Islanders and Others Grieve Another Chincoteague Pony Death From ‘Swamp Cancer’

By Linda Cicoira

Messages of support and grief from across the country were posted on the Chincoteague Volunteer Fire Company’s Facebook page this week in response to an announcement that another member of the famous herd of wild ponies died Monday from swamp cancer or pythiosis, a fungal infection.

“Last week I told you all that we weren’t out of the woods yet,” a fire company representative wrote. “Well, today, precious little Rain Dancer galloped over the rainbow bridge. This baby just couldn’t kick it and developed some ligament and tendon issues related to this disease. The buy-back owners have been notified and again, we ask for your patience and support in this matter. Our vet has been up here every other day and of course our great team of cowboys have basically put their lives on hold attending to these ponies.”

The comments noted the firefighters’ relentless commitment to the ponies.

The swamp infection occurs in a wound or cut when the animals stand in water that has pathogens. Areas that don’t have harsh winters are more likely to see problems because the water there doesn’t freeze.

Five other ponies are continuing to recover from the infection.

Chincoteague kicked off the holiday season Saturday. Dawn and Clara Gillis, of Greenbackville, wait patiently for the Old-Fashioned Chincoteague Christmas Parade to begin. More photos are on Pages 37 and 38.

Cheriton Appoints Hardesty to Open Council Seat

By Stefanie Jackson

The Cheriton town council determined in late October it would appoint a new council member at its next regular meeting on Nov. 28, but by that date the open seat had already been filled by Greg Hardesty, who had previous experience on the council.

Hardesty replaces former Councilman Wesley Travis, who resigned on Sept. 26, citing his disapproval of the manner in which the council handled the firing of Cheriton Police Chief Marc Marshall.

According to Virginia law, a special election must be held for the open council seat, but the council may appoint someone to fill the seat until the special election is held.

Cheriton Mayor Larry LeMond noted that arranging special elections is costly, and he requested that Cheriton’s special election coincide with the next general election on Nov. 5, 2019, to reduce the cost to the town.

Cheriton’s May election cost $1,900, LeMond said, but holding a special election at the same time as a general election would only cost $200 to $300.

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Repairs To Begin on Northampton High School Auditorium Walls

By Stefanie Jackson

The Northampton school board chose a local contractor to repair the badly damaged exterior walls of the Northampton High School auditorium in a unanimous decision Nov. 29. The contract was awarded to Jim Wert Builder Inc., of Belle Haven.

The local contractor submitted the low bid of $49,271. Conrad Brothers Inc., of Chesapeake, Va., which previously had done similar work on the high school cafeteria, submitted a bid of $59,888.

Northampton schools Director of Operations Chris Truckner was initially concerned about the $10,000 gap between the two bids received, but after further discussion of the work with a representative of Jim Wert Builder, Truckner recommended accepting the local contractor’s bid.

Both bids were low in Truckner’s opinion. He suspects that after the project is begun, workers will discover further damage that needs attention, which was the case when the cafeteria walls were repaired about three years ago.

Truckner is staying “open-minded” about how much work the auditorium will need. The contractors are “being realistic and have black and white plans in front of them,” but “once they get in there and start removing the veneer, that’s when we’re going to find out the unforeseen,” he said.

When the cafeteria wall repairs were started, after the veneers were removed “we found out that there was over nine-and-a-half inches of movement in the top corner and cracks you could stick your arm through,” Truckner said.

The demolition portion of the auditorium project will take place during Christmas break or on weekends when no students or staff are present on school property in case of a “catastrophic failure.”

In light of Truckner’s suspicions, Northampton schools Chief Financial Officer Brook Thomas made the unconventional decision to build a 50 percent contingency into the project cost. (Most construction projects include a contingency of 5 to 10 percent of the total cost to cover unforeseen expenses that may be incurred during the course of work.)

Thomas proposed transferring the $65,116 left from the cafeteria project to the auditorium project and appropriating an additional $33,426 for a total school budget appropriation of $98,542, exactly double the bid submitted by Jim Wert Builder.

Thomas’ intent is to avoid a delay such as stopping work during the two-week Christmas break for an emergency school board meeting to authorize more funds if additional necessary repairs are discovered after the work is begun.

However, “I can guarantee you that the final scope of this project is going to be far greater than $98,000,” Thomas said.

Truckner warned that the metal roof decking over the auditorium is corroded and rotted, and it will be “completely destroyed” and need to be replaced by the time the wall repairs are completed. The roofing just outside of the auditorium project area will also be affected.

Making only the immediately necessary roof repairs will cost about $200,000 as opposed to $700,000 or $800,000, Truckner said.

Audio Recordings

School board member Nancy Proto made a motion suggesting audio recordings of the school board’s public meetings should be made available on BoardDocs, the website used by Northampton schools and many other organizations to store and manage meeting agendas, minutes, and other documents.

Proto, an at-large school board member and resident of Cape Charles, says several citizens in her jurisdiction have requested audio recordings of school board meetings because they can’t attend due to work or family obligations.

They also complained that school board meeting minutes are often not completed and not posted on BoardDocs until a month or two after the meeting and the minutes are difficult to locate on the website.

Proto envisioned an inexpensive solution – posting the simple audio recordings that Executive Secretary...
Firefighters Use Pots and Pans to Douse Blaze Until Truck Arrives

By Linda Cicioira

Firefighters from Wachapreague soon arrived in a brush truck that carries equipment and water and were able to get through the muddy path near Daugherty. The call came in at 8:33 a.m. In addition to Tasley and Wachapreague, units from Parksley, Onancock, and Melfa responded. There were no injuries. Onancock and Melfa rescue volunteers and ambulances were also there.

Amadeo said the fire started in an outside light fixture. About 100 gallons of water were needed to fully extinguish the blaze. There was a garden hose attached to a spigot on the other side of the house but the hose wouldn’t reach the fire.

“Great work was done by all companies involved in this difficult situation and damage was held to a minimum,” according to Tasley Fire Company’s Facebook page. “Units cleared in about two hours.”

Fire Chief Jeff Beall was in charge. He was not available for comment.
Exmore’s New Wells Out for Bid; Sewer System Still Needs Attention

By Stefanie Jackson

Exmore’s economic infrastructure continues to grow and town officials are working steadily to get water and sewer service up to par and find employees to keep the town running.

By fall, Exmore will have new wells and a greensand filtration system, improving the overall taste, odor, and color of town water.

The project was put out for bid on Nov. 18. Bids will be accepted until Dec. 18 at 2 p.m.

Exmore is expected to break ground on the well project in late January and the new system should be ready to go in October, around the same time the town will make the first loan payment to the Virginia Resources Authority.

The total cost of the project that the town began planning five years ago is approximately $1.8 million before adjusting for inflation. More than $800,000 is covered by the loan the town will repay. Exmore received more than $500,000 in state funding for principal forgiveness and another $500,000 from the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development.

“It’s better than paying full price,” Town Manager Robert Duer said. “We got $1 million free.”

“I guess it’s better to get hit with a whiffle ball bat than with a steel one,” Mayor Douglas Greer remarked.

Exmore’s sewer system is operating at a loss on nearly a monthly basis and Duer advised the town council that sewer rates must increase next year, especially if the town gets a new sewer system. The sewer rate is currently $39.50 per month and will need to increase to at least $60, Duer said.

Duer will attend a U.S. Department of Agriculture meeting on Dec. 20 regarding the sewer system. The possibility of USDA funding is one of three options being considered for the town’s sewage needs.

Exmore will need two new employees in its public works department. The town advertised for someone to fill the director of public works position held by Mike Johnson, who died last month. An additional person will be needed to monitor the new well system. That position has been offered to a current town employee who will need to be replaced.

Exmore’s two newest police officers, Jonathan Gonzalez and Brian Parks, graduated from the police academy on Nov. 20 and each must complete 100 hours of field training before officially starting work. The town’s police force will increase from four to six officers.

“Six is better than four. … Do you think seven is better than six?” citizen Brenda Sample Bailey asked. She suggested now is the time to begin planning to hire another police officer so training can be completed in time for the busy summer months.

“Exmore’s getting ready to blossom,” she said.

“I got a plan for that,” Duer answered.

Another Exmore police officer, Jason Campbell, celebrates eight years with the department this month.

A fast-food restaurant and two gas stations in town are preparing to remodel to draw more business. “We’re on the rise,” Duer said.

In other business, Duer suggested transforming the area outside the Exmore town hall, on the corner of Main Street, into a memorial park to honor longtime town employees who have died.

There is already a memorial stone and tree there in honor of former police chief Steve Elliott. Duer would like to add two benches bearing the names of Mike Johnson and 17-year public works employee Johnny Alaniz who died in 2014.

The town council consented to Duer’s suggestion and Bailey requested that the possibility remain open for other names besides those mentioned to be memorialized. Duer agreed.

Exmore’s annual Christmas parade will be Saturday, Dec. 8, 6 p.m.

The townwide, outdoor Christmas lighting contest will be Friday, Dec. 14, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
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Northampton circuit court judge, Hon. W. Revell Lewis III, informed LeMond he would only consider the request if the town met the legal requirement to appoint an interim council member within 45 days of the previous council member’s resignation, making Nov. 10 the deadline.

The council was compelled to make the appointment three weeks earlier than they planned.

Jason Van Marter was the first candidate to speak at the Nov. 7 special meeting.

He is fairly new to Cheriton, but he has been associated with the town for 13 years through family.

Van Marter mentioned the town motto, “Small Town, Big Heart” and said, “I can offer some fresh ideas to help fill that vision … and, hopefully, make some changes that can help us grow into the future that is pounding on the Shore’s doorstep.”

“If elected, I’ll do my best to help out with the town; if not elected, I’ll still be the same,” he said.

Neither Scott Berger nor Hardesty was able to attend the meeting, but Town Clerk Stacey Salenski read their comments into the public record.

Berger said the “two primary driving forces in my life” are “to solve problems and to help others,” the reasons for his 25-year career as an architect designing buildings for the military.

Berger and his family “are come-here, but that means we have a choice and we chose Cheriton.”

Hardesty indicated the “extensive roots” he put down in Cheriton in 1977 at age 14. The Northampton High School graduate worked in various jobs across the Bay before returning to Cheriton 12 years ago. He now works in aquaculture.

Hardesty served two previous terms on the town council and volunteered for the Cheriton fire department.

Bruce Nutter withdrew his candidacy but volunteered his advice to the town council: “bring some diversity in, like younger people that have a level head on their shoulders.”

Only 25 percent of Cheriton’s population is age 62 or older, Nutter said, and younger citizens like himself “feel pushed out, and we don’t feel like we’re being represented very well.”

“That’s why all the anger is coming through the community,” Nutter continued. “This is an emotional thing for all of us because we love the town so much.”

Councilman Barry Downing said he does not object to young people serving on the council, but it would be fair to choose the candidate who had the most votes at the May election – Hardesty.

Downing nominated Hardesty, seconded by Councilwoman Norma Spencer.

Councilwoman Jackie Davis nominated Van Marter, pointing out that he participates in every council meeting. Downing seconded that motion.

Hardesty won in a 3-1 vote.

Van Marter plans to run for the Cheriton town council in the special election expected to be held in November.

Pay Library Penalties ‘Food for Fines’

The Eastern Shore Public Library is offering its “Food for Fines” goodwill program during the month of December. For each donated can of food, the library will waive $1 of overdue fines, up to a maximum of $10. Canned food must be before the sell-by date and will be donated to the Food Bank. Canned pet food is also being accepted for donation to the SPCA. This program provides the opportunity for library patrons to start the new year with a clear library account while partnering with organizations that work to address food insecurity on the Shore. Food for Fines is taking place at all four Eastern Shore library locations.

The libraries will be closed Monday, Dec. 24, Tuesday, Dec. 25, Monday, Dec. 31, and Tuesday, Jan. 1. For more information about library services or if you have concerns about the fines or fees on your library card, please call the library at 757-787-3400.
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Indictments Handed Down in Accomack

A former Accomack man, who was convicted last year in Maryland for having sex with a child, was indicted Monday by an Accomack grand jury on counts of embezzling from the Marine Science Consortium on Wallops Island while he was the office and finance manager there.

Dallas Fenton, 59, who lived on Lankford Highway in New Church, is serving decades for the sex offenses. He is in the Roxbury Correctional Institution, in Hagerstown, Md., but will likely be extradited from there to stand trial here.

Commonwealth’s Attorney Spencer Morgan would not comment on how much money or property Fenton is suspected of taking from the consortium. The indictments said he stole from the agency between January and March 2015, May and October 2016, and October 2016 and January 2017. Special Agent Robert May and October 2016 indictments said he stole from the agency and was convicted last year in Maryland for having sex with a child, was indicted on counts of embezzling from the Marine Science Consortium on Wallops Island while he was the office and finance manager there.

Fenton’s LinkedIn page also states he was once a business manager for Northrup Grumman at Wallops Island.

According to a report, Fenton was convicted of eight counts of a third-degree sex offense, sexual solicitation of a minor, and indecent exposure. He was sentenced to 38 years in prison with 15 years suspended. He met the 14-year-old through an app called Whisper, chatted with the girl on Skype, and then went to Wicomico County, Md., “four times where he had sex with the teen. At one point, he had sex with the juvenile on the side of the road and then dropped her off at a middle school dance.”

In another case, Keshawn Abbott, 26, of Fox Grove Road in Parksley, was indicted on counts of arson and burglary at a house belonging to Christopher Kuhn last July. Barnes investigated the arson. Deputy C. Hargis, of the Accomack County Sheriff’s Office, investigated the burglary.

Derek Earl Snyder Sr., 38, of Costen Road in Westover, Md., was indicted on seven counts of grand larceny of copper wire that belonged to ANEC. The offenses occurred between July and October on property at Mears Station Road, Firehouse Lane, Mappsville Road, Greenbush Road, Cashville Road, Daugherty Road, and Folly Farm Road.

Investigator Aaron Turner, of ACSO, gave information to the grand jury about Snyder. Tyris Javon Davis, 29, of Kelly Road in New Church, was indicted of unauthorized use of a vehicle belonging to Jerome Holden and hit-and-run with injury in connection with Aug. 4 incidents. Trooper D.P. Tudor investigated.

David Anthony McCain, 28, of Boston Road in Painter, was indicted on counts of obtaining property by false pretenses from Walmart and a third or subsequent offense of petty larceny on Sept. 21. Both charges are felonies. Cpl. C. Hodgson, of ACSO, investigated.

Antoinette Waneta West, 23, of Coal Kiln Road in Painter, was indicted on a count of possession of cocaine on April 23. Trooper B. M. Tripp investigated.

Macavis Rice, 31, of Saxis Road in Temperanceville, was indicted on a count of burglary at the home of Benita Brown in August. Deputy Julian Sharp, of ACSO, investigated.

Elvis Northam, 60, of Nocks Landing Road in Atlantic, was indicted on a count of possession of cocaine on Sept. 28. Deputy K.A. Reese, of ACSO, investigated.

Peter Alan Ward Jr., 49, of Horntown, was indicted on a count of assault and battery of Officer David Gladding of the Chincoteague Police Department on Sept. 21. Gladding investigated.

Victoria Elizabeth Coll, 19, of Jerusalem Road in Temperanceville, was indicted on a count of possession of a Schedule I or II drug on Aug. 25. Gladding investigated.


William Brent Laird, 37, of Banny’s Lane on Tangier Island, was indicted on a count of possession of a Schedule I or II drug on Sept. 8. Deputy B.K. Misener, of ACSO, investigated.

Marcos Josue Ortiz Robinson, 19, of Pettit Street in Mappsville, was indicted on a count of eluding police on July 30. Deputy K. McGregor, of ACSO, investigated.

Richard Alexander Lewis, 30, of Mary Road in Parksley, was indicted on counts of breaking into the home of his father, Richard Lewis, and stealing property. Deputy N. Kugler, of ACSO, investigated.

Osie Lee Warren, of Melfa, was indicted on two counts of forging checks valued at a total of $200 and two count of uttering the checks. The incidents occurred in August. Investigator E. Perry, of ACSO, handled the case.

Kevin Dewwayne Johnson, of Chincoteague, was indicted on a count of possession of heroin on Oct. 11. Gladding investigated.

Jameson Raheim Abbott, of Bloxom, was indicted on a count of leaving the scene of a traffic accident on Aug. 26. Senior Trooper Glen Neal investigated.

Ali Roshawn Savage Jr., of Painter, was indicted on a count of possessing or transporting a firearm by a felon on Feb. 26. S.A. Lewis of the Eastern Shore Drug Task Force investigated.

Felony Cases Heard In Accomack

Several felony cases were heard last week in Accomack Circuit Court.

Yun Kim, also known as Joshua, 20, of Vanalden Avenue in Northridge, Calif., pleaded guilty to carnal knowledge without force of a 13-year-old. The offense occurred in Accomack between April 4 and May 31, 2017. A presentence report was ordered. The case was continued until January. Kim is being held in Accomack Jail.

Devan Hinman, 29, who was listed as homeless with a former address on Saxis Road in Temperanceville, was sentenced to 10 years in prison with all but a year and 10 months suspended for possession of heroin with the intent to distribute. He was also given a 30-day suspended sentence for possession of marijuana, a 60-day suspended sentence for possession of cocaine, and a three-year suspended sentence for possession with intent to distribute cocaine.

Mark Warren Holcomb, 57, of Ridge Road on Chincoteague, was given three years in a county prison for assault and battery of a police officer with all but six months suspended. He was ordered to be on good behavior for five years.

Christine Huffman, 22, of Stone House Road in Onley, was sentenced to 12 months in jail with all but time served suspended for uttering in September 2017. Unsupervised probation was ordered. Huffman will be on good behavior for 10 years.

Thomas Phillips Collins, 47, of Hollow Lane in Horntown, pleaded guilty to making a threat to Judith Meseke to burn a structure on March 27. He was also charged with making threats to two others but those charges will not be prosecuted in accordance with a plea bargain. The case was continued pending completion of a pre-sentencing report. Records stated Collins could be fined up to $2,500 and sentenced to up to 10 years in prison.

Attorney Withdraws From Defending Man Accused Of Trying To Kill Officer

Attorney Allan Zaleski, of Norfolk, Va., was granted a motion in Accomack Circuit Court last week to withdraw as the defense lawyer for a man suspected of attempting to kill an Accomack deputy.

A new lawyer will have to be appointed for DeAndre Breshon Ayres, also known as De’Andre Breshon Ayres and Deondre Brashuan Ayers, 29, of Hanson Avenue in Norfolk, and previously of Painter.

It was disclosed during the hearing that Ayres had made complaints about Zaleski, who has practiced law for about 50 years.

Ayres was indicted on counts of attempted capital murder of an officer, use of a firearm in a felony, possession of a firearm by a felon, shooting from a vehicle, shooting at an officer’s squad car. The charges stem from incidents that occurred Sept. 26, 2016.

Maryland officers were investigating a robbery at the PNC Bank in Pocomoke at about 2 p.m. that day. Authorities said three people threatened to blow up the bank, but did not display weapons or explosive devices to tellers. Afterward, they were seen running towards the 6th Street Car Wash and getting into a silver Chevy Malibu with a Virginia tag.

Just after hearing an alert, Deputy Eric Nottingham of the Accomack County Sheriff’s Office saw the vehicle fitting the description near Temperanceville. He followed and when it ran a stop sign, he attempted to pull the car over.

“The vehicle was acting like it was stopping,” Nottingham testified at a preliminary hearing. It rolled to about 5 to 10 miles per hour “and then floored it and went up to 80 to 90 mph.” When the car suddenly jammed on the breaks, Nottingham saw an arm come out of the driver’s window with a gun pointed towards him.

“It started popping off,” he said. “I
heard metal clanking around. I just heard a whole bunch of shots.” Nottingham put the squad car in reverse and the Malibu took off again. The deputy tried to chase it but his car quit running. “Three bullets struck my vehicle, one of them hit the transmission cord,” he continued.

An Eastern Shore man was charged with hit-and-run this week in connection with a traffic accident that occurred in Northampton County last summer, according to court records.

Juan Alfaro Rea, 43, with addresses of Crystal Beach Road in Onancock, and Beacon Street in Melfa, was arrested Dec. 3 for the June 30 incident. He is being held without bond. Trooper C.R. Hughes investigated.

**Bond Granted For Woman Accused of Sex Crime Against Child**

A $10,000 secured bond was granted Tuesday in Northampton Circuit Court for a young Exmore woman accused of committing sex crimes against a 13- or 14-year-old girl.

Melissa Spates, 19, of Exmore, was indicted on counts of taking indecent liberties with a child, attempted sodomy with an object by force, and contributing to the delinquency of a minor in connection with Sept. 8 incidents.

Judge W. Revell Lewis III set conditions to the bond. Spates is not allowed to have any contact with the victim or the victim’s family and is not allowed on social media for the duration of the case. Spates was arrested Nov. 14.

In another case, Jabias Keandre Kellam, also known as Nika, of Exmore, failed to successfully complete the youthful offender program. The sentences for his crimes were reinstated. He was given 15 years with six years and seven months suspended and indefinite probation for both burglary and robbing a business with a gun. The crimes happened in August 2015.

Kellam was 18 and living in Willis Wharf when he robbed a nine-year-old girl with a semi-automatic pistol at El Rachito store in Cheriton.

Daniel G. Randall, 45, of Exmore, pleaded guilty to petty larceny, a misdemeanor, and was given a 12-month suspended sentence. He was initially indicted on a count of robbery by violence. The incident occurred July 28.

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**Obituaries**

**Hannah Coffman Cobb**

Mrs. Hannah Coffman Cobb, 96, wife of the late Robert A. Cobb and a resident of Onancock, passed away Saturday, Dec. 1, 2018, at her residence. A native of Onancock, she was the daughter of the late Robert Coffman and the late Susie Campbell Coffman. She was a retired nurse, member of Onancock Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary and Onley Baptist Church.

She is survived by her daughter, Linda Sue Truitt and her husband, Eddie, of Pungoteague; special niece, Ida Lynn Nottingham and her husband, Steve, of Exmore; special daughter-in-law, Anesia Cobb Smith and her husband, J.E., of Pungoteague; six grandchildren, Tammy Truitt (Newman Scott), of Onancock, Kelly Truitt Young, of Hacksneak, Mandi Revelle (Trea), of Hallwood, Kelsie Cobb, of Pungoteague, Hunter Cobb (Baylee Justis), of Ft. Bragg, N.C., and Jake Smith, of Pungoteague; four great-grandchildren, Grace Young, Ramsey Revelle, Gavin Revelle, and Mason Young; numerous nieces and nephews; and special neighbors, Sonny and Linda Shrieves. She was predeceased by two sons, Billy Cobb and Bobby Cobb; and a grandson, Will Cobb.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, Dec. 8, 2018, at 11 a.m., at Onley Baptist Church with the Rev. John Burr officiating. Interment will follow in Fairview Lawn Cemetery. Flowers will be accepted or memorials may be made to Riverside Shore Hospice P.O. Box 615 Onley, VA 23418.

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

Arrangements were made by Dougherty Funeral Home in Exmore.

**Robert O. Fjelstad**

Mr. Robert O. “Bob” Fjelstad, 84, husband of Marti Fjelstad and a resident of Schooner Bay, Onancock, passed away on Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2018, with his loving wife by his side.

Born on April 2, 1934, in Yonkers, N.Y., he was a son of the late Martin and Selma Fjelstad.

Mr. Fjelstad’s life exemplified the true meaning of dedication and service to others, which began when he joined the Jaycees, in Peekskill, N.Y., as a young man. While working as a terminal superintendent for Exxon, Mr. Fjelstad continued his efforts to serve his community as Chairman of the Hudson River Oil Spill Committee and as Commodore of the Peekskill Yacht Club, where he was instrumental in organizing the club to be family oriented.

Following his retirement in 1992, Mr. and Mrs. Fjelstad relocated to the Eastern Shore of Virginia where he has been an integral part of the community for the last 25 years. He was an active member and past president of the Coastal Conservation Association, was appointed by the VMRC as an advisor to the Atlantic States Marine Commission and recreational advisor on striped bass, served as past president of the Delmarva Peninsula Golf Association, and was a member of the Eastern Shore Yacht and Country Club, the Accomack-Northampton Antique Car Club, the ESVA Anglers’ Club, and Market Street United Methodist Church.

Though Mr. Fjelstad was most passionate about his public service, enjoying life was also a priority. In their 46 years together, Mr. and Mrs. Fjelstad traveled extensively, including four trips to Alaska, countless river cruises, trips to Norway to visit his family where they explored the Arctic Circle, and many memorable boating excursions with family and friends.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by four children, Robert Fjelstad and wife, Kathleen, of Colorado Springs, Colo., Alayne Keiser, of Concord, N.Y., Brigitta S. Savino and husband, Matthew, of Midlothian, Va., and Christina Bissett, of St. Clairsville, Ohio; sister, Betty Lang and husband, Jack of Murphy, N.C.; six grandchildren, Severin, Yakara, Sarah, Joseph, Rachel, and Joshua; brothers-in-law, Richard Roberts, Jeffrey Roberts, and David Clark; and many great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Other than his parents, he was predeceased by his sister, Dorothy Taylor, and brothers, Alvin and Edward Fjelstad.

Funeral services were held at the Market Street United Methodist Church on Monday, Dec. 3, 2018, with the Rev. J. Barton Weakley officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made in Mr. Fjelstad’s memory to the Market Street United Methodist Church, 75 Market Street, Onancock, VA 23417.

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

Arrangements were made by the Williams-Onancock Funeral Home.

**Theresa Veilleux Lankford**

Mrs. Theresa Veilleux “Terri” Lankford, 77, beloved wife of Winfred “Wink” Lankford, of Yeo Neck Run in Melfa, slipped away to a better place, and to be with her Lord, Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2018.

Born Sept. 30, 1941, in Waterville, Maine, she was a daughter of the late Edward Veilleux and Anna Hebert Veilleux. Mrs. Lankford was a bookkeeper, banker, and in recent years, a real estate agent with Coldwell Banker Harbour Realty. She was a member of St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church and its Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary; Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital Auxiliary; and former longtime member of the Eastern Shore Yacht & Country Club, where she and Wink spent many hours socializing with friends, both old and new.

Mr. and Mrs. Lankford enjoyed “wintering” in Florida, where Mrs. Lankford worked on her stained-glass creations, and they treasured meeting many longtime friends from all over the United States and Canada. Their traveling excursions, in the RV and otherwise, were experiences to never forget and will remain in their hearts forever. They mutually adored each other and relished their happiness of realizing this blessing in their life.

In addition to her beloved husband of 61 years, Mrs. Lankford is survived by two sisters, Alice LaChance and husband, Pearley, of Winslow, Maine, and Julie Northrup of Dade City, Fla.; a brother, Edward “Eddie” Veilleux and wife, Idella, of Windsor Locks, Conn.; dearest friend, who was like their daughter, Pat Parker, and her family, husband, Harry, and sons, Matt and Jake, of Onancock; sister-in-law, Karen Veilleux (wife of Mrs. Lankford’s brother, Joseph) of Oceanside, Calif.; and several nieces and nephews. Joining her parents are two brothers, John and Joseph Veilleux, by whom she was predeceased.

A Memorial Mass to celebrate Mrs. Lankford’s life will be held at St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church on Friday, Dec. 7, 2018, at 11 a.m., with Father Rogelio L. Abadano officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the S.P.C.A., P.O. Box 164, Onley, VA 23418.

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

Arrangements were made by the Williams-Onancock Funeral Home.

**Billups E. Lodge**

Mr. Billups E. Lodge, 89, a proud native of Virginia, passed away peacefully on Dec. 1, 2018, in the caring and loving community of Embrace Hospice House in Myrtle Beach, S.C. He was ready and eager to go to his eternal home with Jesus.

Mr. Lodge was born on Nov. 10, 1929, in Richmond, Va., to the Rev. Jay Shenton and Francis Billups Lodge. He graduated from Virginia Polytechnic University in 1952 and then enlisted in the U.S. Navy. On Dec. 7, 1957, he married the former Marian Carey Marshall, of Virginia Beach. After serving for 20 years, he retired as a commander in the U.S. Navy. Prior to retiring, he served as the public affairs officer of the Fifth Naval District in Norfolk, Va.

Upon retirement, he joined the family business, Seaside Market, in Virginia Beach. He was a clever cartoonist and outstanding wood worker who crafted beautiful furniture that is cherished by his family to this day. In 2015, Mr. Lodge and his wife moved to Pawleys Island, S.C., with his daughter and son-in-law where he was a member of Surfside Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Lodge is survived by his wife, Marian; two children, Dr. Jeffrey Sands Lodge and his wife, Daphne, and Eliza-
Mr. May is survived by his wife, Paige, and their pride and joy, Tilghman; his parents, Ron and Joan; his brothers and best friends, Andrew and Jonathan and his fiancé, Lauren Jellison; parents-in-law, Rodney and Kim Smith; brother-in-law, Devin Smith and wife, Reba; numerous aunts, uncles, and their families; and countless friends.

A memorial service to honor Mr. May’s life will be held at Naomi Makepeace Presbyterian Church on Saturday, Dec. 8, 2018, at 11 a.m., with the Rev. Monica Gould officiating.

In lieu of flowers, please consider preserving Matthew May’s passion for his work and love for animals with a donation to the Eastern Shore Watermen’s Association, 4219 School Road, Chicoteague, VA 23336, or to the S.P.C.A., P.O. Box 164, Onley, VA 23418.

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

Arrangements were made by Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel.

Matthew Forbes May

Mr. Matthew Forbes May, 38, loving son, husband, father, brother, and friend to all, passed away Tuesday, Nov. 27, 2018.

The eldest of three boys, Mr. May was born on Aug. 30, 1980, in Indianapolis, Ind., to Ronald Lee May and Joan Birkenstock May. Soon after he graduated from high school, the May family relocated to the Eastern Shore. Mr. May adjusted well to Shore life, making friends immediately and meeting the love of his life, Paige Loraine Smith. On Oct. 7, 2016, he and Paige began their journey as husband and wife and continued to support one another in pursuit of their dreams. This past July, he became the proud owner and operator of Full Measure Oyster Farm. He and Paige welcomed the birth of their son, Tilghman Lee May, on Aug. 3, 2018, and most recently, they moved into a new home.

He loved being on the water, for both work and fun, and he never missed the opportunity to play a game of softball. He had a great passion for all animals, and you’d rarely find him and Paige without one or more in tow. He will be greatly missed by his beloved fur babies, Isabelle and Roscoe, but he is undoubtedly enjoying the many kisses from his best buds, Willis and Enos, who predeceased him. To know Matthew May was to love him, and those who had the great pleasure to be his friend knew they could always count on him.

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Arrangements were made by Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel.

Dimitri Plionis

Mr. Dimitri Plionis, of Eastville, Va., died on Dec. 1, 2018. He was born on Feb. 1, 1942, in Distomon, Greece. He attended the National Technical University of Athens before moving to the United States on a Fulbright scholarship to pursue a graduate degree from the University of Alabama and a doctoral degree from Johns Hopkins University.

In 1972, he married Elizabeth Moore and they raised four children: Alexander, Dean, Nicholas, and Elena. Mr. Plionis worked as an international economic consultant for Ernst & Young and fulfilled his childhood dream of traveling the world, visiting over fifty countries during his lifetime. He retired with his wife to the Eastern Shore of Virginia in 2004, wanting to live by the water. During retirement, he continued his interest in economic development and was instrumental in promoting broadband internet service for the Eastern Shore. He also served as a volunteer election officer in Northampton County for several years.

He is survived by his wife and children; his daughters-in-law, Erin Plonis, Taryn Sibley, and Elsa Plonis; his grandchildren, Liam, James, and Markos Plonis; his sister, Athina Sagou and her husband, Thanassis; and his brother-in-law, Terrence Moore.

A memorial service will be held Thursday, Dec. 20, 2018, at noon at St. Charles Catholic Church, 549 Randolph Ave., Cape Charles, VA 23310, with Father J. Michael Breslin officiating. Memorial donations may be made to the Lustgarten Foundation for Pancreatic Cancer Research, 415 Crossways Park Drive, Suite D, Woodbury, NY 11797 or Riverside Shore Cancer Center, P.O. Box 430, Onancock, VA 23417.

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

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

Thelma Miller Taylor

Mrs. Thelma Miller Taylor, 81, wife of the late Kenneth Reed Taylor Jr. and resident of Parksley, passed away peacefully on Thursday, Nov. 29, 2018, at Shore Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Born Sept. 2, 1937, in Onancock, she was a daughter of the late Coley Robert Beasley Sr. and Betty Virginia Core Beasley. For more than 27 years, Ms. White shared her love and expertise for cooking working for the Accomack County Sheriff’s Department, where she was beloved for both her talents in the kitchen and her loving nature. Though she enjoyed cooking, her greatest love was for Chuck Norris. You could often find her watching Chuck in one of the many western movies he made, and she never missed her favorite day time soaps, “The Young and the Restless” and “The Bold and the Beautiful”. Ms. White adored her family, as they did her, and she will be greatly missed by all.

Survivors include her two children, Lee White and Terri Lynn Ross, both of Bloxom; sister, Shirley Mears and husband, Herbert, of Greenbush; three brothers, John Beasley and wife, Linda, of Southside Chesconnessex, Bobby Beasley and wife, Peggy, of Temperanceville, and Thomas Beasley and wife, Libby, of Bloxom; two grandsons, Christopher White and Joshua Hudson; and several nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by a sister, Mary Ellen Miller.

Funeral services were conducted from the chapel of the Williams-Parksley Funeral Home on Dec. 6, 2018, with the Rev. John Culp officiating. Interment followed in the Parksley Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Accomac County Sheriff’s Office Toy Drive: ACSO, P.O. Box 149, Accomac, VA 23301.

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

Arrangements were made by the Williams-Parksley Funeral Home.

Betty Lee White

Ms. Betty Lee White, 82, resident of Bloxom, passed away on Sunday, Dec. 2, 2018, at her home.

Born June 16, 1936, in Parksley, she was a daughter of the late Coley Robert Beasley Sr. and Betty Virginia Core Beasley. For more than 27 years, Ms. White shared her love and expertise for cooking working for the Accomack County Sheriff’s Department, where she was beloved for both her talents in the kitchen and her loving nature. Though she enjoyed cooking, her greatest love was for Chuck Norris. You could often find her watching Chuck in one of the many western movies he made, and she never missed her favorite day time soaps, “The Young and the Restless” and “The Bold and the Beautiful”. Ms. White adored her family, as they did her, and she will be greatly missed by all.

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Arrangements were made by the Williams-Parksley Funeral Home.
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Tasley Fire Co. Breaks Ground on a New Firehouse

Members of the Tasley Volunteer Fire Co. broke ground Sunday for a new firehouse that has been in the works for years. The 10,500-square-foot building will be constructed on property the company purchased two and a half years ago at the intersection of Tasley Road and Lankford Highway, just across from the former Whispering Pines Motel.

Parts of the existing station were built in the 1920s and have become obsolete. The company expects to occupy the new building this summer.
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Grant Helps Elderly In Accomack

Forty low-income senior citizens received bags of fresh fruit and produce, chicken, peanut butter, cheese, and other food items this week through a $1,200 Nickel-A-Meal grant awarded to the Onancock Senior Center by the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia. A second distribution is anticipated for February.

At left, Geraldine Moorefield, 77, of Parksley poses for the camera.
By Stefanie Jackson

Virginia politicians representing citizens from Accomack and Northampton counties gave their constituents a preview of the first session of the 2019 general assembly at the semi-annual Eggs & Issues breakfast sponsored by the Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce Dec. 5.

State Sen. Lynwood Lewis announced the six-week session will begin Jan. 9.

Virginia passes a two-year state budget in every even-numbered year, so 2019 will serve as what Lewis dubbed a “tweaking year” in which adjustments are made to the budget prepared by former Gov. Terry McAuliffe and submitted by Gov. Ralph Northam.

Lewis said Virginia is one of the last states to recover from the Great Recession, but the state economy is in good shape.

He cautioned the audience that “the rubber band snaps back eventually” and Moody’s financial forecasters predict a mild recession in late 2019.

But Lewis added the state’s rainy day fund is “robust” and Virginia is one of only a few states to maintain the highest rating of “AAA” with all three bond-rating agencies, meaning it is financially strong and able to repay its debts.

The state has a $500 million budget surplus, but Lewis indicated that money will be spent on “bills in the drawer” like healthcare and the state retirement system.

He said state unemployment stands at 2.9 percent, the lowest it’s been in 11 years and almost a record low. He acknowledged that Accomack and Northampton counties “still have ground to make up” in lowering unemployment.

According to the Virginia Employment Commission, the current unemployment rate is 3.4 percent in Accomack and 4.7 percent in Northampton.

Both Lewis and Del. Rob Bloxom emphasized the need for Virginia to examine tax conformity, or how well state tax laws align with federal tax laws.

State legislators are undecided whether they want to conform to the current federal tax code that will no longer be in effect in four years.

Lewis and Bloxom offered different ideas on how to improve Virginia’s tax code. Lewis conveyed Northam’s interest in making the earned income tax credit refundable on the state level as it is on the federal level, at a cost of $250 million.

(When tax credits are nonrefundable, taxpayers cannot be refunded more money than they paid. When tax credits are refundable, taxpayers are paid the total dollar value of the tax credits even if they do not owe taxes or are owed a refund.)

Bloxom is considering raising sales taxes and eliminating the state income tax.

He believes his most controversial idea is allowing a noncitizen working in Virginia to obtain what he calls a “driver’s privilege card” so any Virginia resident working in the state, even if that person is not a citizen, can legally obtain a driver’s license if they have a valid passport.

In the pursuit of fairness, Bloxom favors requiring state parks to pay transient occupancy taxes like privately owned campgrounds. He also supports requiring an online business to charge sales taxes like a business operating in a physical storefront.

As an accompaniment to the proposal to charge sales taxes on online purchases, Lewis said legislators are considering offering state funding for school infrastructure. The estimated cost for all current construction needs of Virginia public schools is $3 billion to $6 billion.

“Traditionally, that has been a local responsibility,” Lewis said, “but we’re so down the rabbit hole” legislators feel obligated to step in. He cited Northampton High School as a prime example of a school that needs assistance.

Part 2 of this story, featuring comments from Reneta Major, of the Accomack County Board of Supervisors, and Spencer Murray, chairman of the Northampton County Board of Supervisors, will appear in next week’s edition of the Eastern Shore Post.
Chamber Executive Director Evelyn Shotwell presents Arrivalist award to Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge Manager Nancy Finley, her staff, and Assateague Island National Seashore Superintendent Deborah Darden.

Refuge Is 4th Most Visited Attraction in Virginia

By Linda Cicoira

The Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge was identified as the fourth most visited attraction and park in Virginia in 2018, the Virginia Tourism Corporation (VTC) announced Tuesday.

The newest travel technology company, Arrivalist, partnered with the corporation to highlight the 11 most visited locations in six categories.

“The tourism industry is a powerful economic engine and instant revenue generator for ... Virginia,” said Rita McClenny, president and CEO of VTC. “As we compete with other states for tourism dollars, it is important to look at data, trends, and marketing strategies in the most creative ways available in order to continue to market the commonwealth as a premier travel destination.”
By Stefanie Jackson

Pat Benner, the education specialist and internship coordinator at the NASA Wallops Flight Facility, spoke to the Accomack school board at Chincoteague High School on Dec. 4 about opportunities the facility offers to students.

Students interested in STEM careers (science, technology, engineering, and math) are welcome to apply for summer internships at NASA.

A summer intern is paid a stipend of $2,400. There are minimum requirements to apply to the program: the student must be a U.S. citizen age 16 or older, live within a 50-mile radius of the facility, and maintain at least a 3.0 GPA.

There are 12 slots available for NASA internships, but only two were filled last year.

“We need our local students at Wallops Flight Facility,” Benner said.

Job Shadow Day, held every year around Groundhog Day, is a chance for students to meet employees at Wallops Flight Facility who work in the students’ career fields of interest and spend the day learning their jobs.

Often, students’ job shadowing experiences will lead to summer internships at the high school level and college undergraduate level, Benner said.

NASA also offers fall and spring programs, with student participation counting as credit in their high school classes.

Benner said, “It is my job and my joy” to work with young people.

Chincoteague High School Principal Harold Holmes recommended March 2 Success, an educational program introduced to him by Sgt. Juan Cortazar, of the U.S. Army recruiting station in Salisbury, Md.

March 2 Success is a free program for students ages 13 or older who want to improve their performance on standardized tests such as the SAT, ACT, and the military entrance exam, the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB).

The program offers seven full-length SAT and ACT practice tests.

There are also e-learning curriculums for English, math, and science.

Holmes has incorporated the verbal exercises from March 2 Success into his strategy to target SOL English performance gap groups. All Chincoteague High students in Grades 9 to 11 participate in the program during flex time on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Health and Human Services Secretary Visits Eastville

Virginia Secretary of Health and Human Services Daniel Carey visited the Northampton County Department of Social Services on Wednesday. Carey said his top five priorities in his role are: Medicaid expansion implementation, the behavioral health system, the opioid crisis and substance abuse, women’s health, and children’s health. Pictured above are Virginia Social Services Eastern Regional Director Jo Wilson-Harfst, Northampton Social Services Director Mozella Francis, Carey, Accomack supervisor and social services employee Reneta Major, Northampton board of supervisors chairman Spencer Murray, and Accomack Social Services Director Vicki Weakley.
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When a routine mammogram at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital led to a breast cancer diagnosis for avid runner Sarah Trachy, she was grateful that the condition was detected early. She was also glad that she could count on local leading edge radiation treatment with radiation oncologist Dr. Moulds at the Riverside Shore Cancer Center. Dr. Moulds encouraged her to keep her long-standing commitment to exercise during treatment, and she was happy to comply … because the hours she saved getting care close to home meant even more time for running.

“He provided treatment close to home. He also provided encouragement.”
Sentence Reduced for Jailhouse Witness in Murder-for-Hire Case

By Linda Cicoira

The prison term of a Cape Charles man, who testified in August against the alleged shooter in a murder-for-hire scheme, was reduced by a month Tuesday in Northampton Circuit Court.

Danny Lashawn Campbell Jr., 32, formerly of Wilson Court, testified he was in jail with Roquan Leeteq Rogers and Rogers confided in him details about the murder conspiracy.

In May, Campbell was sentenced to 15 years in prison with 11 years suspended for possession of cocaine with intent to distribute. He was also given five years with a year and eight months suspended for a third offense of assault and battery of a family member.

The terms were set to run concurrently for a total of seven years and four months. Campbell’s offenses occurred in September 2016 and June 2017. During Rogers’ trial, Campbell said no promises were made in exchange for his testimony.

“Mr. Campbell provided the Commonwealth of Virginia with substantial assistance in the prosecution of Roquan Rogers for, among other charges, attempted first-degree murder in the Accomack Circuit Court,” defense lawyer Paul Watson wrote.

Judge W. Revell Lewis III reconsidered the term for family member assault Tuesday and suspended a year and nine months of the five-year term. Rogers, also known as Kake, 19, of Benjamin Banneker Road in Exmore, was convicted by an Accomack Circuit Court jury of three counts of conspiracy. The panel was deadlocked on nine other counts including attempted capital murder of an Eastern Shore Drug Task Force informant and his then-girlfriend last Halloween in the Boston area of Painter.

The jury recommended a total of 17 years in prison with 10 years for conspiracy to commit capital murder for hire, five years for conspiracy to commit capital murder involving a prisoner, and two years for conspiracy to commit obstruction of justice.

When the jurors were polled, a male juror said that he did not agree with the recommendation.

In that case, Lewis could decide the sentence himself or impanel another jury. If the latter is done, Lewis said the jury would be read the transcript omitting parts that were done in the absence of the jury or that the jury was told to ignore.
Nandua Grapplers Open Season Undefeated

By Krystle Bono

Last week, the Nandua Warriors varsity wrestling club opened the 2018-19 season on their home mat. The boys opened the evening facing Norview, and ultimately grabbed the win over the visitors 60-24. Next up, the boys took on Eastern Shore district rivals, the Arcadia Firebirds, retiring them by a 50-24 count.

Nandua’s Julio Vasquez was up first in the match against Norview, winning by fall in the 120 weight class over Johnathon Clark by a time of 1:44.

Norview got the win in the 126-pound weight class, with Deandre Lee pinning Nandua’s Carlo Balmoria by a time of 1:09.

The 132-pound match went to Norview’s John Stuart by pin of 30 seconds over Nandua’s Dylan Ross.

Norview also claimed the 138 match with Rashaud Wood one-upping Nandua’s Jalik Davis by fall of 4:37.

Nandua’s 145-pound grappler James Burr won by fall over Ben Beard by a time of 3:40.

Warrior Cameron Mears grabbed the 152-pound weight class by forfeit.

The 160-pound weight class win went to Nandua’s David Gastelum by pin of Yellow Jackets, Vikings compete in Cape Henry Invitational

By Krystle Bono

Last Saturday, the Northampton Yellow Jackets and the Broadwater Vikings wrestling teams traveled across the water to take part in the Cape Henry Invitational. The Yellow Jackets were awarded Team Sportsmanship, and Broadwater Academy wrestler William Wehner received the Unsong Wrestler award.

Northampton’s Myles Lewis earned the top spot in the 126-pound bracket, placing first. Gary Peart III claimed a first-place finish in the 170-pound weight battles for the Yellow Jackets, and Jerry Gonzalez also placed first.

Second-place medal finishes went to Broadwater’s Wehner (106) and Aizmani Joseph (138).

Joseph Brown placed third overall in the 285-pound weight bracket.

Alonzo Capers (132) and Dustin Splawn (170) each earned fourth place, and Gavin Brittingham (182) grabbed a fifth-place showing.

Tanner Feltes winner by fall for the Yellow Jackets in an exhibition match. 126 Lewis earned his first-place finish in the 170-pound weight bracket.

First Colonel’s Seth Stoddard defeated Northampton’s Capers in round 1 of the 132-pound matchups by fall. Capers fell in round 2 to First Colonel’s Kevin He by pin of 34 seconds, but came back in round 3 and 4 to top First Colonel’s Joe Ytuarte, and Norfolk Christian’s Zack Johnson by fall of 2:49. Capers earned his fourth-place finish in round 5, as a result of a defeat by Cape Henry’s Brendan Hawley by fall of 56 seconds.

Northampton’s Joseph received a bye in round 1 the 138-pound bracket.

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one minute.
Nandua’s Gutierrez won by a decision of 15-11 over Arcadia’s Abraham Mateos in the 113-pound battle.

The 120-pound match went to Arcadia’s Ronaldo Lopez over Nandua’s Vasquez by a fall time of 3:40.

Last up on the mat was the 126-pound matchup, with Nandua’s Balmoria coming out on top by a decision of 2-1 over Arcadia’s Marvin Gomez.

The Warriors participated in the Bluestone Quad last Friday, and came out undefeated over Bluestone, 74-6, Dan River, 54-25, and Marion Senior, 46-36.

Nandua’s Vasquez starting things off with a forfeit in the 120-pound weight class over Bluestone, and Balmoria also grabbed a forfeit for Nandua at 126.

The 132-pound match went to Nandua’s Ross over Bluestone’s Kisean Harris by a decision of 6-3.

Nandua’s 138-pounder Davis defeated Bluestone’s Davontre Boyd next, and Warrior Burr earned a forfeit in the 145-pound class.

Mears won the 152-pound match for Nandua over Landon Lyles, and the 160 match went to Warrior Gastelum over Andrew Crisco by technical fall of 19-3.

Leighton collected another win for Nandua in the 170 match over Bluestone’s Liam Muller.

Nandua’s 182-pound weight representative, Teasley, defeated Jasmine Nunez by fall.

Bluestone would take the next one, with D’Andre Alexander pinning Nandua’s Baines in the 195-pound class.

Nandua’s Castiglia edged Bluestone’s Jason Terry at 220, and teammate Gaskins topped Bluestone’s Alex Hardy by fall in the 285 to earn another win for the Warriors.

Stodghill and Gutierrez each earned forfeits for Nandua in the 106 and 113 weight classes, respectively.

Stodghill started off the Warrior’s 106-pound match against Dan River with a forfeit.

Dan River’s Elijah Moshenek defeated Nandua’s Gutierrez by fall at 113.

Vasquez grabbed a win for the Warriors over Dan River’s Ethan Biagioni in the 120-pound grapple-off.

Nandua’s Balmoria took at forfeit for the 126-pound match.

Ross won the 132-pound class for Nandua over Dan River’s Collin Oakes by fall.

Dan River would take the 138-pound match, with Willard Moshenek defeating Nandua’s Jalik Davis by pin.

Another Dan River win came in the 145-pound class, with Cameron Wallace defeating Nandua’s Burr by major decision, 14-2.

The 152-pound match went in favor of Dan River, as Dawson Oakes topped Nandua’s Mears by a decision of 8-4.

Nandua’s Gastelum won the 160-pound battle over Dan River’s Blake Haynes by fall.

Teasley took the 170-pound match by fall for Nandua over Dan River’s Parker Tanksley.

In the 182-pound square-off, Nandua’s Baines fell to Dan River’s Albert (AC) Biagioni.

195 Isaiah Savage topped Dan River’s Stewart Thompson by fall in the 195-pound matchup.

Nandua’s 220-pound wrestler, Castiglia, claimed a forfeit in his match, and lastly, the 285-pound match went to Nandua’s Gaskins over Dan River’s Wyatt Sutton by fall.

Nandua traveled to Bluestone High School Dec. 1, to partake in the Lake Country Classic. The boys brought home a second-place team finish; the highest tournament placement in seven years for the Warriors club.

A total of seven Nandua wrestlers earned hardware at the meet, with everyone else contributing at least one win to the team’s total success.

Castiglia finished with the highest spot on the podium for the Warriors, earning first place in the 220-pound weight bracket. Stodghill (106), Mears (152) each earned second place finishes in their brackets. Gastelum (160), Teasley (170), Baines (182), and Gaskins (285) all earned third-place medals.

The Warriors improved to 7-0 on the season, after retiring two tough opponents Tuesday night. The boys faced Lancaster first, defeating them 46-35, before ending the night with a 51-30 win over the Middlesex Chargers.

Nandua will hit the road to Newport News next Wednesday afternoon to grapple the Peninsula Catholic Knights and the Norfolk Christian Ambassadors.
Joseph battled in the quarterfinals and pinned his Cape Henry opponent, Campbell Clay, in 23 seconds. He went on to defeat Cape Henry’s Tucker Bruner in the semifinals by a decision of 8-7, but fell to Norfolk Christian’s Nate Scully in the finals match by pin in 10 seconds.

Northampton is scheduled to host the Jacket Invitational in Eastville this Saturday, Dec. 8, beginning at 10 a.m., and will include competing wrestlers from Broadwater, Arcadia, Franklin, Grafton, Mathews, Nansemond River, New Kent, Norfolk Academy, Salem, and Windsor.
By Krystle Bono

The Northampton Yellow Jackets boys varsity basketball team topped the Colonel Beach Drifters 73-53, Nov. 29.

Jawaun Bell led the Yellow Jackets at the net with 30 points, threw nine assists, and grabbed four steals. Kasai Clark put up 18 on the board. Vonte Coston had the team high in rebounds with eight.

The boys are set to face the Nan- dua Warriors tonight (Friday) on their home court beginning at 7 p.m.

Nandua fell to the Lancaster Red Devils boys varsity club Tuesday night in Onley, 68-40.

The Chincoteague Ponies boys team fell short to the King & Queen Central Royal Tigers last Friday night on the road, 63-58.

Keevin Collins and Trent Clark led the Ponies in points, tossing up 16 apiece.

Nick McJilton led in rebounds with seven and had the team high in steals with four. Collins also led the Ponies in assists, tallying five.

The Chincoteague boys will be back in action to host Windsor tonight.

Arcadia’s boys varsity squad posted a 52-49 win over the Salisbury School Dragons Monday night in Salisbury. The boys will head to Eastville for a district matchup against Northampton Tuesday night at 7 p.m.

The Broadwater Vikings boys fell to the Norfolk Academy Bulldogs on the road, 52-23, Nov. 28.

Clay Wardius led the Vikings on the board with nine points, and Ahmad Scarborough put up seven. Broadwater will face Gateway Christian in Virginia Beach tonight at 7 p.m.

The Nandua girls varsity team fell to Lancaster Tuesday night in their road tilt, 43-11. The girls are scheduled for a homestand against the Yellow Jackets tonight in Onley at 5:30 p.m.

Northampton girls faced West Point last Friday night in Eastville, but were defeated by the Pointers, 65-33.

The Lady Jackets came back to top Colonel Beach by a large margin of 62-23 over the Drifters in a road battle.

Arcadia’s girls varsity club outlasted the Salisbury School Dragons, 32-30, Monday night in Salisbury.

The Firebirds will face the Yellow Jackets Dec. 11, in Eastville, at 5:30 p.m.

Chincoteague hosted King & Queen Central on the island Friday night, and the girls defeated the Royal Tigers, 48-32. The girls will battle Windsor tonight on their home court.

The Broadwater Vikings girls varsity club will play their season opener tonight at Gateway Christian at 5:30 p.m.
**Eastern Shore Street Hockey League Game Summaries**

By Michael Garbacz

Game 1: Hoyt Insurance Ducks 2, EZ Loan Bruins 1

An unusually warm, wet, and overcast day made for an interesting slate of hockey games. The first tilt was a real nail-biter, too, as the Ducks edged the Bs. This careful, low-event game was a showcase of great positioning and smothering defense.

After the General and the Smooth Criminal traded markers in the first, the game remained tied until Robbie Washington scored the deciding goal in the final frame for the Quackers. Josh Thomas picked up an assist in the win on Washington’s goal; T.R. Hoyt also registered an apple for the Bruins.

Game 2: Eastern Speed Shop Canucks 0, K&E Marine Capitals 3

The good news for ‘Nucks fans is that they managed to hold the mighty Caps to just three goals, and that is seriously no mean feat. The bad news is that they couldn’t register any of their own.

The Caps denied virtually any possible high-danger scoring opportunity, even as the Canucks did an admirable job of positioning and shutting down passing lanes themselves. Dustin Aigner potted a natty hatty for his Capitals and Justin Wheeler turned aside 13 shots to hand the Onancock Kid the goose egg. Bradley Colona, James Haley, and Dylan Harrington picked up a helper apiece in the victory.

Game 3: Blues 7, Delmarva Soil and Concrete Red Wings 6

Perhaps the most entertaining game of the day was this barn-burner between the Wings and the normally mild offense of the Blues. This teeter-totter tilt saw the lead exchanged many times over; it was changing so fast that whoever was recording the stats deserves a steak and some soft crabs!

Ultimately, the Dueling hat tricks produced by Brandon Morgan and Paul Thornes pushed the Blues over top, and they were smilin’ like a couple of butcher’s dogs. Michael Garbacz also tickled the twine in the win; Thornes and Wes Stapleton each recorded a pair of assists; Cody Williams and Mark Stapleton also each chipped in a helper.

For the Red Wings, the Huntsman put up two goals and two assists; C.J. Jones rang up a goal and three assists; Ethan Ayer struck the back of the net twice; Michael Vargas scored; New York Metzger added an apple.

Game 4: EZ Loan Bruins 2, K&E Marine Capitals 4

When the Smooth Criminal and the Pat Trick square off, you know it’s going to be an entertaining contest. This one was no different, as the Caps leapt out to a 4-0 lead only to see the Bruins storm back in the third to nearly even things up.

Despite outshooting the Capitals 11-to-1 in the final frame, the Smooth Criminal’s squad could not best Wheeler, so the Caps squeaked away with this one. The Pat Trick registered two assists in the game; Matt Yetter and Colona each made two deposits; Haley added an assist. For the Bruins, Williams and Hoyt were the goal scorers, with Williams adding an helper; Sharkey Parks also added an assist.

Game 5: Hoyt Insurance Ducks 5, Blues 2

In a game that was oddly much closer than the 5-2 score and 25-12 shot differential would suggest, a couple of early lapses sunk the blueshirts in the first, as the quackers jumped out to a 4-0 lead. The Blues managed to turn it around in the second and then really make a game of it in the third, but it was too much of a hill to climb. The General banked two goals and an assist; John-John Leach and George Smith each recorded a goal and an assist; Robbie Washington found the back of the net once.

For the Blues, the Parksley Original wandered out of the net and scored his first of the campaign as a left wing; Brandon Morgan produced a goal; Cody Williams and Michael Garbacz each picked a couple of apples.

Game 6: Eastern Speed Shop Canucks 1, Delmarva Soil and Concrete Red Wings 8

The hard luck ‘Nucks just cannot catch a break this season, and wound up suffering a severe blowout this time around against a Red Wings squad whose shots seemed to have magic eyes for the back of the net. Make a wish for these folks the next time you toss a penny into a fountain. Jones feasted, registering four goals and an assist; Michael Vargas produced a hat trick plus an assist; Johnny Irvin scored the other goal; Gabe Nock had two assists; the Huntsman, Mike McCready, and Ethan Ayer each provided an assist.

The Canucks did manage to spoil Ol’ Plugalong’s shutout parade, as Adam Vargas notched a goal late, banging home a rebound set up from a shot from our favorite hustler, La Boca.

ESSHL Senior League action resumes Sunday, Dec. 16, at 1 p.m. at Stapleton Rink in Parksley. For news, schedule, stats, and more, go to www.esshl.org or check out the ESSHL Facebook page.

**Sports Shorts**

**St. John’s Youth Basketball League**

St. John’s UMC, Atlantic, is currently running a basketball league for ages 5-9 on Mondays at 6 p.m.

Registration fee is $10. Call 757-824-6241 for more information.

**Delmarva Rage**

Do you have the rage in you? The Delmarva Rage is an indoor/outdoor 8-on-8 contact football team for young men ages 18 and over, located on the Delmarva. The Rage will be having an interest meeting on Dec. 2, at the Green Turtle in Salisbury at 5 p.m.

The Rage will be competing in the MIFL for a championship run, and will be coached by Darnell Evans and R.J. Parker.

For more information, contact dannellevans41@yahoo.com or delmarvarage@yahoo.com

**ACPR Youth Basketball Sign-ups**

Acomack Parks and Recreation is accepting registration forms for the youth basketball league. Sign-ups will be held Saturday, Dec. 8, at Arcadia High School from 9 to 10:30 a.m. for ages 5-8 and 10:30 a.m. until noon for ages 9-12 and 13-15.

Registration fee is $35 if paid by Dec. 8; after that date, the fee will be $40.

For more information, contact the Parks and Recreation office at 757-787-3900 or 757-824-0314.
AGRICULTURAL NEWS

Northampton County Farmer Will Chair Farm Bureau Committee

Submitted Articles

Northampton County row crop, vegetable and aquaculture producer S. Kyle Sturgis of Cape Charles was elected Nov. 29, to a two-year term as chairman of the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation Young Farmers Committee.

Elections of officers and directors were held at the VFBF 2018 Annual Convention in Hot Springs. The VFBF Young Farmers Committee chairman also serves on the organization’s board of directors.

Sturgis has worked as a precision agriculture specialist with Helena Agri-Enterprises LLC since 2011. He also works on his family’s farm with his brother and father. The family farm consists of 1,000 acres of row crops and vegetables, and his family is a partner in an aquaculture operation that raises clams and oysters.

He is a graduate of Ferrum College, where he majored in horticulture with a minor in environmental science. He also is a proud Eagle Scout.

Sturgis and his wife, Emily, live on Virginia’s Eastern Shore and enjoy hunting and fishing alongside their two Labs, Gus and Belle.

The VFBF Young Farmers Program offers opportunities to support agriculture while building leadership and public speaking skills and becoming involved in the legislative process.

With 129,000 members in 88 county Farm Bureaus, VFBF is Virginia’s largest farmers’ advocacy group. Farm Bureau is a non-governmental, nonpartisan, voluntary organization committed to supporting Virginia’s agriculture industry. View more convention news as it becomes available at vafb.com/convention and follow us on social media via #drivingagforward and #VFBFconvention18.

Accomack County Farmer Re-Elected to Farm Bureau Board

Accomack County vegetable and grain producer David L. Hickman of Horntown was re-elected Nov. 29, to an eighth, three-year term on the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation board of directors.

As a board member, Hickman will represent Farm Bureau producer members in Accomack, Isle of Wight and Northampton counties and the cities of Chesapeake, Suffolk and Virginia Beach.

He chairs the VFBF Specialty Crops Advisory Committee and is a member of the organization’s Compensation Committee. He is a past president of the Accomack County Farm Bureau and former chairman of that organization’s Young Farmers Committee.

In addition to his Farm Bureau involvement, Hickman is a board member and past chairman of the Virginia Irish Potato Board, a member of the Accomack County Board of Equalization, and a member and past director of the Virginia Potato and Vegetable Growers Association.

He is a co-owner and operator of Dublin Farms Inc., which produces corn, potatoes, snap beans, soybeans, and wheat. He and his wife, Chessie, have three sons, two of whom are involved with the farm operation.

Sign Up Now for the Gift of Conservation

Are you shopping for ways to improve the health and function of your land in the coming year? USDA’s Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is now offering the gift of conservation with customized plans for large and small acreages and funding through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) to help put them into action.

Virginia farmers and forest landowners can sign up for financial assistance to install recommended conservation practices on cropland, pastureland, and non-industrial private forestland. NRCS accepts applications year-round but makes funding selections at specific times. Those interested in fiscal year 2019 funding must submit applications on or before Jan. 18.

NRCS will continue to accept general EQIP applications with these special fund pools available to Virginia producers/landowners:

- High Tunnel System – Steel-framed, polyethylene-covered structures to extend the growing season in an environmentally safe manner.
- Longleaf Pine – Stand establishment and management within the historical range in Southeastern Virginia
- Northern Bobwhite in Working Grasslands – Native grass restoration to address habitat loss while maintaining or improving cattle production on the land.
- American Black Duck Initiative – Focused conservation practices to restore wintering habitat in the Delaware Bay and Chesapeake Bay watersheds.
- Golden-winged Warbler – Young forest habitat restoration in Appalachian breeding territory.
- National Water Quality Initiative (NWQI) – Targeted practices to clean up impaired streams and improve aquatic habitats in the War Branch and Mountain Run watersheds in Rockingham County and Gap Creek in Rockingham and Shenandoah County.
- On-Farm Energy – Agricultural Energy Management Plans (AgEMP) or farm energy audits to assess energy use and recommend ways to reduce it.
- Organic – Practices to help certified organic growers, those working to achieve organic certification, and specialty crop producers address resource concerns on their operations.
- StrikeForce – Priority ranking for cropland, high tunnel, and livestock practices to support program participation among underserved producers in rural communities.
- Joint Chiefs Landscape Restoration Partnership – Cropland and forestry practices to reduce wildfire threats, protect water quality, and enhance wildlife habitat in the Upper and Lower Cowpasture watersheds.
- Conservation Activity Plans – Development of site-specific plans to recommend conservation practices that will address an identified natural resource need.

Each applicant should submit a signed and dated Conservation Program Application to the local NRCS service center by close of business on the published deadline for a given batching period. Applicants must meet USDA program eligibility requirements to be considered for funding. NRCS will not accept applications from individuals/entities without farm records established through USDA’s Farm Service Agency. The name, tax identification number, and address provided must also match IRS income tax records.

Applicants approved for financial assistance will receive a payment based on an NRCS determination of incurred costs and income sacrificed for practice implementation. If you previously applied for EQIP and were not funded, contact your local NRCS Service Center for more information.

Call or visit your local Accomac NRCS office at 757-302-4432 or 4435 to learn more about USDA program eligibility requirements and how EQIP and other Farm Bill programs can help you better protect and manage natural resources on your land.

Visit www.farmers.gov for USDA service center locations. General program information is available on the NRCS Virginia website at www.va.nrcs.usda.gov
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New York Businessmen Living Large at the Accomac Club

The most luxurious of the gunning clubs that sprang up on the Eastern Shore seaside in the late 1800s was the Accomac Club, situated on a point of high marsh between Wachapreague and the north end of Parmore Island. The club was incorporated Jan.12, 1887, with seven members, all of whom were businessmen from New York. The club’s first president was Benjamin W. West, secretary of the Fulton Market Fishmongers Association, and the vice president was S.L. Stoner, president of the same association.

The club grew quickly and limited its membership to 35 men, most of whom were business associates. New members were admitted only by unanimous vote and were required to pay a $100 initiation fee plus $75 in annual dues, billed quarterly.

The club built a large two-storied clubhouse with a wide porch, plus separate dining quarters, a cookhouse, boathouse, and numerous other improvements. Old photographs depict the dining room as especially ornate, with intricate woodwork and expensive furniture. An excellent reproduction can be seen at the Barrier Islands Center in Machipongo.

The initial assumption is that the wealthy New Yorkers, isolated in their island womb of privilege, far removed from the sweat and toil of the commoners along the Wachapreague waterfront, probably kept their distance from the local folks. Newspaper accounts of the day, however, tell a different story.

The Peninsula Enterprise, a newspaper published in Accomac, provided regular coverage of the Accomac Club, especially when the annual regatta came around in May. The Countryside Transformed, a digital archive of maps, photographs, and printed media maintained by the Eastern Shore Public Library, has files from the Enterprise dating back to the 1880s, so we can tune in to our computers and read all about the latest news from the Accomac Club.

The Enterprise reported on June 6, 1891, that several hundred local people attended the regatta, where local boaters competed for trophies and prizes. Following the races, visitors returned to the clubhouse “where a sumptuous and elegant dinner, furnished by the Club, was spread, and where costly Madeiras, Hollands, Cognacs, and lager flowed as from a living fountain, of which not a few freely partook.”

Following the feast, prizes were presented to the winning sailors, and speeches were made. Abel Crook, a New York lawyer and secretary of the club, made “one of the most beautiful and thrilling addresses to the winners..."
The regatta of this year, which came off according to announcement, under the auspices of the Accomac Club on the 2d inst., will long be remembered by all who participated as one of the most interesting occasions of a lifetime. The day was a model one and the weather could not have been finer. The gathering was large and especially interesting and attractive because of the goodly number of ladies in attendance. The races were well contested and heartily enjoyed. The music, furnished by the Cashville Cornet Band, was very fine and everybody was not only pleased with it, but with the members of the band, who so agreeably dispensed it.

and to the citizens of Accomac your correspondent has ever heard. His speech was responded to by George F. Parramore, Esq. “in a felicitous and forcible speech that carried conviction to the hearts of all present.”

The regattas were held annually for a number of years, with the club hosting hundreds of local residents and providing prizes such as gold watches and silver tea sets. A sumptuous dinner would be served, and then a member of the club would make a speech extolling the virtues of Accomac (as it was spelled then) County, and a county representative would respond in turn. In 1896, the celebration featured music by the Cashville Cornet Band.

Many of the old gunning clubs fell victim to a rising sea level and the disastrous storm of 1933. The Accomac Club, however, was a victim of the Great Depression, which eroded the fortunes of most of the members. By the time the ’33 storm hit, membership was down to “six or seven men.”

The old seaside gunning clubs are a part of local history that leaves no footprint. Most of them long ago washed out to sea. But if you’re heading from the Wachapreague dock out to the Dawson’s Shoal area, look to the south where a cluster of pilings line the edge of the high marsh. A century ago, this was one of the Shore’s special places: the Accomac Club.

Librarian’s note: Readers may see more images from Tom Badger and Curtis Badger’s book, Accomack County, which is available for loan from any of the four ESVA public libraries.

A campaign is underway to fund the new ESVA Heritage Center, which will require specialized architectural design, environmental controls, and equipment. Those wishing to donate or to be recognized with other founders of the Heritage Center should send donations to ESPL Foundation, P.O. Box 554, Accomac, VA 23301, call 757-787-2500, or visit www.shorelibrary.com.

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Excerpt from the June 6, 1896, Peninsuala Enterprise describing the annual regatta.

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The Accomac Club as seen in its heyday.

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Holly Run Is a 50-Year Christmas Tradition for Tangier Island

By Bill Sterling

Weather permitting, about 50 small planes will leave a Maryland airport near the Chesapeake Bay Bridge tomorrow morning heading for a tiny airstrip on Tangier Island to continue a tradition that was started 50 years ago.

The Christmas season on Tangier Island really kicks off with the Holly Run that was first started by a lone aviator and now includes more than 100 people and delivers evergreens to the island’s churches and toys to the youth.

The tradition began in 1968 when Ed Nabb, a Cambridge, Md., attorney who often visited Tangier to patronize his favorite sandwich shop, realized the holly trees and evergreens were no longer available because of rising waters.

Acting alone, Nabb loaded up his Erco coupe plane with two boughs of holly and flew them to Tangier, giving one to Swain Memorial United Methodist Church and the other to New Testament Church. Adventure and generosity guided Nabb’s life. He was elected to the Marine Racing Hall of Fame in 1947 and funded thousands of dollars in scholarships.

The event is always set for the first Saturday in December, but rain postponed the flight last week. With good weather, pilots will depart the Bay Bridge Airport in Stevensville, Md., tomorrow morning with numerous bags of holly and one special passenger, Santa Claus, bearing gifts for the island’s kids.

Many of the pilots making the 71-nautical mile flight to Tangier Island are employees or students of Chesapeake Sport Pilot, a flight school based in Maryland’s Queen Anne’s County.

Celebrating the 50th anniversary of that first flight, the pilots have expanded its mission of bringing holly to the island by also giving away school supplies to the island’s teachers. “Chesapeake Sport Pilot looks to help the community in any way it can,” said Helen Woods, owner of the school and organizer of the event for the past eight years. “Teachers on the island can’t just run out to Walmart like we can.”

The group this year is also helping to spay and neuter the feral cat population on Tangier.

“It’s a really wonderful holiday tradition,” added Woods. “The details have evolved over the years, but the spirit remains the same.”

For more than 30 years, the group was met at the airport by Virginia “Ginny” Marshall, who led the pilots and their passengers to Swain Memorial United Methodist Church, where a large crowd would gather. Marshall would lead a discussion of life on Tangier.

Now 91 and no longer able to greet the pilots, Marshall fondly recalled those early days of the Holly Run. “Mr. Nabb was just a wonderful man,” she said. “I often had him here to the house for lunch. We looked forward to his visit every year, and I know he enjoyed coming to Tangier with the holly each Christmas.”

The group piles into Lorraine’s for lunch after delivering the holly to the churches. Lorraine is Marshall’s daughter and recalls waiting on Ed Nabb when he first started making his visits to the island. “He just had a big heart and enjoyed helping others,” said Lorraine, whose daughter, Jamie Parks, also works in the restaurant. “We enjoy having the pilots here each year. It really starts the Christmas season for us.”

Hedy Bowden, 71, also has been among the Holly Run greeters for over 30 years and continues today, usually escorting Santa Claus to the church on her golf cart. “All the kids on the island look forward to the day and gather at the airport to see Santa come off the plane,” she said. “We take Santa to visit any kids who are sick and unable to make it to the airport. It’s a wonderful thing they do for the island.”

Nabb passed away in 2002, but his son, Ed Nabb Jr., is an honored guest today. “Tangier was his getaway place. It was a good excuse for him to fly his plane, have a good excuse for him to fly his plane, have some great seafood, and visit with friends and talk about things that did not have to do with legal issues since he practiced in Maryland,” said Nabb Jr.

Unlike his father, who never attended law school and was among the last to read for his law degree, Nabb Jr. was busy with law school and thus did not make the Holly Run trips in the early years. However, he also got his pilot’s license and when a second plane was purchased in 1986, Nabb Jr. became a regular. By then, the number of planes making the trip was growing each year.

“Before we had computers, we would copy the information and mail to all the pilots. It became quite a process to coor-
coordinate everything to make the trip,” recalled Nabb Jr.

Early on, one of the participants would wear a Santa Claus hat and hand out candy canes to the young ones. Nabb said that changed when Jim Schultz took on the role of Santa Claus. “He looked the part. He didn’t need anything but the suit. When he agreed to make the trip, he said he had one condition — that he be allowed to buy presents for the children out of his own pocket. And that’s what he did right until he died in 2012.”

Ralph Hoover has taken over as the Holly Run Santa, very capably filling some big shoes, with his wife Laura accompanying him as Mrs. Santa Claus.

When Nabb Jr. retired, he handed the reins off to Woods. “She has done a great job of organizing the Holly Run. There’s a cutoff limit of 50 planes because of the limited parking space on the island. All the credit for the Holly Run today goes to Helen and her team,” said Nabb Jr., 68, who still looks forward to the Tangier visit each year.

In 1968 when Ed Nabb first started flying evergreens to Tangier, the island had more people and considerably more land than it does today. As documented in numerous newspaper stories, TV accounts and, most recently, a book, “Chesapeake Requiem - A Year with the Watermen of Vanishing Tangier Island,” by Earl Swift, who spent 14 months living among the islanders, Tangier’s population has dwindled from more than 1,200 in the early 1900s to approximately 480 today. Its land mass has shrunk by two-thirds since 1850, from 2,173 to 789 acres and is now losing at least nine acres a year.

Scientists have projected that without some dramatic change or steps to prevent erosion, Tangier Island will not exist in another 50 years. In August it was announced that construction of a $3 million seawall is to be completed in 2019. But Tangiermen have heard such announcements before and know time is growing short for action.

Chris Gunther, who flies each year and handles media requests for the Holly Run, said he hopes the tradition of hauling evergreens to Tangier will continue for many more years. “I am happy to be a part of the history of the Holly Run,” he said. “It is a great way for two communities to come together. Pilots have a great excuse to fly one last time before winter sets in. People from Tangier Island open their church, museum, and restaurants for us. I am pleased we are able to help in the ways we do.”
Annual Christmas Parade on the Island

Photos by Linda Cicoira
Chincoteague Christmas Parade 2018

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Santa’s Visit to the Eastern Shore Public Library

Photos by Linda Cicoira
By David Martin

Pulitzer Prize-winning, best-selling, world-renowned historian Doris Kearns Goodwin came to the Eastern Shore this past weekend to sign books for a VIP crowd and then give a one-hour talk (to a sold-out audience at Nandua high school) on her latest book, “Leadership in Turbulent Times.”

Goodwin, 75, is on a national book tour that started in early September and has included more than 50 engagements in major metropolises like New York City, Boston, Miami, Washington, D.C., London—and, yes, Onley. She was wrangled to the Eastern Shore through some local connections, including Megan Ames, of Parkesley, who works with Goodwin on her speaking engagements.

Goodwin’s appearance was a coup for the Historical Society of the Eastern Shore of Virginia and the Joan Marshall Lecture Series, which is made possible by the Jane Batten Donor-Advised Fund of the Hampton Roads Community Foundation. The lecture series is named for Joan “Johnny” Marshall, former president of the historical society. Amy Savona, of the historical society, said that the VIP reception was limited to 60 attendees and sold out at $100 per ticket. The general admission tickets also sold out at a total of 470, $10 for members of the historical society and $15 for nonmembers.

Goodwin’s interest in presidential history began when she worked as a White House fellow during the Lyndon Johnson administration, later assisting Johnson with his memoirs. She has written seven books about presidents and one memoir. In 1995 she won the Pulitzer for “No Ordinary Time,” her history of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt during World War II. Her book about Abraham Lincoln’s brilliance as a politician, “Team of Rivals,” was adapted into a screenplay by Tony Kushner for Steven Spielberg’s 2012 movie, “Lincoln,” which was nominated for 12 Academy Awards. Daniel Day-Lewis won the Oscar for his portrayal of Lincoln. At her Nandua High School talk Saturday, Goodwin said she was the one who convinced Spielberg to include in the movie a story that Lincoln liked to tell about the British hanging a portrait of George Washington in the privy.

Goodwin has an incredible amount of energy, arriving at the Charlotte Hotel in Onancock around 8 Friday evening, staying one night, traveling the local area the next day, making the reception and speech that night, then leaving early the following morning for Washington, D.C. One reception attendee said Goodwin was the Energizer Bunny.

On Saturday while at the Charlotte Hotel, she fielded multiple phone interviews from news organizations that wanted her perspective as a presidential historian on the presidency of George H.W. Bush who died Nov. 30. She told the Eastern Shore Post that Bush’s legacy was not restricted to his time as president but should be viewed in terms of his whole life. “His legacy is one of public service, of devotion to country and family, and of decency.”

This was Goodwin’s first trip to the Shore, which she called “a magical place.” She toured Accomac, Onancock, Onley and told the Post she was impressed by the area’s “beautiful churches” and “amazing houses.”

Although her current book’s title, “Leadership in Turbulent Times,” sounds as if it was written for today, Goodwin said during her talk that she chose the title five years ago. The book covers the special circumstances faced, and leadership shown, by four presidents: Lincoln, Theodore Roosevelt, Franklin D. Roosevelt, and Lyndon B. Johnson. In her presentation, Goodwin outlined the leadership qualities of those presidents and emphasized that those same qualities can be applied to our personal and business lives.

Goodwin said one quality of good leaders is that they surround themselves with talented people who are not afraid to speak truth to power. She said one prime example of this kind of presidential advisor was Eleanor Roosevelt who disagreed with her husband, Franklin, whenever she thought he was getting something wrong.

Goodwin explained that Eleanor Roosevelt was also an advocate for women. When women reporters weren’t allowed into White House briefings, Eleanor Roosevelt made a rule that no men, only women reporters, could attend her First Lady press conferences. This forced newspaper editors around the country to hire women reporters for the first time, launching many news careers for women. Eleanor Roosevelt also championed women working in factories and shipyards, a move that was opposed by the owners because they feared production would drop if women joined the workforce. But when the owners of those facilities were forced to hire women during the worker shortage created by World War II, the owners discovered that productivity went up. Goodwin said studies showed that the reason for this rise in productivity was that women workers asked for directions on how to operate machinery “while you men, well, you know that window never goes down to ask directions.”

As expected from a writer who has become enormously successful at popularizing history, Goodwin proved to be a good storyteller. Her audience frequently laughed and applauded, and, at the end, gave her a standing ovation. She’s also a fast speaker. It seemed her listeners got a 90-minute speech compressed into an hour. And although she decried the lack of civility in our current times, she never mentioned President Donald Trump.
Are you a fan of the Great British Baking Show? Do we have a Christmas side dish for you: Hot Water Crust Vegetable Pie

**Hot Water Crust**

Ingredients:
- 1 lb., 3.5 oz. plain flour, sifted, plus extra for dusting
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 1/2 oz. chilled butter, cut into cubes
- 7 fl oz. water
- 5 1/2 oz. lard or shortening, cut into cubes, plus extra for greasing
- 1 egg, beaten, to glaze

1. Mix the salt into the flour. Cut the butter into the flour as you would for a regular pastry crust.
2. Bring water to a boil over medium heat. Add the lard/shortening and let it melt.
3. Make a big hole in the middle of the flour and pour in the liquid mixture.
4. Mix with a wooden spoon until all the flour is incorporated and the mixture binds together. Place the dough on a floured surface and knead until smooth. Divide the dough in half. Divide each half into three-quarter and one-quarter pieces for the pie and the lid.
5. Grease an 8- or 9-inch springform pan.
6. Form the pie by rolling out the three-quarters of one pastry ball and fitting to the springform pan. Be sure to pat it into the corners and along the side.

**The Vegetable Filling**

Ingredients:
- 2 red onions (thinly sliced for caramelizing)
- 1 pound of carrots (chopped into matchsticks)
- 8-9 oz. of fresh mushrooms, sliced (We used a combination of portabella and shiitake.)
- 24 oz. of potatoes, sliced
- 3/4 of one can of cream of mushroom soup (We used some that had added garlic in it.)
- 1 1/2 cups of vegetable broth
- 1/2 teaspoon of thyme
- 1/2 teaspoon of marjoram
- 2 tablespoons of cornstarch

Egg wash (optional): One egg mixed with one tablespoon of half-and-half

1. Preheat oven at 350 degrees Fahrenheit.
2. Line hot water crust pastry along the bottom and sides of a greased springform pan as instructed in step 6 above. (Reserve one-fourth of the dough for the lid and decorations.)
3. Align the potatoes along the base of the pie.
4. Add carrots in on top of the layer of potatoes.
5. Add mushrooms tossed with 2 tablespoons of cornstarch on top of the layer of carrots.
6. Add caramelized onions on top of mushrooms.
7. Sprinkle thyme and marjoram on top.
8. Whisk together soup and vegetable broth and pour into the pie (half of the mix in each pie).
9. Roll out the lid and add on top of the pie.
10. Crimp the edges to prevent the juices from seeping out of the pie. (No soggy bottoms!)
11. Score the top to let the steam escape and add decorations to the top. You can also add the egg wash in this step.
12. Bake at 350 for an hour and a half in the oven’s center rack. Cover with foil if it browns too quickly.
13. Remove the pie from the oven and wait about 15 minutes before attempting to remove from the springform pan.
Health Matters

Food Safety Tips for The Holidays

Whether celebrating at home or dining out, there are simple steps that can be taken to keep safe and healthy this holiday season.

Preparing a holiday meal at home? Prevent foodborne illness by washing hands and surfaces frequently, avoiding cross-contamination, cooking foods to proper temperatures, and refrigerating foods promptly. If cooking a holiday turkey, follow these four tips to take the guesswork out of preparation:

**Thawing:** Thaw turkeys in the refrigerator, in a sink of cold water (changed every 30 minutes), or in a microwave. Frozen turkeys are safe indefinitely, but thawing turkeys must defrost at a safe temperature. Turkeys left out for more than two hours at room temperature can creep into the danger zone between 40°F and 140°F, where bacteria can grow rapidly.

**Handling:** It’s flu season! Be sure to thoroughly wash your hands to prevent the spread of germs, using soap and clean running water for at least 20 seconds. This will help prevent the spread of bacteria from raw poultry, too. Don’t forget to also thoroughly wash utensils and work surfaces to protect your food and family!

**Stuffing:** If you stuff the turkey, do so just before cooking. Bacteria can survive in stuffing that has not reached 165°F and possibly cause food poisoning, so use a food thermometer to make sure the stuffing’s center reaches this temperature. For optimum safety, cook your stuffing in a casserole dish for even cooking.

**Cooking:** Set your oven to at least 325°F, and place the completely thawed turkey with the breast side up in a 2- to 2.5-inch deep roasting pan. Cooking times will vary depending on weight, so use a food thermometer inserted into the center of the stuffing and the thickest portions of the breast, thigh, and wing joint to make sure the bird has reached a safe internal temperature of 165°F. Let the turkey stand 20 minutes before removing all stuffing from the cavity and carving the meat.

Dining out? Follow these four tips from CDC to prevent food poisoning:

- Check inspections online for restaurants. Restaurant inspection data for Virginia is available by the health district.
- Make sure that the restaurant is clean. If not, you may want to visit a different establishment.
- Check that your food is cooked thoroughly, and send back any undercooked food as it may contain harmful bacteria if not cooked adequately.
- Properly handle leftovers by refrigerating within 4 hours of eating. Eat leftovers within 3 to 4 days from purchase.


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**Campbell Field Designated IFR Site**

Nine sites in Eastern Virginia and northeast North Carolina are fully operational for Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) landings by the Nightingale Regional Air Ambulance. One of those sites is Campbell Field in Northampton County. The FAA designation creates designated air space, allowing flights in cloudy, rainy weather which had to be turned down under current Visual Flight Rules (VFR) limitations. IFR allows Nightingale to meet ground ambulances at designated safe sites in poor weather rather than remote scenes.

IFR development was funded by a grant from the Sentara Foundation Hampton Roads, which included targeted gifts from donors in host communities. These gifts included $40,000 from private donors on the Eastern Shore. Also, Currituck County, North Carolina, appropriated $25,000 from its tourism fund to support two IFR sites at the Corolla and Carova EMS stations.

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**Hospital Blood Drive Dec. 19**

The American Red Cross (ARC) will hold a blood drive on Wednesday, Dec. 19, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital in Onley, in the conference room.

Donors of all blood types are welcome, as are Power Red donors. ARC is giving $5 amazon.com gift cards to donors via email. Blood donation requirements include a minimum weight of 110 pounds and minimum age of 17. A 16-year old may donate blood with written parental consent. There is no upper age limit for donating blood.

Donors are encouraged to eat a meal prior to giving blood and drink plenty of water. No appointment is necessary, but having one will speed the process. Make an appointment at www.redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code SMHosp.

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Local Students Attend SkillsUSA

On Wednesday, Nov. 14, Badger students attended the SkillsUSA Virginia Southeast Region Leadership Training Workshop in Newport News, Va. Pictured above, from left, are attendees Tori Miller, Erica Ramirez, Franyc’e Long, and Inayah Mason.

All received the Virginia SkillsUSA Statesman award. The SkillsUSA Virginia Statesman Award is presented to students who attend and actively participate in Leadership Training workshop functions and sessions, demonstrate leadership in action, and complete requirements to earn the award.

MNS Scholarships

The Mary N. Smith Alumni Association awarded $2,500 in scholarships earlier this year. Each recipient will receive $250 per semester. The recipients are: Nandua High School–Kayla Boggs, Ty’Kara Smith, MaKailey Wagner, and Sheridan Wells; Arcadia High School–Tajahnay Jackson. Three hundred dollars in education funds was also awarded to Nicolas Brown at Howard University.

Joseph Moretto, of Cape Charles, honored his commitment to share his experience about Boys State at the American Legion 56 in Cheriton. He told the Legionnaires and their guests how Boys State changed his life and how he used his experience in his college applications essays. He shared his stories about serving as the General Attorney for his city and how he was honored with the Best Citizen Award for his city. Moretto joined the Sons of The American Legion, as both of his parents served in the U.S. Army Reserves.

Moretto donated money to the Boys State scholarship funds so that others may enjoy this amazing experience. The American Legion Post 56 sponsored his attendance.
They’re Tops at Occohannock!

Occohannock Elementary announced its students and teacher of the month for October.

Students of the Month are pictured above with their principal and assistant principal, from left: (top row) S. Auguste, D. Rodriguez, A. DiazGaspar, M. Gonzalez, E. McCaskill, M. Buell; (front row) J. Cruz, A. Button, B. Drummond, C. CastanedaCova, S. Walker.

RSMH Auxiliary Nursing Scholarships

The Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital Auxiliary gave scholarships to six nurses pursuing further education.

Pictured above, from left, are recipients Heather Daisey, Anna Estelle, Tiffany Jones, Cailyn Grames, and Laura Bloxom. Not pictured is Shayvonne Taylor.

The scholarships totaled $15,000.
Accomac
The Mary N. Smith Alumni Association will meet Tuesday, Dec. 11, at 5:30 p.m., at the Mary N. Smith Cultural Center. The association will discuss renovations to the gym, local youth programs, and upcoming cultural events. For more information, call 710-2290.

Cape Charles
The Cape Charles Rotary Club is selling crab cakes for Christmas. Orders are requested by Friday, Dec. 7, for Dec. 14 delivery. Trays of six crab cakes are $40. For more information or to place an order, call Bill Payne at 757-390-7253.

Don't forget to try the cranberry portraits at the Holiday Events Calendar. Here are some of the best places to find them:

- Accomac: The Mary N. Smith Alumni Association
- Cape Charles: The Cape Charles Rotary Club
- Cheriton: Giddens' Do Drop Inn in Weirwood

Community Notes
to discover what researchers study on the coastal landscapes of the Eastern Shore. There will be light refreshments. For more information, call 757-331-1246.

Freezin' For A Reason, a polar plunge to benefit Habitat for Humanity, will be Saturday, Feb. 23, at noon, at the pavilion. Registration will begin at 11 a.m. For more information, call 442-4687.

A reception to meet scientists of the Virginia Coast Reserve Long Term Ecological Research Program will be Wednesday, Jan. 9, between 4:30 and 6:30 p.m., at At Altitude Gallery, 245 Mason Ave. It will be an opportunity to discover what researchers study on the coastal landscapes of the Eastern Shore. There will be light refreshments. For more information, call 757-331-1246.

Cheriton
The Cheriton Vol. Fire Co. will have an all-you-can-eat breakfast with Santa Saturday, Dec. 15, from 9 a.m. to noon, at 21334 South Bayside Rd. Adults are $10 and kids are $5.

Onancock
Onancock International Films will present “Hearts Beat Loud,” Thursday, Dec. 13, at 8 p.m., at the Roseland Theatre. The film is about a widow and aging Brooklyn hipster, Frank, who starts a band with his teenage daughter, Sam. One of their songs finds online success. Frank must make tough life decisions, one of which includes letting his daughter find her own path.

Donate Bikes and Coats to ACPR
Tis the season to help the community. Donate a new bicycle or a new/slightly used coat to Accomack Parks and Recreation. Items will be donated to youth on the Eastern Shore.

Drop off locations are:
- WESR in Tasley
- Giddens’ Do Drop Inn in Weirwood
- Accomack Parks and Recreation in Accomac

Drop off no later than Monday, Dec. 10.

Applications for bicycles are located on ACPR’s website or at the parks and rec office. APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY 5 P.M. ON MONDAY, DEC. 10, AND BIKES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED ON SATURDAY, DEC. 15.

For more information, call 787-3900, 824-0314, 710-8301, or 710-1947.
FRIDAY DEC. 7
- 12:30 p.m. - Science & Philosophy Seminar: Medical Care Pioneers in East Africa - ESCC, lecture hall, Melfa
- 5:30 p.m. - Station 1 Pizza Night - 4264 Firehouse St., New Church - $12/pizza, $1/additional topping (sausage and pepperoni) - drive-through and tables
- 6 p.m. - Celebrate Recovery mtg. - Onancock Baptist Church
- 6-8 p.m. - Line Dancing - Lemon Tree Gallery, Cape Charles
- 7 p.m. - Life Teach Series - Rachel/Leah Covenant Ministries Center - 787-2486
- 7:30 p.m. - Bingo - Exmore Moose Lodge, Belle Haven

SATURDAY DEC. 8
- 9:30 a.m.-noon - Mary N. Smith RISE Mentor Prgm. - Mary N. Smith Cultural Ctr., Accomac - boys ages 9 to 15 - lunch provided - wear sweats and sneakers - 709-3267
- noon and 7:30 p.m. - AA mtg. - Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Onancock
- 2-4 p.m. - Empowering Girls Group - ESTACI, Exmore - 757-656-3460
- 7:30 p.m. - Bingo - Eastville Vol. Fire Co.

MONDAY DEC. 10
- 10 a.m.-2 p.m. - E.S. Quilt Guild mtg. - Drummondtown UMC, Accomac - business mtg., show and tell, lessons and demonstrations - 201-317-0586
- 1-4 p.m. - CIAO Presents Gameplay Monday: Card, Word, and Board Games - Theatre Annex, 4076 Main St., Chincoteague
- 5-6 p.m. - Al-Anon mtg. - Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Onancock
- 5:15 p.m. - Friends of Northampton Memorial Library mtg. - library, Cape Charles
- 6 p.m. - Bingo - Elks Lodge, Tasley
- 6-9 p.m. - GED Class - Arcadia High School, Rm. 121, Oak Hall
- 6:30 p.m. - Cub Scout Pack 300 mtg. - Grace UMC, Parksley
- 6:30-8:30 p.m. - Free English for Speakers of Other Languages Class - Metompkin Elementary School, Parksley - 789-1761
- 7 p.m. - AA mtg. - Rock Church, Onley
- 7 p.m. - Multiple Sclerosis Support Group - Hampton Inn & Suites, 4129 Lankford Hwy., Exmore - 442-7722

WEDNESDAY DEC. 12
- 7:45 a.m. - Kiwanis Club of Accomack mtg. - Sage Diner, Onley
- 10 a.m.-2 p.m. - Veterans' Employment Representative Avail. - ESCC, Melfa - no appt. needed
- 10-30:11:30 a.m. - Overeaters Anonymous mtg. - Rock Church, Onley - 757-655-4834
- 11 a.m.-1 p.m. - Waste Watchers' mtg. - Chamber of Commerce, Melfa
- 11 a.m.-1 p.m. - Soup Kitchen - Corner Stone Seventh Day Adventist Church, Exmore
- 5 p.m. - E.S. Soil & Water Conservation District Board mtg. - Island House Restaurant, Wachapreague
- 5-7 p.m. - Soup Kitchen & Clothes Closet - Grace and Truth Ministries, 19 Boundary Ave., Onancock - Donations: 789-5369
- 5:30-6:30 p.m. - Free Meals for the Hungry - Epworth UMC, 4158 Seaside Rd., Exmore - 442-6391
- 6 p.m. - Onancock Area Lions Club mtg. - Club Car Cafe, Parksley
- 6-7 p.m. - Prayer Line Open (St. Matthew's Church, Onley) - Call 665-7403, 387-7021 or 894-1521 w/prayer requests
- 6-9 p.m. - GED Class - Arcadia High School, Rm. 121, Oak Hall
- 6:30-8:30 p.m. - Free English for Speakers of Other Languages Class - Metompkin Elementary School, Parksley - 789-1761
- 7 p.m. - Drinking Liberally mtg. - Charlotte Hotel, 7 North St., Onancock
- 7 p.m. - AA & Al-Anon mtgs. - Franktown UMC
- 7:30 p.m. - Bingo - Painter VFC

THURSDAY DEC. 13
- 8:30 a.m.-noon - Veterans' Employment Representative Avail. - Northampton Cty. Dept. of Social Services - no appt. needed
- 10 a.m. - Tales 4 Tots Prgm. - Chincoteague Island Library
- 10:30 a.m. - Story Time - Cape Charles Memorial Library
- 4 p.m. - Science Exploratorium: Sink or Float - Pocomoke Library
- 5:30 p.m. - Shore Losers mtg. - Drummondtown Baptist Church, Accomac - $1/wk.
- 5:30 p.m. - TOPS VA-550 mtg. - Zion Baptist Church, Parksley - 787-7099
- 6:30-8:30 p.m. - ESL Class - Arcadia High School, Rm. 121, Oak Hall
- 6:30 p.m. - GED Class - ESCC, Class A-51, Melfa
- 6:30 p.m. - Kiwanis Club mtg. - St. Andrew’s Catholic, Chincoteague
- 6:30 p.m. - Al-Anon. mtg. - Trinity UMC, Cape Charles
- 6:30 p.m. - SMART Recovery Family & Friends mtg. - E.S. Community Services Board Prevention Services, Belle Haven - 442-5388 x505
- 7 p.m. - E.S. Tea Party mtg. - Market St. Grill, Onancock
- 7 p.m. - Celebrate Recovery Group mtg. - Chincoteague Church of God
- 7 p.m. - NA mtg. - Painter Garrison UMC
- 8 p.m. - AA mtg. - Christ UMC, 6253 Church St., Chincoteague
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ORDER OF PUBLICATION
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
In this proceeding, the PETITIONER seeks to acquire by condemnation the fee simple interest to certain pieces or parcels located at School Lane, Tangier, Virginia, and situated in the County of Accomack, Virginia, for the use and purposes of the Petitioner as necessary for the construction, reconstruction, alteration, maintenance or repair of a highway system known as Route 304, State Secondary System, State Highway Project 1304-001-610, RW-201 in the County of Accomack, Virginia, all of which are described more particularly in the Amended Petition and exhibits attached thereto on file in the Office of the Clerk of this Court, to which reference is hereby made for a full and accurate description thereof; and for the Court to ascertain just compensation to the owners of any estate or interest in the property to be taken or affected as a result of the taking and the use thereof by the petitioner.
For such purposes, the Petitioner will apply to the Court, at 23316 Courthouse Avenue, Accomack, VA 23301-0126, on December 21, 2018 at 11:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as Petitioner may be heard, for the Court to ascertain just compensation as aforesaid.
It appearing by Affidavit filed according to law the following owners are not residents of the Commonwealth of Virginia, or their names and addresses are not known and that due diligence has been used by and on behalf of the PETITIONER to ascertain such names and addresses without effect: Heirs, Devises, Assigns and or Successors of Dean Allen Parks; Marlee June Parks, Infant; Fisher Dean Parks, Infant; and unknown Heirs, as their respective interests may appear.
The source being property inherited by Dean Allen Parks by an Affidavit of Heirs for Lester Ray Parks located at School Lane, Tangier, VA 23440.
The purpose of this project is to protect the property from erosion due to the wave action of the Chesapeake Bay. The purpose of this project is to stabilize the existing natural slope on their property with a combination of Class III rip rap and a Coconut Mat Erosion Blanket and native plants. The property has an existing slope that is 60° in length and 16° in elevation. Geotextile fabric and rip rap will be placed from mean low water elevation to 8' elevation at a 1.5:1 slope. The Coconut Mat Erosion Blanket and native plants will be used from 8' elevation to the top of the bank.
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- The removal of 1.72 acres of land from the Wetlands Board for the Coconut Mat Erosion Blanket and native plants.
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NOTICE OF OYSTER GROUND APPLICATION

Samuel Pineda Cruz, (2018141) has applied for approximately 25 ± acres of oyster planting ground in Smith Island Bay situated in Northampton City/County and as described as follows: North By: Vacant, East By: Vacant (Channel), South By: Vacant, West By: Vacant, Lat/Long: N37-07.9987 W75-54.9147

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Northampton County Local Advisory Agriculture/Forestal District (AFD) Committee will meet on Monday, December 17, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. in the Board Chambers located at 16404 Courthouse Road in Eastville, Virginia. The purpose is to review a withdraw request and forward recommendations to the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors.

The following application will be considered:
Withdraw from Concord AFD: Mary Elizabeth Mapp has petitioned to remove two parcels of land from Concord AFD. The parcels are located on Occohannock Neck Road and are described as Tax Map 8, double circle 1, parcel 2 and Tax Map 8, double circle 1, parcel 3.
Withdraw from Weirwood AFD: William R. Synder Jr. and Phil C. Snyder have petitioned to remove 1.72 acres of land from the Weirwood AFD. The removal of the 1.72 acres do not hinder the 200-acres core. The parcel is located off Bayford Road and is described as Tax Map 21, double circle A, parcel 44.

Anyone may attend the meeting which is open to the public.
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TOWN OF CAPE CHARLES  
USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION

The Town of Cape Charles has filed an application with the USDA, Rural Development for loan and grant assistance to purchase a police vehicle and equipment. A public meeting for comments will be held at 6:30 pm on December 20, 2018 at the Cape Charles Civic Center located at 500 Tazewell Avenue to discuss the proposed purchase and to provide the opportunity for public comment.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

THE ACCOMACK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON DECEMBER 19, 2018, AT 5:30 P.M., IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS’ CHAMBERS, ROOM 104, 23296 COURTHOUSE AVENUE, ACCOMAC, VIRGINIA TO AFFORD INTERESTED PERSONS THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD OR TO PRESENT WRITTEN COMMENTS CONCERNING THE FOLLOWING:


B. REZ-2018-005: Bloxom Auto Supply Rezoning

Materials relating to this application may be reviewed at the Accomack County Planning Department, 23292 Courthouse Avenue, Accomac, Virginia and on the County’s website on the Friday prior to each meeting: www.boarddocs.com/va/coa/Board.nsf/Public

Handicapped assistance available; call: (757) 787-5726 or (757) 824-5324.

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA  
Plaintiff
CIVIL CASE NO. CL18-296-00

vs.
The heirs and devisees of SALLY S. FITCHETT
JUANITA S. BARRETT  
Defendants

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this suit is to enforce the lien of the Plaintiff for delinquent taxes against certain real estate described as follows:

All that parcel of land near Cheapside, Northampton County, Virginia, being Lot No. 2, recorded in Plat Book 6, page 38 and designated as tax map number 0105B-01-BLK-00 0000002.

standing in the name of Sally Sunkett Douglas (also known as Sally S. Fitchett), pursuant to Section 58.1-3965 et seq. of the Code of Virginia.

And an affidavit having been filed that due diligence has been used to ascertain the names and location of all of the heirs, devisees and successors in title of Sally S. Fitchett; that there are or may be other persons having an interest in the real estate forming the subject matter of this suit whose names and last post office addresses are unknown, namely, the unknown heirs, devisees and successors in title of Sally S. Fitchett; and that due diligence has been used to ascertain the location of Juaniita S. Barrett, whose last known post office address is P.O. Box 37, Capeville, VA 23313.

It is ORDERED that this Order be published once a week for two successive weeks in the Eastern Shore Post and that the parties named herein appear on or before December 31, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. in the Clerk’s Office of the Circuit Court for the County of Northampton, Virginia, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this suit.

ENTER: This 30th day of November, 2018
Lauren M. Brown, Dep. Clerk

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Time Thieves Take Something Of Value, Too

By Richard L. Saunders
Special to the Eastern Shore Post

This is an appeal for thieves to change their behavior; behavior that has to be part of the increased anger and incivility that is so much of American society these days. I am not talking about criminal thieves, but rather those people, companies and institutions that steal our time. Time is a wasting asset. We have only so much. It diminishes each day and once taken, you can never get it back. What am I talking about?

For example, you call a company or institution because you need a specific piece of data or to correct a mistake or whatever. You are greeted, electronically with “your call is important to us, please hold for the next available representative”. So you hold, but after 10 minutes of recorded music and repetition of that annoying message, you realize that your call is not important and you are left with basically two choices, hang up or continue to sit on hold for who knows how long while more of your time is stolen.

Or, for example, you show up at the scheduled time for a medical appointment but you end up sitting in the waiting room or a back room (sort of like the on-deck circle in baseball) for who knows how long with your time wasting away due to what amounts to a lack of “truth in scheduling.” Any reader who is in the medical profession should ask themselves how a medical practice would work if patients started randomly showing up 30 or 45 minutes late for their appointments. It would be chaos.

You dial a call center, wait for a human being (after going through one of those exasperating, time-consuming menus) only to be told by the human at the other end that it is “not their department” and you have to be transferred. The cycle starts all over again. Or you ask for a supervisor and are left on hold listening to music until you realize that the ignorant person you talked to has no intention of transferring you. Your time is stolen because too few people take responsibility for anything these days. Any reader who inflicts this kind of disrespect as part of their “job” should learn a phrase that used to be a watchword in different times. “OK I’ll take care of it.” Try a little empathy. Put yourself at the other end of the phone. One last thing: Never talk to an offshore person if you can help it. There is no chain of accountability. Why would someone thousands of miles away care about your concerns?

You are in line at, say, a bank. It is your lunch hour, you do not have a lot of time. There are people behind the window moving papers around, but not serving any customers. They, too, are time thieves. Whatever those papers are, can they be more important than the customers who ultimately generate the jobs of those employees?

There are more examples, but you get the point, I hope. People who have the ability should do something to reduce this thievery. Often there is nothing the individual consumer can do because of sole-sourcing, such as an electric utility or a cable company or a government agency. But in cases where there are multiple providers of the product or service in question, the consumer can vote with his or her feet. You do not have to stay with a service or product provider that disrespects your time. It may be a small gesture to switch, but perhaps you’ll feel good about doing it.

Richard L. Saunders is a resident of Chincoteague.

Salvation Army Needs Your Help

Dear Editor:

The Northampton County Salvation Army Chapter have been ringing bells in Northampton County. We really appreciate our volunteer’s time and the generosity of our community. It is these donations to the kettles that are used by the local Salvation Army Chapter.

Nationally, the Salvation Army offers help and hope to thousands of people from the victims of disaster, addiction and homelessness to youth, families and senior citizens. The local chapters work with local churches, Northampton Social Ministries, and community organizations and agencies in identifying residents that need short term assistance to provide them help and hope. During the Christmas season the Northampton Unit coordinated with Northampton County Social Services the community Toy Closet and Angel Tree Program. More than 350 youth ages birth to 12 received angel tree gifts and age appropriate toys. Donations to the Kettle Fund are used to assist individuals from the two counties during times of need with utility, rent, bus tickets, prescriptions and food.

If you would like to donate to the 2018 Kettle Fund make your check payable to Northampton SA Kettle Fund and send it to Edward Stetar, Treasurer, P.O. Box 1274 Exmore, VA 23350. Donations to Accomack Salvation Army send to PO Box 342, Onley, VA 23418 or place it in one of our kettles. God Bless you and thank you for your help.

Richard Sterrett, Chairman, Northampton Chapter

Salvation Army bell ringers are on duty.

While living in Pennsylvania, he served on the AARP Statewide Consumer Taskforce. He can be reached at 484-689-9502 or rlsaunders115@aol.com

The Way I See It

By Dan Hillman
Disappointed in Northam’s Dismissal of Board Members Before Dec. 8 Pipeline Decision

Dear Editor:

I thank Linda Cicoira for her excellent article in the Nov. 23 issue of the Eastern Shore Post. Her article discussed Governor Northam’s dismissal of Roberta Kellam from the Water Control Board. This is an important issue. The Eastern Shore no longer has a representative on the Water Control Board, and the Board no longer has a voice standing up for water quality over business interests. Dominion Power wants to build the unnecessary Atlantic Coast Pipeline, which will have adverse impacts on both the air and water quality in Virginia. Governor Northam appears to be favoring Dominion; he also declined to reappoint two members of the Air Quality Control Board, Rebecca Rubin and Samuel Bleicher, just before a critical pipeline vote on Dec. 10.

Governor Northam should know that many of his constituents are extremely disappointed with his dismissal of Air and Water Control Board members who opposed Dominion and stood up for clean air and clean water. Those who agree should contact Senator Lynwood Lewis and State Delegate Robert Bloxom and ask them to publicly demand that Governor Northam reverse his decision and reinstate Rebecca Rubin and Samuel Bleicher to the Air Quality Control Board before the Dec. 10 vote. They should also urge him to reconsider his decision regarding Roberta Kellam.

Grace Cormons, Parksley

Eastern Shore Has Stellar Health Care

Dear Editor:

Quite unexpectedly, on Thursday, Nov. 8, my wife suffered a major health event which appeared to demand immediate medical attention. Realizing this, I promptly dialed 911 and within minutes, my home was teeming with two crews of emergency medical technicians from the Exmore Fire and Rescue and Northampton County EMS. They stabilized Charlene and rushed her to Riverside.

The news there was not good, but because of the expert diagnostic proficiency of doctors Paschall, Kellam and Jones, treatment for Charlene’s affliction began immediately and she was admitted to the intensive care unit for treatment. It was determined that Charlene was suffering from a rare condition that could be extremely grave and indeed life-threatening.

What I did not know then, but now know fully well, the nurses in Riverside’s ICU are world class, exemplary and life-saving angels. The care that they gave my wife, around the clock for over 18 days before she was admitted to Heritage Hall for physical therapy, was of a caliber that no one would believe unless they experienced and observed it.

I am not exaggerating when I say they saved my wife’s life, pulling her back from the precipice and giving her the nickname of “miracle lady” by the ICU nurses.

In reality, the real miracle is the fact that we on the tiny Eastern Shore of Virginia have incredibly stellar health care facilities, doctors, nurses and staff that can meet or outmatch any level of health care in a major metropolitan area. We are humbly, fully and eternally grateful for these heroes of healing, and will remain so for the rest of our lives.

Frank Duberson, Exmore

Onancock Residents Take Note of Dec. 17 Meeting

Dear Editor:

I wish to bring the following to the attention of residents and businesses of Onancock:

The town council will meet on Dec. 17 at 7 p.m. to discuss at least one very important matter. I urge everyone who pays for water and sewer in this town to attend. Precarious precedents with long range consequences are being considered.

It is unfortunate that this meeting is being held during this busy holiday season with the probability of many people away or unavailable. Please make the effort to come, listen and make your opinions known to the mayor and town council.

You may reach me at moswald4@verizon.net if you have questions or comments.

Maphis Oswald, Onancock Council Member