to take the child and run away and I wasn’t going to … see her and the child no more,” he told a deputy.

He was given six years in prison. The four years that was suspended from the first case was revoked but set to run concurrently. His ex-wife was there Wednesday to say Burton wounded her.

At a trial in 1993, a jury found him guilty of armed burglary, malicious wounding and use of a firearm. The jury recommended 27 years in prison. A judge suspended five years of the term. Records show he arrived at the victim’s home, a woman with whom he had previously lived for several years. It was dark and he was uninvited. He was a felon carrying a gun, the record said.

That woman also testified Wednesday that he was convicted of wounding her.

Sometime between then and 2005 he was paroled. At 47, he was gathering his belongings from yet another woman’s house and didn’t realize her adult son was inside. He injured that man and was sentenced to 20 years with 15 suspended.

He was a free man when he killed Crockett, evidence also showed.

Chatmon Announces Candidacy

Submitted Article

Jacqueline “Jackie” Chatmon, of Cape Charles, has announced her candidacy for District 1 Representative to the Northampton Board of Supervisors.

Chatmon grew up and attended school in Newport News, and is a graduate of Spelman College in Atlanta, Ga. She earned a Master of Business Administration degree from the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania.

After a banking career that included executive responsibilities at Citibank and the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, Chatmon returned to Virginia in 2006. She said she had “every intention to begin a relaxed retirement” on the Eastern Shore. However, she quickly realized that there were many opportunities in Northampton County where she could make a difference. She began to volunteer her time and energy with a focus on the issues of economic development, excellence in education and affordable housing.

Over the last several years, Chatmon has chaired the Northampton County Planning Commission and the Cape Charles Memorial Library Board. Through these leadership roles she became acquainted with local job creation, public school quality and housing opportunities.

Chatmon serves on the boards of the National Council of Agricultural Life and Labor (NCALL) and the Eastern Shore of Virginia Housing Alliance. The mission of these organizations is to facilitate affordable homes and thriving communities. Chatmon is also chief election officer in District 1.

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Registration forms can be obtained by calling (757) 331-4315 or on Facebook@nyceocamp. Forms must be returned by July 24, 2017. We encourage all who are interested in attending to register early. Like us on Facebook@nyceocamp.

Story and Photo by Stefanie Jackson

The motto of Cape Charles' arts movement, “Small town, big art,” came alive on the big screen - suspended by a crane - at the Cape Charles Yacht Center last Saturday night. The yacht center hosted the 2017 premiere of the fifth annual Experimental Film Virginia project. It was the culmination of a two-week artists' residency in Cape Charles, with dozens of global and local artists cooperating to create 15 short experimental films.

Each film ran approximately three to five minutes. Like many works of fine art displayed in museums, most of the brief films sought to evoke an emotion, inspire an idea, or capture a single moment rather than tell a whole story. Some films focused on stimulating a single sense. The most resounding emotional impact of “Backwater” was not the images of people on the beach trying to fit into white rubber boots, but the sounds – of water, wind and sand.

Frequently, a film's title was withheld until the end credits, perhaps to prevent preconceptions and preserve the purity of the audience's experience. This produced an “a-ha” moment for viewers at the end of several films. One beautiful and haunting piece featured a blacked-out scene of a lone man mopping a concrete floor, embraced by a woman who mysteriously appeared and disappeared throughout the scene. After they were both shown lying deathly still on the floor, staring into the pooled water, the title was revealed: “Echo and Narcissus.”

Many of the films reflected on the theme of loss or death. “When You Leave” surreally approximated a funeral in which the deceased herself was depicted among the mourning souls tortured by her demise. “Vola” captured the wistful memories of a dangerously driven young dancer who lost the use of her legs in a rehearsal accident after arguing with her partner. “Where You Belong” was a tearjerker about an elderly man reminded of the lost love of his youth after his grandchildren discover an old photo.

The comedic standout of the night was “Revenge of Shucky,” by director Marcus Holman, in which a serial-killer oyster picks off unsuspecting boyfriends at Cape Charles Beach. A reporter attended filming of the pseudo horror flick, with the working title, “Aww, Shucks.”

Watching from behind the scenes was insightful. The artistic process was fluid – to an outsider it would have appeared that decisions were made at the last minute. Just moments before filming, two directors discussed changing the script.

Filming was often entertaining, sometimes repetitive. It became clear why it usually takes months to film a 90-minute feature – it took two hours to film one scene that lasted about 30 seconds on screen. Dozens of takes were filmed, not because any actor was a “diva” or failed to follow the director's instructions, but to capture each scene from every possible angle. One small, handheld video camera was used during the filming session.

Filming on location had drawbacks that were unknown to the audience. “Revenge of Shucky” was partially shot in a local pub during regular business hours. Several times, patrons entering the establishment unintentionally interrupted filming – some embarrassed, some bemused.

Neither the set nor the costumes appeared in the film. Cast and crew of “Revenge of Shucky” work on voice-overs.

Experimental Films Premiere Lights Up The Silver Screen

Cast and crew of “Revenge of Shucky” work on voice-overs.
were pristine. The audience sees what the camera sees, so the cast and crew don't care what's outside the view of the lens. When a child actor's costume didn't close in the back, it was simply fixed with masking tape. One might have imagined a pair of Mary Janes on her feet to complement her frilly dress, but she wore flip flops.

Savannah Lunger, who played the little girl in the pub scene, became associated with Experimental Film Virginia through the Palace Theatre, where she worked with dancer instructor Amy Watkins, a teacher at Pungoteague Elementary School.

Practically anyone involved in the Palace Theatre knows the Sheppard family, who helped revive the theater and continue running it. Renata Sheppard or knows someone who knows Sheppard, who started the nonprofit that is like a giant tool box on wheels and has been used by the community in over 20 years.

Some EFV participants, like Savannah, are Cape Charles locals, and some are from abroad, like Kamilla Skjaeret, the film's producer. Skjaeret is originally from Norway, and has been in the U.S. for five years. Her fiancé is a filmmaker who knew an EFV sponsor who knew Sheppard.

~ Onley Fire Co. ~
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same standard?’

“We have a new leadership due to the resignation” of former Chief Allen Nicholson, who gave up the fight to keep the station open.

“New applications are coming in by the day. We have plans to reorganize as we move forward,” said Governor. “We have done more in the last two weeks than the last few months.” He believes the high black membership at the station is part of the reason for the dissolution. The threat also made it harder to get a new OMD, he said.

Governor asked for the issue to be deferred for at least a year. “We're moving to higher ground,” he continued, adding, he met with the county to offer them heavy rescue, drivable equipment that is like a giant tool box on wheels and has been used by the company since March.

“It is clear to me that the company is already dissolved” because they have no EMS, no fire apparatus and no OMD, said Chairman Robert Crockett. “I think it's important to stress that the recommendation to dissolve came from a committee of OVF&R's peers,” said County Administrator Mike Mason. “It was apparent from the board's discussion … that the decision to dissolve was based on the company's inability to provide services. The board's action to dissolve the company essentially takes away its corporate purpose. Final disposition of the company’s assets is the responsibility of the company since it is a separate legal entity.”

Mason encourages the company board of directors to seek legal counsel.

“I want to emphasize that the board’s decision does not degrade the level of fire and EMS services in Accomack County,” Mason said. “For months now, EMS transport and fire suppression services in OVF&R's coverage area have been provided by a combination of neighboring volunteer companies without incident and within the response time parameters approved by Accomack County. Onancock Volunteer Fire and Rescue has handled most of OVF&R's calls. It is located only two miles away.”

The 911 commission has already been alerted not to dispatch them but they weren't doing so anyway, Mason added.

Also among the reasons cited for closing the station were: a member was convicted in 2014 of embezzling money from the company, there was another conviction of a member who set a truck ablaze in 2016, and a former chief's report said the company would close in early 2017.

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Grand Jury Indictments

More than 20 people were arrested last week in connection with indictments that were brought by an Accomack Grand Jury on June 5 regarding illegal drug sales, according to records filed in Accomack General District Court.

A search warrant states Shawn Jermaine Coston, 38, of Seaside Road in Melfa, has been suspected of selling cocaine since 2000. He was indicted on two counts of distributing the drug on March 23, 2017.

Billy Raymond Austin, 61, of Raymond Townsend Road in Horntown, was indicted on counts of selling heroin, cocaine, abducting Kristy L. Godwin, and assaulting her on Nov. 1, 2016. These charges first appeared in district court and included strangulation, but they weren’t prosecuted after a witness was not available for a preliminary hearing.

A.J. Marsh, of the Eastern Shore Drug Task Force, told the jury about the cases.

Trevor Devon Lewis, 23, of Saxis Road in Temperanceville, was indicted on counts of selling heroin on Sept. 23, 2016, and Oct. 18, 2016. Bail was set at $7,500.

Alexander Kenneth Mills, 36, of Brook Lane in Melfa, was indicted on two counts of distributing cocaine. The offenses occurred Oct. 26, 2016, and Feb. 22, 2017. Secured bond was set at $5,000.

Kayla Mercy Justice, 25, of Pelly Drive in Quinby, was indicted on a count of selling heroin on Feb. 28, 2017. She told a magistrate that she is seven months pregnant. Secured bail was set at $5,000.

Makalia Elaine Boole, no age available, of Main Street in Hallwood, was indicted on a count of selling cocaine on May 2, 2017. Unsecured bail was set at $3,500.

Ryan Dejour Strand, 27, of Pine Street in Parksley, was indicted on a count of distributing cocaine on April 25, 2017. Secured bond was set at $5,000.

Eddron Tchad Kelley, 35, of Daughtery Road in Tasley, was indicted on a count of selling cocaine on April 20, 2017. Secured bail was set at $3,500.

Jawyne Kente Coston, 27, of Beacon Road in Melfa, was indicted on a count of selling cocaine on March 23, 2017. Secured bond was set at $5,000.

Dejour Tyshaun Payton, 21, of Nelsonia Road in Bloxom, was indicted on a count of distributing heroin on Feb. 16, 2017. Secured bond was set at $2,500.

Benito Thomas Flores, 31, of Wayne Drive in Bloxom, was indicted on a count of selling heroin on Dec. 7, 2016, and selling cocaine on Jan. 13, 2016.

Latoya Tynisha Drummond, 40, no address available, was indicted on three counts of distributing cocaine after being convicted of two or more similar offenses. The crimes occurred April 25 and 27, 2017.

Anthony Rayshad Davis, 24, of Daugherty Road in Accomac, was indicted on a count of distributing cocaine on Oct. 5, 2016.

Frederick Demond Bull, 39, of Boggs Road in Painter, was indicted on a count of distributing cocaine on Nov. 9, 2016.

Billy Deeon Harmon, 31, of Raymond Townsend Road in Horntown, was indicted on counts of distributing cocaine and heroin after being convicted of two or more similar offenses. The crimes occurred Sept. 15, and Oct. 26, 2016. He is being held without bond.

Thomas Ulric Dennis, 59, of Withams Road in Withams, was indicted on a count of selling cocaine on Oct. 12, 2016.

Summer Leanne Jones, 21, of Bayside Drive in Bloxom, was indicted on a count of distributing heroin after being convicted of two or more similar offenses. The crime occurred Dec. 21, 2016.

Harvey Lee Pettit Jr., 39, of Accomack Manor in Parksley, was indicted on three counts of selling cocaine after being convicted of two or more similar offenses. The crimes occurred April 20, 25, and 27, 2017.

Tyrrell Roshawn Northam, 30, of Bayside Road in Onancock, was indicted on a count of distributing cocaine on Oct. 25, 2016.

Romar Lamont Reid, 33, of Edward Street in Norfolk, was indicted on a count of selling cocaine on Nov. 9, 2016.

Ray Thomas Fitchett, 26, of Dreamland Trailer Park in Accomac, was indicted on a count of possessing with intent to distribute between a half-ounce and five pounds of marijuana on April 29, 2016; buying or receiving or aiding in concealing a stolen firearm on April 29, 2016; and selling cocaine on Oct. 19 and Nov. 2, 2016.

Evron Terrell Strand, 43, of Mary N. Smith Road in Accomac, was indicted on two counts of selling cocaine after being convicted of two or more similar offenses. The crimes occurred Nov. 30, and Dec. 5, 2016.

Shawn Coston, Austin, Strand, Fitchett, Reid, Northam, Pettit, Jones, Dennis, Harmon, Bull, Davis, Drummond and Flores are being held without bond in Accomack Jail.

Man Who Robbed 9-Year-Old Sentenced

A Pungoteague man who robbed a nine-year-old girl at the El Ranchito convenience store in Cheriton in 2015, was sentenced to 49 years in prison for four crimes Monday in Northampton Circuit Court. All but seven years of the terms were suspended.

Khiry Akeim Six, 27, of Linhaven Circle, was given 20 years with 17 years suspended for burglary, 25 years with 22 suspended for robbery, three years for use of a firearm in a felony and a year for possession of a firearm by a violent felon. He was ordered to be on supervised probation for 10 years upon release from prison.

In another case, a Vietnam War veteran, Joseph Washington Burton, 67, of Cobb Station Road in Cape Charles, pleaded guilty to unlawful wounding. Burton admitted to police that he struck the victim, Daryl Taylor, also of Cape Charles, in the head with a hammer on Jan. 3, 2017. Burton was indicted on a count of malicious wounding, which is a more serious felony charge.

Barry Simpson, 54, of Exmore, was sentenced to three years with all but four months suspended for felony eluding and 12 months with all but four months suspended for reckless driving. Both were in connection with Jan. 15, 2016, incidents. Supervised probation was ordered for two years.

Darrell Jones, 26, of Virginia Beach, pleaded guilty to possession with intent to distribute more than a half ounce but less than five pounds of marijuana on Nov. 4, 2016. A presentence report was ordered.

Carlos B. Cardoza, 44, of Nasswadox, was sentenced to 10 years each for possession with intent to distribute OxyContin and Vicodin to run concurrently with seven years suspended. He was put on probation for five years and good behavior for 10. The crimes occurred in September 2015.

“[I] regret the poor choices that I’ve made,” Cardoza told the judge.

“Our life has been a mess with the drugs,” Judge W. Revel Lingfield replied. “I hope you are able to get your life together after that time.”

Kenneth Bowen, 58, of Belle Haven, was sentenced to 30 days in jail for petty larceny, a misdemeanor. He was initially charged with felony theft.

Kevin Da’Auyan Clark, 21, of Chesapeake Drive in Cape Charles, pleaded guilty to felony larceny from a person in connection with an April 2, 2017, incident. He was initially charged with robbery. A count of use of a firearm in a felony was not prosecuted.

Court records show Deputy Walter Marks of the Northampton County Sheriff’s Office responded to the incident in the parking lot of Yuk Yuk & Joe’s Restaurant in Eastville. Davene Ayers, of Exmore, told Marks, the defendant “got into his vehicle on the passenger side . . . pointed a handgun at him and said, ‘Yeah I’m sticking you up.’”

After Ayers gave him $100, the gunman went back to his own vehicle and left the parking lot. Another witness corroborated Ayers’ story. The file stated the victim identified Clark by a photograph.

Jarvis DVon Scarborough, 27, of Keller Pond Road in Painter, was sentenced to 10 years in prison with all but three years suspended for possession with intent to distribute cocaine in August 2015. Indefinite supervised probation was ordered. He got the same sentence in June in Accomack, also for cocaine distribution.

Tyrhee Henderson, 20, of Exmore, pleaded guilty to five credit card crimes in connection with incidents that occurred in February 2017. A presentence report was ordered.

Tourist Charged

Two local people and a tourist were accused of committing felonies in Accomack General District Court this week.

Brandon Scott Mulder, 24, of Ferndale Street of Scranton, Pa., was staying at a local inn on Chincoteague. The Chincoteague Police Department was called to the establishment to investigate a disturbance. Mulder was charged with two counts of assault and battery of Pfc. Tyler Marks, possessing a controlled substance, obstructing a police officer from performing his duties, and resisting arrest. The incidents were alleged to have occurred on July 11 and involving Marks being punched, kicked, head butted and spit upon.

Michael Trent Stevens, 58, of Gladding Road in Mears, was charged with hit and run in an incident in which more than $1,000 worth of property damage was reported, two counts of reckless driving, DUI and refusal to take a sobriety test.

According to the court records, Stevens was driving a 1992 Ford F-150 work truck on July 14, 2017, and struck a 2008 Chevy Equinox northbound on Route 13. He later crashed again on Dogwood Drive, where he was apprehended.

Trooper A.J. Rohnke investigated.

Jaqueline Fleurant Selondieu, 54, of Parksley Road in Parksley, was charged with hit and run with more than $1,000 worth of property damage on July 15, 2017. Officer Aaron Turner of the Onley Police Department investigated. Unsecured bond was set at $1,000.
Obituaries

Robert G. Blankenship Sr.

Mr. Robert G. Blankenship Sr., 83, husband of Dianne Blankenship and a resident of Melfa, passed away Thursday, July 13, 2017, at his residence. A native of Inez, Ky., he was the son of the late Roy Eugene Blankenship Sr. and the late Linda Wiley Blankenship.

Mr. Blankenship was a U.S. Air Force veteran, retired owner of Bob’s Body Shop & Radiator, and a member of Faith Baptist Church. In addition to his wife, Mr. Blankenship is survived by four children, Sandra B. Bonner of Nassawadox, Robert G. “Bobby” Blankenship Jr. and his wife, Patty, of Acomac, Ricky Blankenship and his wife, Angie, of Melfa, and Corey Glover of Crisfield, Md.; a sister, Mildred Hopkins of Oak Hall; 15 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandson. Other than his parents, Mr. Blankenship was predeceased by two sons, William Gary Blankenship and Stephen Westley Blankenship.

Funeral services were conducted at the Doughty Funeral Home on July 15, 2017, with Pastor Robert Madron officiating. Interment followed at Wachapreague Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Faith Baptist Church.

Online condolences may be shared at www.doughtyfuneralhome.com

Arrangements were made by Doughty Funeral Home in Exmore.

Chad Vincent Brittingham

Mr. Chad Vincent Brittingham, 47, of Smith’s Beach, passed away on July 14, 2017, at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital. He was a native of Galesburg, Ill., and was the son of Robert Woldorf and Karen Sue Owens Brittingham and the late David Brittingham. He was a waterman, an avid fisherman, and enjoyed watching the Redskins and NASCAR.

Other than his parents, he is survived by his fiancé Cherie Burton, his children, Alyson and Kyle Brittingham, a sister, Staci Brittingham, and two granddaughters.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of one’s choice.

No services are planned.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at foxandjamesfh.com. Arrangements were made by Fox and James Funeral Home of Eastville.

Mable Parker Harrison

Mrs. Mable Parker Harrison, 57, wife of the late Richard William Harrison Jr., of Oyster, passed away Tuesday, July 18, 2017, at her residence. A native of Oyster, she was the daughter of Gloria Campbell Parker, of Oyster, and the late Roy Eugene Parker. She was the Assistant General Manager for Cherrystone Campground and a member of Full Gospel Church.

In addition to her mother, she is survived by her husband, a daughter, Tabitha H. and her husband, Carl, of Christiansburg; one brother, Roy Parker, of Oyster; two sisters, Wanda Zayas and her husband, O.J., of Clam and Bonnie Schoenberg and her husband, Ed, of Baltimore, Md.; and three grandchildren, Samantha, Alex and Trevor, all of Christiansburg.

A graveside service will be held Saturday, July 22, 2017, at 11 a.m. at Cape Charles Cemetery with Rev. Randy E. Lewis officiating. Flowers will be accepted or memorials may be made to American Breast Cancer Foundation, 10400 Little Patuxent Pkwy., Suite 480, Columbia, MD 21044.

Online condolences may be shared at www.doughtyfuneralhome.com

Arrangements were made by Doughty Funeral Home in Cape Charles.

Antoinette Catherine Stepien Isyk

Mrs. Antoinette “Fuzzy” Catherine Stepien Isyk, 75, wife of Joseph John Isyk, went to be with the Lord Saturday, July 15, 2017. From Syracuse, N.Y., she was the daughter of the late Marion Frank and Adele Stepien and a Sacred Heart High School graduate, Class of 1959. Mrs. Isyk retired in 1993 from the New York Telephone Company after 32 years in management. Always a scholar at heart, she then matriculated in anthropology studies at Syracuse University, was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, and graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 2001. In 2002, she relocated to the Eastern Shore to be near the ocean. While in Cape Charles, she taught high school French, enjoyed Shore life, wrote and published several online essays, short stories and children’s books, and created works of art from sea glass she gathered on her long beach walks. But most of all, she enjoyed spending time with her four children and twelve grandchildren whom she loved with all her heart. More can be found at www.grandmatonimemories.shutterfly.com.

In addition to her loving husband, she is survived by four children, Joseph J. Isyk Jr. and family, Melissa C. Peterson and husband, Donald, of Syracuse, Melissa C. Isyk and spouse, Betty, of Jacksonville, Fla., and Marchelle I. Allen and children, of Charlotte, N.C.; three sisters, Andrea Price, of Cape Charles, and Adele “Butchie” Curcio and Alicia Castrello, both of Syracuse; and brother, Mark Joseph Stepien, of Syracuse. She was predeceased by a brother, Frank Stepien.

Memorial services will be held at Sacred Heart Basilica in Syracuse on Wednesday, July 26, 2017, at 9:30 a.m. Visitation will be held at 1100 West Genesee St. in Syracuse, on Tuesday, July 25, 2017, from 4-7 p.m. Flowers will be accepted or memorials may be made www.verahouse.org

Online condolences may be shared at www.doughtyfuneralhome.com

Arrangements were made by Wilkins-Doughty Funeral Home in Cape Charles.

Shirley Y. Merritt

Mrs. Shirley Y. Merritt, 82, of Chincoteague Island, passed away on July 13, 2017, at her son’s home in Parksley. She was born on Chincoteague on March 4, 1935, to the late Mock and Flossie Williams McGee. She was a member of Union Baptist Church.

Mrs. Merritt is survived by her three sons, Donald W. Merritt and his wife, Bonnie, of Parksley, Steven C. Merritt, of Virginia Beach, and Robert K. Merritt and his wife, Jessie, of Chestertown, Md.; seven grandchildren, Donald Lee Merritt and his wife, Christine, of Temperanceville, Andrew Merritt and his wife, Morgan, of Chesapeake, Curtis L. Merritt, Jordan B. Merritt, and Nicolas J. Kendall, all of Chestertown, Noah Merritt, of Texas, and Stacy Sparrow, of Pocomoke City; three granddaughters, Shirley Millwood and her husband, Derek, of Homer, Ga., Amber Merritt Mason and her husband, Eric, of Pocomoke City, and Misty McKinstry, of Seaford; 16 great-grandchildren; daughter-in-law, Debra Sparrow, of Gainsville, Ga.; brother, Carlton “Cork” McGee, of Chincoteague; two sisters, Ruth Budd, of Atlantic, and Louise Tull and her husband, Eddie, of Chincoteague; very special friend, Ellen McNickle, of Largo, Fla.; several nieces; nephews; and cousins.

Mrs. Merritt was preceded in death by her father, Mock McGee; mother, Flossie Williams McGee; husband, Donald L. "Grit" Merritt; sons, Clifton A. Sparrow and Curtis L. "Little Grit" Merritt; and brothers, Nelson McGee and Eldon "Gump" McGee.

Funeral services were held on July 16, 2017, with Rev. Kevin Eley and Chaplain Mary officiating. Burial will take place in the John W. Taylor Memorial Cemetery in Temperanceville.

Memorial donations may be made to Riverside Hospice of the Eastern Shore, 165 Market St., Onancock, VA 23417. Services were entrusted to Salyer Funeral Home, Inc. on Chincoteague. Condolences may be made online at www.salyerfh.com

Robert Parsons Northam

Mr. Robert Parsons “Bobby” Northam, 95, husband of the late Thelma Watson Northam and a resident of Parksley, walked graciously into the arms of the Lord on Wednes-
day, July 12, 2017.

Born December 12, 1921, in Parksley, Mr. Northam was a son of the late John Lewis Northam and Emily Parsons Northam. Following graduation from Temperanceville High School, Mr. Northam joined the U.S. Army Air Corps and proudly served his country during World War II. Once the war had ended, Mr. Northam returned to Parksley and began working for ANEC as a lineman. In 1987, Mr. Northam retired as manager of member services after 44 years with the cooperative.

Mr. Northam was a longtime member of the Central Masonic Lodge No. 300 A.F. & A.M. and a devoted member of Grace United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 156, Parksley, VA 23301. He was known for his unwavering kindness, always lending a helping hand, and spreading cheer everywhere he went.

Survivors include his loving daughter, Diane Carole Northam Bundick Melson and husband, Edward; grandson, Garrick Northam Bundick and wife, Sonya; great-grandson, Brent Willis Bundick and wife, Logan; great-granddaughter, Blakelyn Diana Bundick; two nephews, Larry Custis and wife, Cindy, and Wayne Custis and wife, Rosa Caine; and niece, Emily Custis Jones. In addition to his wife and parents, Mr. Northam was predeceased by his sister, Ruth Northam Custis; brother, John Lewis Northam Jr.; grandson, Wayne Thomas Bundick II; nephew, Don Custis; and his beloved dog, “Trouble.”

Funeral services with Masonic Rites were held at the Grace United Methodist Church on July 16, 2017, with the Revs. Alan Layman and Jack Pruitt officiating. Interment with military honors followed in the Liberty Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Grace United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 156, Parksley, VA 23321. Memory tributes may be shared at www.williamsfuneralhomes.com.

Arrangements were made by the Williams-Parksley Funeral Home.

Frances Gunther Ramzy

Mrs. Frances Gunther Ramzy, 84, passed away peacefully on July 11, 2017. She was the daughter of Joseph and Emma Smith Gunther. She was predeceased by her husband, retired U.S. Navy Capt. James Robert Ramzy.

Mrs. Ramzy was born on the Eastern Shore. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics at Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg, and her Master of Arts in history and Master of Science in post-secondary education from Old Dominion University. She taught in Maryland, California, Hawaii and Virginia, finishing her career with Norfolk Public Schools.

A lover of travel, Mrs. Ramzy visited Central America, Russia, Greece, Scandinavia, Ireland, England and all the countries of Europe. Of all the countries she visited, she loved the Far East the best, because it was the most different from her other experiences. She loved to be challenged and was utterly unafraid of adventure. She also loved sailing and loved the ocean, describing it as “very soothing, yet invigorating and very beautiful.”

She is survived by daughters, Ann Ramzy Arumäe, Susan Frances Ramzy and Catherine Ramzy Harrison; grandchildren, Sean Robert Arumäe, Zachary James Harrison, Caitlin Harrison March and Alicia Arumäe Owens; and four great-grandchildren, Jaxon, Sloane, Scarlet and Kent. She is also survived by her beloved aide and friend, Kattrell Diane Lewis.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, July 22, 2017, at 11 a.m., at Princess Anne Memorial Garden, 1110 N. Great Neck Rd., Virginia Beach, with a reception and celebration of her life to follow.

In lieu of flowers, she would have appreciated donations to Beach House, 3143 Magic Hollow Blvd., Virginia Beach, VA 23453. Beach House provides recreational and rehabilitation services in a clubhouse format for the mentally ill of Hampton Roads.

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

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Group Seeks Recommendations for Former Machipongo Middle School

By Stefanie Jackson

Nearly a decade after the former Northampton Middle School on Young Street in Machipongo closed its doors to students, most of the building remains unused.

Members of the Northampton County Department of Parks and Recreation Advisory Board are developing a business plan for repurposing the former school as a community center.

A public meeting was held on July 13 at Indiantown Park to allow citizens the opportunity to share their ideas about reuse of the building, and to invite community stakeholders to volunteer their input regarding the business plan.

The business plan is part of a feasibility study to be presented before the Northampton County Board of Supervisors, who must approve any reuse of the property.

The meeting was preceded by an online survey answered by 22 local respondents. An overwhelming majority, 59 percent, are age 60 or older. The rest are between the ages of 18 and 59. Respondents live varying distances from the former middle school, as many as 30 miles away or further. A slight majority live between 6 and 10 miles of the building.

There was no consensus among those surveyed about which activity they would most likely choose if available at the Young Street location. The choices were: Art shows or theater productions, business or office space use, community cookouts or fundraisers, conference center use, Eastern Shore Community College satellite campus use, community farming or gardening, local history museum presentations, and swimming lessons or lifeguard training. All activities scored a 3 or 4 on a scale of 1-5, with “1” meaning respondents are “unlikely” to participate and “5” meaning respondents are “very likely” to participate.

Four out of five respondents who submitted optional comments would like the former school building to be repurposed as a community center. One commenter stated, “I... hear repeatedly about the need for a commercial kitchen that bakers/chefs could use to create foods to sell at the [Onancock Farmers] market!” One person requested an arts and crafts learning center for all ages.

When asked if they were interested in using the space for current or future businesses, over 80 percent of survey takers answered, “No.”

Caroline Bott, who prepared the survey, acknowledged that “most of the ideas [for repurposing the former school] aren’t revenue-generating ideas,” which may be a concern for the core group of stakeholders which is looking for a project that will attract grant funding. Bott works for the Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission, which is not directly involved in the project at its current stage. Bott was asked to facilitate apart from her position at A-NPDC.

Deciding how to repurpose the former middle school building is not the only hurdle to overcome before the space can be reused. Bott suggested that committee members working on the business plan may also have concerns about the presence of mold, asbestos, or other structural issues that would need to be addressed before reopening the building.

Corrections and Clarifications

Last week’s story about broadband in Northampton county contained errors. Robert Bridgman is the correct spelling of the executive director of the Eastern Shore Broadband Authority. Columbia Telecommunications Corporation is the correct name for the company abbreviated as CTC (we had reported Consolidated Telecommunications Company). CTC does not run fiber optic cable, but is writing the strategic plan for the broadband authority with recommendations to increase the availability of broadband on the Shore.
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Truancy Trumps Strategic Plan at Northampton School Board

By Stefanie Jackson

Northampton County Public Schools’ Comprehensive Plan for 2016-2021 was intended as the main point of discussion at the school board’s July 13 meeting, but its public hearing was postponed until Sept. 28 due to lack of advanced public notice.

The board allowed public comment on the comprehensive plan from the only citizen in attendance, Paul Grossman of Cape Charles.

Grossman, who doesn’t have children in the system, wanted to offer his review from a business standpoint. He said the plan, as written, is “not passable in the corporate world.” Grossman commended the comprehensive plan committee for their efforts, calling the plan a “good starting point,” but urged them to “try again.”

Grossman cited the lack of projected completion dates for the 48 strategies and tasks. Evidence for achieving goals and objectives must be more “specific, measurable, and attainable,” he said.

The plan can be found in PDF format by visiting www.ncpsk12.com and entering “comprehensive plan” in the search box at the top right corner of the page.

Northampton County has been hit with a double whammy on the number of students attending its public schools. Over the past 15 years, average daily membership has decreased by nearly a third. The comprehensive plan attributes this decline to “limited opportunities for competitive employment within Northampton County, public perception of the quality of educational programs, and increasing availability of faith-based and other private educational institutions.” Additionally, absenteeism and truancy continue to be a problem, with an average daily attendance of 92-94 percent of enrollment.

Chairman William Oakley announced the school board's interest in hiring a part-time attendance officer, a position which was once budgeted but never filled. The board said. Retaining fewer students would decrease class sizes and require fewer teachers - saving money for the county, suggested Lawrence.

Oakley said principals will receive a list of chronically truant and absent students at the August principals' meeting. Board members agreed there are a variety of reasons some students are chronically truant or absent, and that the conversation between school representatives and parents or guardians to address the problem is specific to each family.

Having an attendance officer will enable this conversation to happen earlier in the intervention process. Currently, Northampton school personnel notify a parent or guardian via “robo call” the first day a student is absent. After the fifth absence, a letter is sent home “informing of the absences and explaining the consequences of continued truancy.” When eight absences occur, a parent conference is scheduled.

Board member Shannon Dunham would like the attendance officer to foster personal relationships with students, gaining their trust and allowing them to “open up” about issues that may attribute to their truancy. She asserted that kids can be “incentivized” to attend school regularly.

“I thought as a district we were going to look at more prevention” of student absenteeism and truancy, said Board member Nancy Proto. The board is considering reinstating the part time attendance position in the school budget; no action was taken at the July 13 meeting.

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Eastern Shore Couples Find Lasting Love ~ Part Two

By Linda Cicoira

The Eastern Shore of Virginia is a place of lasting loves.

Lisa Cropper Johnson, of Horntown, can attest to that. She met the love of her life, Tim, “In the neighborhood” where she grew up. “He and his younger brother stayed in Atlantic during the weekdays with their grandmother and came to town on weekends. Only in his late teens did he interact much with us neighborhood teens,” she wrote in a survey reply to the Eastern Shore Post recently.

“What started as a friendship blossomed into lasting love,” Johnson continued. “We have been together for 33 years and celebrated our 29th wedding anniversary on June 25, 2017.

I believe the secret of our marriage is give and take. We learn to accept each other’s flaws and remain committed to the marriage.”

Bruce MacMaster Jr., of Onley, met his true love in Baltimore, Md., at the “Deutsches Haus, a go-to German Pub, where all us struggling young aspiring white-collar workers met every Friday night to drink $1 a pitcher beer and eat cheap good food,” he said.

“The restrooms were upstairs and on my way up, I saw the most beautiful blue eyes ever coming down the stairs. I waited until she came out and stopped her and asked her to dance,” MacMaster said. “We did. She was a nurse there with several other nurses from Sinai Hospital. We danced several more times and I brought her to our table. I introduced her to our group.”

“That was Dec. 15,” he said. “In February, we got engaged and on the 5th of June, we were married.” The two had “54 glorious years, three wonderful children and nine grandchildren” before “the Lord called her home.”

Paul Ewell, of Parksley, was “in college and attending a Christian Fellowship meeting when Sandra walked into the meeting straight from softball practice,” he wrote. “She was dirty and smelly. It was love at first sight. That was 1984. The rest is history.”

“Sandra and I have never really had an argument and we never fight,” he continued. “She knows how to manage me. I like boats. She lets me like boats and thus she always gets her way. We have very similar interests. Although she is a city girl from Fairfax, she really embraced the Shore life. She loves boats, crabs and all things Shore. She travels with me everywhere I go chasing all things maritime and she seems to love it. Personality-wise, we are exact opposites and I think that helps. We complement each other. It must work because we spend almost all of our time together. We drive to work together (Virginia Wesleyan), we both work at the school, we always eat breakfast and dinner together and often lunch, we work the museum (Eastern Shore Watermen’s Museum and Research Center) together on Saturdays. It must be love or she would have killed me by now,” he said.

Blanding (Blandy) Savage Bell, of Onancock, knew her true love in high school. “He was a senior and I was a freshman so I wasn’t noticed,” she wrote. “But I always thought he was gorgeous. From 2013 to 2015, I went through a painful divorce and had come to terms with my failed marriage. I gave myself time to heal and then I decided I was ready to date,” she said.

“As fate would have it, one month later, David posted on Facebook that he was moving back home,” she continued. “I messaged his cousin and was told he was dating someone. So, I just said please tell him if it doesn’t work out … I’m interested. Three weeks later, he called me. And the rest is history.”

He moved back to the Shore about two years ago. “We got married two weeks ago,” she wrote on June 27. “It’s funny because I had to lose to win. I didn’t understand that at the time but looking back, there was a reason for it. Now I have my other half that completes me!”

Stefanie Jackson, of Pungoteague, met her husband, Chris, “On the internet, back in the days of dial-up, in ICNet’s local chatroom.” That was 17 years ago. “When we met in real life for our first date after chatting for about a month, we immediately clicked and have been together ever since.”

Kimberly Perry, of Greenbush, met Edward Burgess, of New Church, on social media. “A friend request was sent from him and I accepted it considering we had multiple mutual friends,” she said. “We started out talking … and then he wanted to meet me. He came over for dinner and met my family. After about a month and a half of being friends, he asked my father for blessings to date me. We have been together for a little over two years. Although we are young and our fights are stupid, he still puts forth the effort to get over the bumps in life and have good communication. That is what makes me think that he is the one.”

We regret an error in Part One of this story, which was published last week. This is what should have been written:

Doug Stewart, of Wardtown, found Laura, who later became his wife. “As strange as it seems in these days of internet, I met my love through a newspaper ad,” said Stewart. “We arranged to meet in a public place on Dec. 16, 1994 and we have been happily married ever since.”

At right is Elaine and Bruce MacMaster at their 50th wedding anniversary. Bottom right is Lisa and Tim Crop- per, who have been together for 33 years.
From left is Paul and Sandra Ewell, of Parksley; Chris and Stefanie Jackson, of Pungoteague; and Kimberly Perry, of Greenbush, and Edward Burgess, of New Church.

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Applications are now being accepted for State and Federally funded housing repair programs. The Eastern Shore of Virginia Indoor Plumbing/Rehabilitation Program provides assistance to low-income families to repair or replace houses that also need new sewer systems. The Eastern Shore of Virginia Rural Homeowner Rehabilitation Program provides funds for general repairs to houses owned and occupied by low-income persons.

For more information, or to submit an application, please contact the Accomack-Northampton Regional Housing Authority, or the Eastern Shore of Virginia Housing Alliance.

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**HOCUS-FOCUS**

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

**CAMP WAAHoot**

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

**Snowflakes**

by Japheth Light

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

**Junior Whirls**

by Charles Barry Townsend

A RARE DISCOVERY!

Let’s see if you can discover the answers to the following puzzles in under five minutes. In this type of problem you are given a word that must be changed into another word in a series of moves. During each move, you must change one letter in the previous word, so as to form a new word. In our example, we changed RARE to FIND in four moves. See if you can change the following words in four moves each.

1. FULL to TIME
2. BALK to LINE
3. CAPE to HORN
4. GIRL to TALK

**Puzzles4Kids**

by Helene Hovanec

**CODED RIDDLE**

Change each letter to the one that comes immediately BEFORE it in the alphabet to find a riddle and its answer.

Here’s a copy of the alphabet to guide you:

ABCDEF GHJKLM NOPQRST UVWXYZ

XIZ BSF NPTRVJUPFT BOOPZJOH?

CFDBVTF UIFZ HFU VOEFS

ZPVS TLJO.

**Joe’s Junkyard**

ONE MAN’S JUNK is another man’s treasure! See if you can correctly count up all of the items shown at Joe’s. You have 30 seconds to browse.

Answer: Our count was 44. Did you find more?

**A FEAT OF JUGGLING!** Here’s a neat coin catching stunt. Bend your arm back to your shoulder, palm up, and place a stack of coins on your elbow. Next, snap your arm down and try to catch the coins in your hand. With a little practice, you’ll “out juggle” your friends every time.

**IT’S MAGIC!** Use the numbers 1 through 10 to fill in this Magic Square. The numbers in each horizontal row and vertical column should total 35. We’ve filled in six of the squares; The rest is up to you.

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2, 4, 7, 9, 11, 15, 14, 7, 2, 16. This row:

Our answer: First row 8, 11, 15, 14, 7 Second row 14, 7, 2, 16, 11.
Two Eastern Shore Little League Teams Secure District 8 Championships

By Krystle Bono

The North Accomack major girls softball team defeated Central Accomack, 14-3, at Azalea Little League July 6, to finish at the top of the District 8 bracket with a 4-0 tournament record. The CALL major girls held a 4-2 record.

NALL made the trek to McLean Little League for the state tournament, July 14 – 19. The girls faced Norton of District 13, July 14, to post a 14-3 victory. The girls suffered a 20-0 shutout to McLean of District 4, July 15, and then a 7-6 loss to Warwick of District 7, July 16.

The Central Accomack major boys claimed the District 8 championship after defeating Shore, 11-1, at Azalea, July 5. The boys will head to Dumfries District Little League for their respective state tournament, and are slated to play Fort Hunt of District 9, Saturday, July 22, at 7 p.m.

Central Accomack 8-10 Girls Finish 2-2 in State Tournament

By Krystle Bono

The Central Accomack 8-10 girls softball team traveled to Damascus, to compete in the state championship after nabbing the District 8 title last month.

CALL dominated Game 1 on July 7, with a 22-4 win over their District 13 opponent, Coeburn. The girls secured another win in Game 2, topping Richmond County of District 15, 7-1, on July 8. After a hard-fought battle in Game 3, the girls would fall in a close 9-8 contest to Bridgewater of District 3.

The girls faced Richmond County again in Game 4, but were edged out by one, 8-7, July 10, to end their State race with a 2-2 showing.
Paul Nolz Soccer Camp

Paul Nolz, head soccer coach at Nan-dua High School, will be hosting his 30th annual soccer camp at Onancock School, Aug. 7 – 11. The camp will run from 9 – 11:30 a.m., and is for ages 4 to 13. Athletes will be divided by age and ability into smaller groups. Instruction will focus on individual player development. Attacking and defending principles will be covered, along with dribbling, passing, shooting, heading, and receiving. Participants must bring water, shoes, and a well marked ball.

For early sign ups and information, call 757-787-7625, 757-787-7415 or email rock.church.onley@verizon.net Sign up by July 26, guarantees a t-shirt and correct size.

Northampton High School Softball Camp

Northampton High will host softball camp Aug. 16, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The camp will be conducted by National Championship Head Coach Brandon Elliott, Pitching Coach and Associate Head Coach of Virginia Wesleyan University, Jim Inzana, and Northampton High softball coach, Billy Davis, and former college softball players.

Cost is $100 if registered by Aug. 12, and $125 per player at time of event. This camp is limited to rising 6th graders through high school seniors and is designed to teach as well as showcase each player’s individual talents. This is an advanced camp covering hitting, infield, pitching, and outfield instruction. Players must provide their own lunch.

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36th Annual Bill Fish Release Tournament

The Eastern Shore Marlin Club will host the Bill Fish Release Tournament and Top Boat, Tuna, Wahoo and Dolphin July 27 – 31, at the Wachapreague Marina.

Weigh-in is 5 to 8 p.m., entry fee is $125 per person and includes buffet style dinner with open bar. Guests are $75 per person.

A captain’s meeting will be held at the Island House July 27, at 6 p.m. Fishing begins July 28 through July 30 with one layout day. An awards banquet will begin at 6 p.m., July 31, at the Island House. Registration, rules and forms are available at Sea Hawk Sports Center, Complete Car Care, Don’s Tackle Shop and the Island House Restaurant.

For more information, call 757-710-0128.
Fishing from the Shore

By Bill Hall

The biggest change along the local fishing front over the last week has been the unexpected arrival of decent numbers of medium sized spot in the upper bay off Onancock. These are not the large “yellow-bellies” that you would expect to see in the late summer/early autumn, but the majority of these fish are keeper size. Target these tasty panfish along the channel edges while drifting, using small hooks adorned with bloodworm, Fishbites, or the soft clam portions of a peeler crab.

Croakers, among the smallest members of the drum family, are still well below the numbers and sizes expected for this time of year on both sides of the Eastern Shore. Let’s hope that there is a surge in the population of these tasty bottom fish prior to the first Saturday in August. That’s when the Onancock Volunteer Fire Company will be hosting its first Croaker Tournament from the Onancock Town Wharf. Prizes will be awarded to the three largest croakers, the top croaker catch by a youth and the top croaker catch by a female angler. In addition, there will be a category for any active fire, EMS, and/or police personnel. There will also be an award for the largest “non-croaker” catch. All proceeds from the event will benefit the fire company. The event is scheduled for Aug. 5. For more information, contact Adam James at 757-710-2731.

Chincoteague – Donna Rae, of Captain Bob’s Marina, reported that flounder were still a “chore” to be found with the throwback to keeper ratios being 13-1 inside the Chincoteague Channel, and down to 6-1 north of the American Legion building. There were some flounder, undersized black sea bass, and small bluefish landed from the town pier. A few legal-sized flounder and small croakers came from the Assateague Channel near Memorial Park and the Tom’s Cove Fishing Pier. Good catches of kingfish (whiting) were coming from buoys 10-14. Bottom water temperatures as low as 48 degrees were still being reported by divers on Blackfish Banks, hampering the offshore flounder fishing there. Expect limit catches to once again become the norm as the water turns over. Black sea bass can still be found along the wrecks and spadefish are swarming above the thermocline. Better seabass catches are coming from the wreck near the Parking Lot and out at the Marine Electric. A few cobia have been seen along the 2TL buoy at Turner’s Lump. Offshore, a few bluefin tuna and small yellowfin were reported beyond 20 fathoms.

Jimmy, at Captain Steve’s Bait & Tackle, reported that anglers targeting flounder in the surf, jigging with 1 to 1.5 ounce bucktails were having success, with one pair landing five keepers. Orange mylar rigs produced flounder to 22-inches in length. A variety of sharks and rays dominated most of the surf action.

Wachapreague – Captain Lindsay Paul, at Trident Tackle, reported that a few yellowfin tuna, some below the minimum size limit, were hitting in the Washington Canyon. A little closer to the beach, gaffer dolphin (mahi mahi) were being caught along the 20 Fathom line. Inside the inlet, Captain Paul said that action was “nothing hot and heavy,” but a few flounder were caught, mostly throwbacks. I witnessed the same thing inside Metompkin Inlet, as keeper-sized fish were few and far between. A few nicer class of flounder were coming from around the wrecks, as a six-pounder was brought in over the weekend. Similar reports were coming from Gargatha, with one party on Monday catching over 30 flounder without finding a single keeper. The trip was salvaged by a nice bycatch of kingfish which hit silversides. Don’s Tackle echoed the slim pickings for inshore flounder, but said that some nicer fish were caught out around the No. 10 rail cars. He said that the wrecks are covered with small spadefish and triggerfish.

Lower Shore – Mark, at Chris’ Bait & Tackle, reported that the run of cobia was still occurring in the lower Chesapeake Bay, with the best action occurring from the Inner Middle Grounds up to Buoy No. 36. Flounder catches were coming from along the pilings of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel and under the highrise section. Sea mullet (whiting) were hitting along Latimer Shoals with croakers in the 6-10” class hitting on the seaside.

Upper Bay – I fished out of Onancock on Monday, finding lots of undersized rockfish in the shallows along with a plethora of stingrays. The rockfish were hitting curlytail grubs and peeler crab baits, while the stingrays feasted on peeler crab. Drifting along the channel edges produced a mixed bag of kingfish, hand-sized spot, and small croakers. Dylan Donnelly landed an estimated ten pound sheepshead while fishing at the Target Ships. Earlier in the day Donnelly and William Bailey found speckled trout and small rockfish along the marshy islands of Pocomoke Sound.

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

Photo courtesy of Captain Steve’s Bait & Tackle

Andrew Dively and Jason Shank with bluefin tuna, the largest weighing in at 104-0 and dolphin caught aboard the “Voodoo.”
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Young Frankenstein: North Street Playhouse Summer Program
Is Ambassador to Community and Inspiration to Interns

**Story and Photos by Connie Morrison**

When North Street Playhouse decided to stage “Young Frankenstein” for this year’s summer program, it hoped to cast off any lingering seriousness from last year’s sold-out production of “Rent,” and once again engage the community in a professionally staged musical production.

“The board told us they wanted to do something different; they didn’t want another angsty production,” said Producer and Production Stage Manager Mary Stiegelbauer.

A large cast with the ability to accommodate many interns and professionals were additional criteria Stiegelbauer and Artistic Director Terry Bliss used to narrow this year’s summer program selection. The result was the “very campy” musical “Young Frankenstein.”

The name recognition was also an important factor. “It’s very culty,” Stiegelbauer said.

With name recognition, it was important to cast the right people. The theater held open auditions and Stiegelbauer sifted through more than 400 electronically-submitted auditions. She shipped the best to Director and Choreographer Jimmie Lee Brooks III, of Manteo, N.C., who made the final selections. Local auditions were held as well, to round out the ensemble.

As with last year, the Playhouse turned to the community to help pay for the actors, dancers and off-stage professionals. The theater’s annual budget is around $100,000. The summer program runs about $32,000, “because we are bringing in professionals, and they need to be paid for their work,” said Stiegelbauer. “We are so close to our fundraising goal.”

Brooks also directed and played Angel in last summer’s “Rent.” “It really surprised me how much support this community has for this theater,” he said. “I’ve never been a part of a community where we didn’t sell a single ticket at the door. All the shows were sold out” last summer for “Rent.”

The Playhouse turns the same strong support inward to its interns as they work with the team of paid professional actors, dancers and technical staff.

“The intern program is amazing,” said Melanie Comeau, a professional featured dancer from New York City. Actor Liz Acosta, of Virginia Beach plays Frau Blucher. She says the internship gives students permission to ask anything they want about acting. “I wish I had that,” she said, when she was starting out.

That’s because the interns are hearing first-hand what is involved in a career in the performing arts. They attended coaching workshops at North Street Playhouse to help prepare them for the auditions that landed their internships. Each intern is assigned a professional to shadow, and regularly scheduled conversations with their mentors and with the entire cast are an important component.

“We are preparing for this as a career and they will answer every question you have,” said Meg Morrison, an intern shadowing actor Cat Yudain, who plays Dr. Frankenstein’s saucy sidekick, Inga. Meg is a rising junior at Nandua High School. “We are learning from people who are getting paid to do what they love.”

Nathan Downing Garcia, an incoming sophomore is working with featured dancer Timiki Salinas. “I’m exploring and getting experience by being who I am as a true dancer,” he said.

Being true to oneself is a recurring theme with the interns. Joel Joyner, who graduated with a two-year degree from Eastern Shore Community College, was looking to gain behind-the-scenes experience as an intern to Brooks. He was encouraged by that reinforcement of authenticity. “It’s necessary to be yourself, not some imitation of someone else,” he said, because the professions stress this is the most valuable and original thing each person has to bring to an audition.

“We’re all weird, but in a good way,” said Katie Higgins, another intern, and incoming freshman at Nandua High. “It’s nice not to be judged” for being yourself.

Second-year intern Isabeau Drewer, a rising sophomore at Nandua High, summed it up this way. “Lee told us the first day, ‘Embrace the awkward.’”

Brooks says it’s all part of the theater experience. “We have a really good group. I’m happy for the interns to see such hard work and dedication.”

Stiegelbauer says the program has seen results for former interns. One former intern, Heidi Waldenmaier worked backstage last year and landed a position this summer with “The Lost Colony” production in Manteo.

However, she says it’s not just about getting young people into performing arts careers. “I hope they gain a respect for the theater,” she said. “Connection, empathy, understanding….And you get rewarded for doing the work, not just showing up.”

Note: For performance dates and times, see ad on page 15.
Thursday, July 20th - Sunday, July 23rd

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Old Friends Gather to Celebrate 25 Years of New Road Community

Community Leader Ruth Wise Honored with Park Dedicated in Her Name

Note: at press time the Post received word that Ruth Wise died Thursday, July 21. The Post family extends its condolences to the Wise family and the members of the New Road community.

By Connie Morrison

Residents of the New Road Community Development Group, guests, and family members of community leader Ruth Wise gathered in what had been known before Saturday as the New Road Community Square to celebrate 25 years and to honor Wise.

“We are here to celebrate what it means to be a community,” said Ava Wise, daughter of Ruth Wise.

As she introduced members of the development group’s board of directors, Ava Wise likened them to family.

“Those are the people who made this community what it is.”

But Ruth Wise was the unmistakable center of attention. One-by-one people came forward to offer greetings as she sat clad head-to-toe in stark white, holding court from her wheelchair.

“She taught us how to stand, to persevere, to endure,” said Ava Wise.

“What’s most important about a legacy is for it to mean something for this world that says, ‘I was here and I made a difference.’”

“This day is yours,” said Board member Burley Rogers to Ruth Wise.

“For 25 years, we hustled, we hustled and we never gave up. You know who taught us that? You!”

The accolades continued, culminating with the unveiling of a sign renaming and dedicating the community square as the Ruth Rogers Wise Community Park and Garden.

Above left, Ava Wise addresses the crowd gathered to honor her mother, Ruth Wise. Above right, New Road board members and guests seek relief from the heat beneath the shade of a pine tree.

Photo by Connie Morrison

Photos above by Connie Morrison

Timara McMillan (holding umbrella), with Jenicca Mancarella and son, Oliver. McMillan and Mancarella are granddaughters of honoree Ruth Wise.

Photo by Richard Hatch

Family members of Ruth Wise gather in front of the sign dedicating the community park and garden in her name.
Butter cake with Blueberry topping

**Ingredients:**
- 1 (18-1/4-oz.) package yellow cake mix
- 1 egg
- 8 tablespoons butter, melted

**Filling:**
- 1 (8-ounce) package cream cheese, softened
- 2 eggs
- 1 (16-ounce) box powdered sugar
- 1 Tbsp. vanilla

**Directions:**
- Preheat oven to 300 degrees F.
- Combine cake mix, egg, and melted butter & mix well. Pat the mixture into the bottom of a lightly greased 13 by 9-inch baking pan.
- In a large bowl, beat the cream cheese, then add the eggs and vanilla and beat together until smooth.

**Blueberry topping:**
- 4 cups fresh blueberries
- 1 Tbsp. cornstarch, dissolved into 2 Tbsp. water
- 1/3 cup water
- 1 Tbsp. lemon juice
- 1/4 Cup sugar

- Place blueberries in a saucepan with water and sugar. Heat over medium-high heat until mixture comes to a low boil and blueberries just start to break apart.
- Add dissolved cornstarch to saucepan and bring mixture to a rolling boil. Turn heat down and simmer on low heat for 2-3 minutes, or until sauce reaches desired consistency. Add water, one tablespoon at a time, if the sauce gets too thick.
- Remove from heat. Serve warm or cold.

*(Recipe by Connie Morrison)*

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**Find Your Thrill At The Blueberry Festival**

*Story by Amanda Mehall*

“I know you’ll find a special meaning to the day, walking down the Blueberry Way...” sings Deedra Ervin in Chincoteague Island’s Blueberry Festival’s official song, “Blueberry Way.”

Kicking off on Friday, July 21, and going until Sunday, July 23, the Blueberry Festival will host vendors selling blueberry-themed foods, crafts and goods combined with live entertainment and family-friendly activities all day long. “It’s the largest fine arts and crafts event on the Eastern Shore of Virginia,” festival promoter Sam Serio said.

The festival began in 1987 as a way to celebrate summertime, and the founders settled on centering it on blueberries because of their durability. “The ladies looked for something to hold up to summer heat,” Serio said. “Strawberries or peaches wouldn’t work.”

Thirty years later, blueberries are still as popular as ever due to a recent spike in interest due to their high amounts of vitamins and antioxidants, which help fuel the growth of Chincoteague’s Blueberry Festival. This year, more than 100 different vendors from 16 states will be featured, including artists from as far as Florida and Missouri. Serio described the Blueberry Festival as a Christmas in July shopping experience.

“There will be anything that you can imagine that has to do with blueberries,” Serio said, “There are jams, jellies, massage oils, people integrate blueberries into everything they do.”

Local businesses also get involved to celebrate blueberries for the weekend. Serio mentioned that Sugarbakers Bakery and Café will prepare the “ultimate blueberry pie” and Island Creamery makes a special blueberry ice cream for the festival.

Aside from blueberry food and goods, Serio said the festival will have nonstop live music and entertainment. Three locally loved artists, Deedra Ervin, Jessica West and Emily Guemple, will perform on Sunday, July 23, during the women’s singer showcase. Other performers include Hemlock Hollow, Blind Wind, The Reasoners, Dalton Elliot and Virginia Creek, Wayne and Chris Young, Bryce Hitchcock as well as magic shows performed by Jamal the Magician all three days.

“I enjoy interacting with the people that come to the festival, the exhibitors and attendees, they’re all interesting people,” Serio said.

The Blueberry Festival will take place at the Chincoteague Center, 6155 Community Dr., from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission is $5 for an adult day pass, $8 for a two-day pass, $10 for a three-day pass and children 12 and under are $1.

Further information, including a schedule of live performances, a list of vendors, access to the song “Blueberry Way” and a coupon to the festival, is available on chincoteagueblueberryfestival.com or facebook.com/ChincoteagueFestival.

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**Butter Cake with Blueberry Topping**

*Recipe by Connie Morrison*
Teen Donates Comfort Kits

Three-hundred comfort kits were donated to Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital by Chelsea Moore, of Chincoteague, to help family members during unexpected hospital stays. They were packaged in simple plastic bags with a small note tucked inside, and are given to family members free of charge. Items include a notepad, pen, lip balm, comb, toothbrush, toothpaste, candy, game book, shampoo, conditioner, soap, lotion, water bottle and granola bar.

Pictured from left: RSMH Administrator and Vice President John Peterman, Chelsea Moore and Nurse Manager Ann Pruitt.

Harris Earns Scholarship

The first annual Linda D. Stevens Scholarship award of $1,000 was presented to Normaya Harris (above right,) a graduate of Arcadia High School, in June.

Harris is enrolled at Old Dominion University, has a GPA of 3.43, and is a member of Jerusalem Baptist Church in Temperanceville.

AKAs in a Kapital Affair

Pi Epsilon Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority had a large attendance at the 64th Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference in Raleigh, N.C., in April, where members attended numerous workshops.

Boys State Attendees

American Legion Northampton Post 56, Cheriton, sponsored four boys from Broadwater Academy to attend Boys State at Radford University, June 18-24. More than 700 boys from Virginia that learned and participated in how local and state government is conducted. Pictured from left: counselor J.C. Carstens, Robbie Parker, Shane Celli, Daniel Rohde IV, Sawyer Coulbourne and counselor Bill Stramm.

Graham Earns Therapy Credential

Lori Graham, of Nassawadox, LPC, earned the prestigious Registered Play Therapist credential conferred by the Association for Play Therapy, according to its CEO Kathryn Lebby. Graham is a licensed professional counselor.

To become a Registered Play Therapist, applicants must have earned a traditional master’s or higher mental health degree from an institution of higher education, 150 clock hours of play therapy training, two years and 2,000 hours of clinical experience, 500 hours of supervised play therapy experience, and be licensed or certified by their state boards of practice.

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Parksley High Class of ’65
The Parksley High School Class of 1965 held a reunion at The Island House Restaurant on May 28. Class members attending were Rick Bull, Walter Doroski, Lynn Folk, John Thornes, Martha Jean Taylor, Patricia Williams, Dean Guy, Geoff Johnson, Betty Wallace, George Bloxom, Tommie Sue Thornton, Annette Parks, C.L. Bundick, Bertie McNally, Betty Ezersky, Bonnie Reid, Ann Bull, and Jimmy White.

Sheriffs’ Institute Scholarships
Sheriff Todd E. Godwin presented Virginia Sheriffs’ Institute (VSI) Scholarships to five Accomack County students on Tuesday, June 6. The VSI provides educational assistance annually to students who chose to pursue an education in criminal justice. Full-time students were awarded $1,000 and part-time students received $500. Pictured from left: Bradley S. Conner, Dara N. Gunter, Sheriff Todd E. Godwin, and Jacob M. Guy. Not pictured: Andrew Steven Colona and Dylan C. Mason.
Five Generations

Pictured from left: Lola Matthews Fluhart, Martha Fluhart Anderson, Tina Robbins Sargent, Diamond Trujillo, Braxton Hilburn (baby).

ESTACI Scholarships Awarded

Eastern Shore Training and Consulting Inc. (ESTACI) awarded Young Leaders Scholarships to Liliana Rosa and Evelyn Dunton at Northampton High School’s Senior Awards Banquet in June. The $2,500 Young Leaders Scholarships are sponsored by ESTACI’s “Empowering Women – Overcoming Racism, Sexism and Poverty” initiative. Polly Boyd, director of the Empowering Women and Girls programs, seeks “to encourage women to be in touch with our innate power to connect, inspire and support each other and our families to live strong, assertive lives.” The Young Leaders Scholarships are designed to reward students with a track record of community service and academic excellence, who have a commitment to lifting families and communities out of poverty. Rosa will attend ESCC and begin studies leading to a career as a registered nurse; Dunton will attend VCU and begin studies to become an anesthesiologist.

Access College Foundation Scholarships Awarded to Local Students

Access College Foundation, which helps students in South Hampton Roads and Northampton County navigate college admission and financial aid processes, presented 135 local high school graduates with scholarships during its 2017 annual luncheon on Thursday, July 22.

Local recipients were:
- Keondre Ames, of Eastville, Virginia Wesleyan University
- Khalil Brooks, Cape Charles, Virginia State University
- Khalilah Brooks, of Cape Charles, Old Dominion University
- Alyssa Dawkins, of Cape Charles, Old Dominion University
- Amanda Juhasz, of Exmore, Virginia Commonwealth University
- Stephanie Kellam, of Franktown, Virginia Tech
- Imani Lee, of Townsend, Delaware State University
- Johnny Sample III, of Exmore, Virginia Wesleyan University
- Michaela Lewis, of Cape Charles, Radford University
- Davonte Upshur, of Birdsnest, Radford University
- Makayla Wilson, of Exmore, Radford University

President’s List Recipients

- Junxiu Wang, of Accomack County, has been placed on the President’s List in recognition of academic excellence during the spring 2017 semester at New River Community College, in Dublin.
- Gabriel Webb, of Nassawadox, has been placed on the President’s List in recognition of academic excellence during the spring 2017 semester at New River Community College, in Dublin.

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The Mary N. Smith Alumni Association will hold its Fifth Annual Car Show at Mary N. Smith Cultural Enrichment Center, on Saturday, July 22, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Registration is from 9 to 10 a.m. The registration fee for cars is $20. Free admission to the public.

The Summer Concert Series, featuring The Honey Dewdrops, will be held at St. James Episcopal Church, on Friday, July 21, at 8 p.m. Tickets are $20 each and can be purchased at The Book Bin in Onley or Sound Idea Records in Onancock, by calling the parish office at 757-787-4892, or via PayPal at www.stgeorgesesva.org All profits from the Summer Concert Series will go to the St. James Restoration Fund.

The Accomack Branch of the NAACP will host a meet and greet reception at the Mary N. Smith Cultural Enrichment Center, on Friday, July 28, at 6 p.m. Registration is from 9 to 10 a.m. RSVPs are requested by calling 757-710-8029.

The Seventh Annual Sharone White Bailey Educational Scholarship Awards Luncheon will be held at Macedonia AME Church, 23466 Church Rd., on Saturday, Aug. 5, at noon. The cost is $10 per person. For more information, call Betty Savage at 757-665-4010.

Cape Charles

The Friends of the Cape Charles Library will hold a Lunch & Learn session about the construction of a parallel tunnel presented by Jeff Holland, executive director of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel Commission, at Cape Charles Civic Center, 500 Tazewell Ave., on Saturday, Aug. 5, at noon. The next concert in the series is slated for Friday, August 18, with Syd Straw to perform.

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Capeville

First Baptist Church will host the Northampton Youth Cultural Enrichment Camp from Aug. 7 through 11, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The purpose of the camp is to assist youth between 12 and 16 in maturing and becoming productive young men and women. Registration is due no later than July 31. For more information, call 757-331-4315.

Chincoteague

The Chincoteague Vol. Fire Co. will host the annual Pony Swim on Wednesday, July 26, at slack tide, estimated between 6 and 8 a.m. The swim can be viewed from Veteran’s Memorial Park at 7427 Memorial Park Dr.

The auction will be held at the carnival grounds on Thursday, July 27, at 8 a.m.

The return swim will be on Friday, July 28, at the morning slack tide.

Wallops Island

The NASA Summer Astronomy Series continues on Friday, July 28, beginning with Astronomy 101 presentations at the Assateague Visitor Center, at 7, 7:30, 8 and 8:30 p.m. Astronomy-themed activities will be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. From 8:30 to 10 p.m. participants can observe the night sky with telescopes.

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★noon & 5:30 p.m. - AA mtg. - United Methodist Church, Onancock
★1 p.m. - Kids’ Movie at the Library - library, Nassawadox - 414-0010
★6 p.m. - Celebrate Recovery Group mtg. - Onancock Baptist Church
★7 p.m. - Peter Pan: A Musical Adventure Performance - The Palace Theatre, Cape Charles
★7 p.m. - Life Teach Series - Rachel/Leah Covenant Ministries Center - 787-2486
★7 p.m. - AA mtg. - Christ Episcopal Church, 16304 Courthouse Rd., Eastville
★7:30 p.m. - Bingo (doors open at 6:30 p.m.) - Exmore Moose Lodge, Belle Haven

SATURDAY JULY 22
★Fish Fry - New Allen Memorial AME Church, Franktown
★9:30 a.m. - Sunrise Yoga On The Beach - Kiptopeke State Park - $8/class
★10 a.m.-2 p.m. - Mary N. Smith Alumni Assn. Car Show - Mary N. Smith Cultural Enrichment Center, Accomac - registration ($20/car): 9-10 a.m. - 709-3267
★1 p.m. - Chinese Auction - St. John’s Baptist Church
★2-4 p.m. - Empowering Girls’ Group - ESTACI, Exmore
★3 p.m. - Peter Pan: A Musical Adventure Performance - The Palace Theatre, Cape Charles
★6:30-11 p.m. - St. Luke AME Church Senior Prom - Parksley Firehouse - $20/person
★7:30 p.m. - Bingo - Eastville Vol. Fire Co.

MONDAY JULY 24
★noon - AA mtg. - St. Peter’s Catholic Church, 25236 Coastal Blvd., Onancock
★1-3 p.m. - Community Bingo - Chincoteague Cultural Alliance, Chincoteague
★3 p.m. - Parkinson’s Disease Support Group - Hospice & Palliative Care, Onancock
★5-5:45 p.m. - Arc of the E.S. Board of Directors mtg. - Vocational Center Complex, Exmore - 442-3312
★5-6 p.m. - Al-Anon mtg. - Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Onancock
★5:30-7:30 p.m. - Vacation Bible School: Abundance Orchard (July 24-28) - Metropolitan UMC, 21445 Bayside Rd., Onancock - ages 3 and up - 757-710-7511
★6 p.m. - Bingo - Elk’s Lodge, Tasley
★6:30 p.m. - Cub Scout Pack 300 mtg. - Grace UMC, Parksley
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LaKendra Logan was recently awarded a Kickstarter Grant from Northcentral University. Upon completion of her bachelor’s degree, she will receive a check in the amount of $20,000, which can be utilized to kickstart her goal to create the Self-Esteem Emerged Mind Engaged (S.E.E M.E) organization, a consulting service to serve low-income schools and provide knowledge on how to increase young women’s self-esteem, build character, and inspire confidence. Ms. Logan is pursuing a master’s of education degree with a specialization in Special Education. Currently, she is a special education teacher at Centerra Mirage S.T.E.M. Academy located in Avondale, Arizona. LaKendra is an Eastern Shore of Virginia native. LaKendra graduated from Arcadia High School, and she received her bachelor of arts degree from Virginia Wesleyan College located in Norfolk, Virginia.

Help Wanted

Project Head Start is now accepting applications for one family services worker. An acceptable candidate must have the following qualifications: at a minimum, an associate degree in social work, human services; or a credential or certification in social work, human services, family services, counseling or a related field. Work experience in case management preferred.

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If you are interested in making a difference in the lives of young children and parents of the Eastern Shore apply on or before noon July 28, 2017. Applications can be obtained from 5432 Bayside Road, Exmore, Virginia. Resumes may accompany the application but will not be considered if sent alone. ESAAA/CFFA is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Stewardship Manager

The Virginia Eastern Shore Land Trust (VES Land Trust) seeks a part-time Stewardship Manager to implement all facets of its stewardship program on the Eastern Shore of Virginia. The position will require field work, mapping using ArcGIS, digital photography, detailed note taking and reporting, interpretive skills and a good understanding of natural systems, traditional land use, agriculture, conservation and land preservation practices. The Stewardship Manager will also work in partnership with the Executive Director to strategize and implement outreach programs. Excellent written and verbal communication skills are essential for this position. A Bachelor’s degree in a related field is required and a minimum of two years working experience in a related field is preferred. Must have a valid driver’s license.

Please visit www.vestl.org for full job description, requirements, and how to apply. Applications will be reviewed beginning July 31, 2017. EOE.

Management Position

Available immediately in an automotive repair business located in upper Northampton County. Salary & benefits based on mechanical & computer experience. Call 757-787-4837 to set up an interview.

Appraiser

P/T w/benefits | Salary Range: $37,338 - $39,205

Accomack County is recruiting for a full-time Appraiser. The position is responsible for identifying, locating, evaluating, and appraising real property in the County for taxation purposes. The technical appraisal work performed by the position requires the ability to interpret, utilize, and correlate a wide variety of data and information. Duties include field inspections to collect & record property data. Duties also include inputting property data; reviewing & analyzing data; discussing assessments and changes in value with property owners; Applicants must possess communication skills as well as a strong aptitude for mathematics including the ability to interpret and perform statistical calculations; be proficient and knowledgeable in the use of computer systems; and, experience with the general public.

Minimum qualifications: a high school diploma or GED; supplemented by vocational or technical training in real estate, real estate law, ethics and business; 3 to 5 years’ directly related experience; or an equivalent combination of education, training and experience. Preferred qualifications include: Associate’s degree or higher in business, or related field.

Possession of a valid Driver License and the satisfactory completion of a criminal history, drug screening and DMV records checks are required prior to employment. Job description and details are available online: http://www.co.accomack.va.us/residents/job-opportunities. Review of applications will begin Thurs, 7/27/17.

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• Auto Mechanic
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For job descriptions, qualifications, salaries, and to apply go to www.ncpsk12.com

Inquiries may be directed to:
Melinda Phillips - Director of Administrative Services
(757) 678-5151 ext. 2013 or mphilips@ncpsk12.com

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**EMployment OPPORTUNITY**

POSITION: Tunnel Equipment Maintainer

**POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT #2017-1-3111**

The Chesapeake Bay Bridge and Tunnel District will be accepting applications for Tunnel Equipment Maintainer starting July 14, 2017 and ending July 28, 2017, at 2:00 p.m. The position requires rotating shifts which includes, but is not limited to, working on the weekends. Applicant must be 18 years of age or older; must have a CDL with a minimum of one year of experience; must possess a Virginia Driver's License. Applications may be obtained from the District’s personnel office from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, by telephone (757) 331-2960, or online at www.cbbt.com/employment.html. The annual salary range for this position is $28,631 to $45,917 and includes a complete benefits package.

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

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**EMployment OPPORTUNITY**

POSITION: Personnel Specialist

**POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT #2017-1-1111**

The Chesapeake Bay Bridge and Tunnel District will be accepting applications for Personnel Specialist from July 14, 2017 until August 4, 2017, at 2:00 p.m. Successful applicant must be knowledgeable in the preparation and processing of personnel and payroll records and files; assisting employees with benefit enrollment and adjustments, preparing, maintaining, and submitting various personnel reports and documents. This is a full-time position with a salary range of $39,046 - $62,698 and includes a complete benefits package. Applications may be obtained from the District’s personnel office from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, by telephone (757) 331-2960, or online at www.cbbt.com/employment.html.

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**Emergency Medical Technician**

Northampton County is accepting applications for Full-time Emergency Medical Technician seeking to fill position with certified Intermediate/Paramedic certifications in the Emergency Medical Services Department.

Applicant must 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, Hazardous Materials Awareness. Criminal Background checks are a requirement with this position.

Please refer to Northampton County’s website online at www.co.northampton.va.us/jobs.html or an application can be obtained thru the Human Resources office. Completed application form, cover letter, copies of current certifications, and copy of DMV driving record can be submitted to Human Resources, PO BOX 66, Eastville, Va. 23347, no later than July 28, 2017. Northampton County is an EOE.

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**NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE SALE**

20321 Hopkins Drive, Onancock, VA 23442

By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust dated December 28, 2006, and recorded at Instrument Number 200607936 in the Clerk’s Office for the Circuit Court for Accomack County, Virginia, securing a loan which was originally $73,000.00. The appointed SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE, Commonwealth Trustees, LLC will offer for sale at public auction at main entrance of the Accomack County Circuit Court, located at 23316 Courthouse Avenue on:

**August 3, 2017 at 1:30 PM**

improved real property, with an unambiguous legal description: All that certain land, sits near Deep Creek Lee District, Accomack County, Virginia, as is shown on a certain plat of survey entitled “Plat of Survey Two Parcels of land surveyed at the request of Minerv H. Smith, located near Deep Creek Lee District, Accomack County, Virginia” dated August 21, 1985 and made by Shore Engineering Co., Inc., which Plat of Survey is recorded in the Clerk’s Office for the Circuit Court of Accomack County, Virginia in Plat Book 28 at page 59. Said tracts or parcels in their entirety, are generally bounded on the North by the line of land of Western Farms and Bonnie E. Enoch, the land of Sally J. Smith, the land of Wilfred Savage, and the land of Paul G. Gebel and Carol Gebel, and the land of Robert Macaluso and Carol Macaluso; on the South by the land of the said Robert Macaluso and Carol Macaluso, and State Route 751; an on the West by the land formerly owned by Udelia Knight and Minerv H. Smith. Said tracts or parcels are all the same land conveyed to William J.C. Francis, et ux, by deed dated June 19, 1956 from Ethel Mae Smith Scarborough, et als, which deed is recorded in the aforesaid Clerk’s Office in Deed Book 718 at page 160. Together with all improvements thereon, and all the rights, privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining, and as more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

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

**FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Rosenberg & Associates, LLC
(Attorney for the Secured Party)
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PUBLIC SCOPING FOR NEW RECREATIONAL BEACH PROJECT CHINCOTEAGUE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE & ASSATEAGUE ISLAND NATIONAL SEASHORE

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service, and Federal Highway Administration are initiating an Environmental Assessment (EA) to analyze the site design plan for parking and access to the new recreational beach. The relocation of the recreational beach to a new location 1.5 miles north of the current recreational beach was identified and approved in the Final Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (CCP/EIS) for the Chincoteague and Wallops Island National Wildlife Refuges, dated October of 2015.

Conceptual designs for the new beach parking areas and access have been developed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Park Service through a collaborative process involving local stakeholders including the Town of Chincoteague and Accomack County, Virginia. We are now seeking public comment on these conceptual designs of the new recreational beach, including access and parking areas.

As part of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process, we will host an informal open house on July 25 & 26, 2017, in the Herbert H. Bateman Educational and Administrative Center Classroom. Concept design exhibits will be on display.

Tuesday, July 25, 2017
9:00am – 5:00pm
Public Scoping Open House
Project team available to answer questions.

Wednesday, July 26, 2017
9:00am – 5:00pm
Public Scoping Open House – Self-Guided

All displays from the open house, including the concept design exhibits, will be uploaded to project website: https://fh.dot.gov/projects/va/chin-10/ after the meeting. You are invited to submit comments via email to NorthChincoteagueBeach@dot.gov. Comments can also be mailed to: Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge, ATTN: North Chincoteague Beach, P.O. Box 62, Chincoteague, VA 23336. To ensure that your comments are included in the EA process, please enter or mail comments by August 24, 2017.

Request for Proposals
Eastern Shore Rural Health System, Inc.
Construction Project Manager

Introduction: ESRHS is in the final stages of planning and design for a new 24,000 square feet community health center to be constructed in Eastville, Virginia. ESRHS is a leading health provider organization and is not in the business of managing and overseeing major construction projects. The purpose of this Request for Proposals (RFP) is to solicit the services of a Project Manager to act on behalf of ESRHS and oversee all phases of the construction work.

Background: The Eastville Community Health Center consists of three contracts:
1. VDOT Roadway Improvements: This work consists of the roadway improvements to construct an access from Route (Rt) 3 southbound and right out for the facility. The entrance will include a 400-ft. deceleration lane and a 400-ft acceleration lane.
2. Water and Wastewater Contract: This work will consist of the necessary improvements to install two deep wells to supply all potable water for the facility as well as the wastewater system to include chemical injection and ecopod type treatment devices and a series of drain fields.
3. General Construction Contract: This work will include all site civil and building construction work to complete the approximately 24,000 sq. ft. facility.

Construction cost estimate for all work is approximately $7,000,000 to 9,000,000.

Scope of Services: In general, the ESRHS organization does not have construction project managers, or personnel experienced in managing large construction contracts. Therefore, ESRHS is looking for a project manager that will oversee day-to-day project needs and report directly to the ESRHS Chief Operating Officer. Services may include, but not be limited to, the following:
1. Review Project Documents: perform Quality Assurance, Quality Control reviews on detailed plans and specifications prepared by other consultants.
2. Chair Pre-bid, pre-construction, progress, and special project meetings. Prepare meeting agendas, minutes and handle follow up action items.
3. Review and evaluate bids and provide recommendations.
4. Provide daily on-site representation for ESRHS: perform inspection of the progress of the work, witness testing and commissioning, evaluate work for compliance with the plans, specifications, and applicable codes. Notify the contractor(s) of deficiencies that require remedial action. When necessary elevate decisions to the appropriate authority (ESRHS COO, Architect or Engineer) for resolution of issues.
5. Review and approve Contractor’s schedule.
6. Review and recommend approval of pay applications.
7. Review and recommend resolution for claims.
8. Handle Request for Information and facilitate quick resolution of field issues.
9. Perform the substantial completion walk-through and approve the punch list items.
10. Review O&M manuals and facilitate all required training and commissioning with the appropriate vendor and ESRHS staff.
11. Perform the final completion walk-through and approve the final close out of all punch list items.
12. Coordinate with the COO the moving and set-up of all furniture and equipment in the facility.

Construction Schedule: ESRHS is working to award construction contracts in the fall of 2017. Construction of the buildings and site work are schedule for 14 months. ESRHS anticipates that the services of the Construction Project Manager will be minimal during the construction contract advertisement (review of documents, etc.), but will be full time starting with construction award. ESRHS anticipates that the PM will be required to be on-site full time. ESRHS is not interested in the services of a “part-time” project manager to provide windshield inspections.

Experience: ESRHS is seeking an individual to act as the Construction Project Manager that has the requisite and broad experience to facilitate the successful completion of the project with very little oversight from the ESRHS COO. The Construction Project Manager must be adept at communicating project progress and needs as necessary to keep ESRHS staff fully appraised of the progress of the work and to facilitate important decisions that must be handled by the COO.

Proposal Submittal Requirements: Interested parties are strongly encouraged to provide only relevant information to allow ESRHS to evaluate the qualifications of the proposed Construction Project Manager and the proposed compensation schedule. ESRHS does not desire extensive sales brochures, project narrative or similar marketing narratives. Under no circumstances should a proposal exceed 15 pages, single sided, 12pt font. Proposals should include the following:
1. Company description: Provide a brief company overview, number of employees, years in business and three references for clients with similar projects.
2. Professional Resume of proposed Construction Project Manager. Include employment history as well as the most recent projects handled by the individual. Identify project scope, construction value, change order value and owner point of contact for each project referenced.
3. Compensation: Identify a proposed compensation plan, or estimate, for the 14-month construction schedule.

Proposals shall be submitted by 4:00 p.m., August 1, 2017, to the following:
Eastern Shore Rural Health System, Inc.
20280 Market Street
Onley, VA
Attn: Anne Crabbe

ESRHS will evaluate proposals based on the company capabilities (15%), experience and qualifications of the proposed Construction Project Manager (45%) and the fee proposal structure and estimate (40%). Depending on the number of proposals and evaluation findings, ESRHS reserves the right to conduct interviews (in person or via conference) request additional information, or proceed straight to negotiation and award of a contract.
The Northampton County Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, August 01, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors Chambers located at 16404 Courthouse Road in Eastville, Va., for the purpose of conducting public hearing on the following matter(s):

1. Joint Public Hearing with the Town Council of Eastville-Zoning Map Amendment 2017-03: The Town Council of Eastville has petitioned to establish temporary zoning designations on parcels that are currently moving from Northampton County zoning to Town of Eastville zoning per the boundary line adjustment which went into effect midnight June 30, 2017. As established in a Zoning Text Amendment, approved June 6th, all incoming properties shall be assigned a temporary zoning designation that is most similar to Northampton County’s zoning for the parcel prior to the Eastville boundary adjustment. The proposed temporary assignments will remain in effect until a final determination of zoning can be finalized within the next 12 months. This Zoning Map Amendment will directly affect 148 parcels which are moving into the Town of Eastville from Northampton County. Please see below proposed temporary designations and visit Eastville Town Council or the Northampton County Planning, Permitting, and Enforcement Department to see a complete list of the 148 parcels which this map amendment pertains to.

N. CTY ZONING PROPOSED TOWN OF EASTVILLE ZONING
TE1-Town Edge 1...........................................Residential-20
TE-CG..............................................................Commercial General
ES/R-CDRR ...........................................Residential-20
MOBILE HOME PARK ....................................Residential-20
HR .................................................................Residential-20
A/RB ..............................................................In-Town Farm
ES/R-RVRM .............................................Residential-20

All applications will be on file and open to public inspection in the office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and in the Department of Planning, Permitting, and Enforcement located at 16404 Courthouse Road, Eastville, VA. The file for Item 1 will also be available for public inspection in the Eastville Town Office, 5250 Willow Oak Road, Eastville, VA. Anyone wishing to comment on the above items is invited to attend the meetings and make their comments known.

Handicapped assistance available: Please telephone (757) 678-0443, extension 546 at least 48 hours in advance.

NOTICE JUDICIAL SALE OF REAL ESTATE

On August 21, 2017, proceedings will be commenced under authority of Section 58.1-3965 et seq. of the Code of Virginia to sell the following parcels located in the Town of Bloxom, Virginia, for payment of delinquent taxes

Jones, Jean Elizabeth 069A0A000002700
McGlown, Robert E. & Switzer, Albert M. 069A0A000002900
Sledge, Tonika 069A0A0000149A0

The owner of any property listed may redeem it at any time before the date of sale by paying accumulated taxes, penalties, interest and costs thereon at the office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in County of Accomack, Virginia, for the proper tax year.

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE’S SALE

WHEREAS, default having been made in the payment of the debts and obligations secured by that certain Deed of Trust dated July 10, 1998, by Artemio R. Gonzalez to Curtis, Lewis & Dickey and/or Michael A. Inman, Trustee, for the Associates Home Equity Services, Inc., as same appears of record in the Circuit Court of the County of Accomack, Virginia, in Book 771, Page 568, (“Deed of Trust”); and as last transferred to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as Trustee of Stanwich Mortgage Loan Trust A recorded on July 7, 2016 in Instrument No.: 160002667 in the Circuit Court of the County of Accomack, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, said Deed of Trust was last sold, assigned and transferred to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as Trustee of Stanwich Mortgage Loan Trust A, the current holder of the Note and Security, for the payment of delinquent taxes, interest, and penalties, the undersigned, Thomas E. Clements, a resident of Henrico County, Virginia, as Substitute Trustee by Substitution of Trustee as same appears of record in the Circuit Court of the County of Accomack, Virginia, in Instrument No.: 170002307, and

NOW THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Deed of Trust by the Noteholder, and that the undersigned, Thomas E. Clements, a resident of Accomack County, Virginia, as Substitute Trustee by Substitution of Trustee as same appears of record in the Circuit Court of the County of Accomack, Virginia, in Instrument No.: 170002307, and

The property will be sold “AS IS” and will be conveyed, TOGETHER WITH all rights, easements, buildings, privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any way appertaining.

SUBJECT TO valid recorded easements, covenants, reservations and restrictions in the chain of title to the property hereby conveyed, which have not expired or otherwise become ineffective.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 20410 Parsons Road, Parksley, VA 23421

CURRENT OWNER: Artemio R. Gonzales a/k/a Artemio R. Gonzalez

TAX ID: 07BD0200002500 & 07BD0200004000

TERMS: Cash. A bidder’s deposit of up to ten percent (10%) of the bid amount may be required in cash or certified funds at the time of the sale. Additional terms and conditions may be announced at the sale. Deposit, without interest, is applied to the purchase price at settlement. Closing shall occur at the office of the Substitute Trustee within fifteen (15) days of the date of the sale, at which time the balance of the purchase price will be due and payable in immediately available funds. Upon purchaser’s default, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold at the risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser. In the event the Substitute Trustee cannot convey the property, the purchaser’s sole remedy shall be the refund of the deposit.

The property will be sold “AS IS” and will be conveyed, subject to all liens, objections, rights, reservations, leases, covenants, conditions, easements, and restrictions superior to the lien of the deed of trust as they may lawfully affect the property. Neither the Substitute Trustee nor the Note Holder will deliver possession of the property to the successful bidder. The purchaser at the sale will be required to pay all closing costs including but not limited to the preparation of the deed and the grantor’s tax. Real estate ad valorem taxes will be prorated as of the date of closing. For information contact Carolee Berasi at (757) 898-7000.

The sale of the above-described property shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plan, any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose.

Thomas E. Clements, Substitute Trustee
C/o Shelton, Harrison & Pinson, PLLC
701 Highlander Blvd., Suite 270-Arlington, TX 76015
Phone: 682-808-7448
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FORECLOSURE SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE
AT PUBLIC AUCTION

13066 Bayside Road, Machipongo, Virginia
Northampton County Tax Map
No. 00049-0A-00-000001A

SALE: WEDNESDAY, JULY 26, 2017 AT 2:30 P.M.
ON THE FRONT STEPS OF THE NORTHAMPTON COUNTY CIRCUIT COURTHOUSE
5229 The Hornes, Eastville, VA 23347

In execution of a Deed of Trust, dated April 1, 1998, of record in the Clerk’s Office of the Circuit Court of Northampton County, Virginia, in Official Records Book 296, Page 490 (the “Deed of Trust”), the holder of the Notes secured by said Deed of Trust having substituted the undersigned as Trustee by instrument of record in the aforesaid Clerk’s Office, the undersigned Acting Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction:

ALL that certain tract or parcel of land, together with the buildings and improvements thereon, situated near Machipongo, Eastville District, Northampton County, Virginia, containing by estimation 1.29 acres, more or less, which said parcel is bounded on the East for a distance of two hundred nineteen (219) feet by Virginia State Route 618; on the South for a distance of two hundred fifty-six and one-half (256 ½) feet by other lands of the said Bernice I. Mapp, Thomas J. Mapp, Jr., Robert I. Mapp, and Sarah E. McElroy; on the West for a distance of two hundred nineteen (219) feet by other lands of the said Bernice I. Mapp, Thomas J. Mapp, Jr., Robert I. Mapp, and Sarah E. McElroy; on the North for a distance of two hundred fifty-six and one-half (256 ½) feet by other lands of the said Bernice I. Mapp, Thomas J. Mapp, Jr., Robert I. Mapp, and Sarah E. McElroy. The North and South property lines are parallel with each other and perpendicular with Virginia State Route 618. The South property line is eighty-three (83) feet South of the center line of the residence measured at its greatest width and the North property line is one hundred thirty-six (136) feet North of the center line of the residence measured at its greatest width.

THE TRUSTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT: (i) to waive the deposit requirements; (ii) to extend the period of time within which the Purchaser is to make full settlement; (iii) to resell the Property from sale at any time prior to the termination of the bidding; (iv) to keep the bidding open for any length of time; (v) to reject all bids; and (vi) to postpone or continue this sale from time to time, such notices of postponement or setting over shall be in a manner deemed reasonable by the Trustee. Announcements made on day of sale take precedence over all other advertised terms and conditions.

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Lenhart Pettit P.C. Substitute Trustee
Nancy R. Schlichting
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P.O. Box 2657
Charlottesville, VA 22902
(434) 220-6108 (Schlichting)
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Dear Editor:

should do more to implement solutions to global warming. We on the Eastern Shore are in desperate need of a solution outlined by the Citizen's Climate Lobby. We are glad to have your leadership to advocate for both public support is the most powerful tool our representatives have in their efforts to convince other members of congress that the Chesapeake Bay Cleanup Program must be saved.

John Boddie, Onancock

Mourns Chickens

Dear Editor:

As the time approaches for a million chickens, we figure, to inhabit 24 60' x 600' structures with a pond (now a drainage ditch) connected to Taylor creek which opens to Pungoteague Creek then the Bay, we mourn. 'We' being a loosely associated group aware of what's at stake for our air, water, properties and coasts to say nothing of the economy.

Carol Violi, Harborton

Climate Change Leadership

Dear Editor:

Please accept this open letter to Congressman Scott Taylor.

Thank you for meeting with us on July 3 when we visited you on behalf of the Citizen's Climate Lobby, CCL. And thank you for joining the Climate Solutions Caucus. We are glad to have your leadership to advocate for both short term mitigation and long-term solutions to global warming. We are pleased to hear that you are willing to explore solutions with the Climate Solutions Caucus and that you are open to discussing the bi-partisan proposal outlined by the Citizen's Climate Lobby.

We on the Eastern Shore are in desperate need of a solution that will reverse the accumulation of greenhouse gases and help our economy. As I mentioned to you on July 3rd, I contact many people on the Eastern Shore annually in the course of my wildlife tours and seminars and discuss various aspects of global warming at each one. A large majority of these people believe the federal government should do more to implement solutions to global warming and a growing number are conversant with CCL's carbon fee and dividend. Last night I outlined CCL's carbon fee and dividend to a small group and collected signatures of your constituents who are in favor of CCL's solution. Thank you for your service and let me know how I can help you in your efforts to find and lead a solution to global warming.

Dr. Anthony (Tony) Picardi, Belle Haven

More Kudos for Taylor

Dear Editor:

The health of the Chesapeake Bay is gravely threatened in the next three years. Over a decade of progress could be washed away when the Conowingo Dam reaches capacity.

Recent studies by EPA Scientists said they have determined that the original estimate of when the dam reservoir would fill was off by more than 15 years. Rather than reaching capacity in 2030 to 2035, it is already 95 percent full and could cease protecting the bay from sediment before 2021.

The U.S. Geological Survey has estimated that when the Conowingo reservoir reaches capacity, sediment entering the bay would increase nitrogen and phosphorus by about 250 percent and 70 percent respectively.

Nitrogen and phosphorus are algae superfoods. They make the underwater plant grow out of control. As its quick life cycle ends around summer, microbes feed on it so ravenously that they suck oxygen from the water, killing fish, crabs and anything that cannot escape.

President Trump's proposal to cut 31 percent of the EPA's budget would eliminate the Chesapeake Bay cleanup program and the 90 employees who coordinate it.

Members of congress who represent those of us who live along the bay have strongly supported the Chesapeake Bay Cleanup, and Scott Taylor has consistently spoken out voicing his support. Just thanking him is not enough.

This is not a Democrat/Republican or Conservative/Liberal issue. We all need to call and write to Representative Taylor and Senators Warner and Kaine expressing our support for the cleanup program. Tangible evidence of broad public support is the most powerful tool our representatives...
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