The news of the rape and abduction of a Northampton High School girl on Valentine’s Day circulated across Facebook Tuesday night bringing comments of compassion, denial, contempt, and shock.

A male Northampton High School student, who is underage and therefore was not identified by police, was charged with the crimes earlier in the day. A message to parents was also sent home with students on Tuesday regarding the incident.

Sheriff David Doughty reported the crimes in a prepared announcement. He said the incident occurred at the school and that the suspect is being held at the Norfolk Detention Center.

There was no word on the condition of the girl. She was not identified either. The Eastern Shore Post does not disclose the names of victims of sexual assault without their permission. The paper also does not disclose the names of juveniles unless they are considered adults by the court.

Doughty’s office is handling the investigation and the county school administration is assisting in the probe. He urged anyone with information about the crimes to contact the sheriff’s office at 678-0458 or use Tip411 by texting 847-411 and begin the tip message with NHCS.

“We sent a letter home both Friday and yesterday,” Superintendent Eddie Lawrence said in answer to an email query. “Our letter basically covers the same points as the sheriff’s press release. The incident is both a student matter involving two juveniles and an ongoing criminal investigation therefore, I cannot add any further details. We are cooperating with the sheriff’s department with the investigation.”

The letter parents received Tuesday stated, “Following dismissal on Thursday, Feb. 14, 2019, the Northampton High School administration was made aware of a potential assault which had occurred on the school campus.

By Linda Cicoira

All three victims found in the remains of a fatal fire in Nelsonia earlier this month were stabbed to death before the fire was set.

Wilson L. Escalante-Perez, 24, died from a stab wound to the chest, Donna Price, a spokesperson for the Medical Examiner’s Office, in Norfolk, Va., said Wednesday. The manner of his death is pending. He lived at the house trailer.

Oraliz Alejandra Gonzalez-Miranda, 26, whose body was also removed from the remains of the mobile home, also died from a stab wound to the chest. Her 3-year-old daughter, Daniella Escalante-Gonzales, identified by her grandfather as Sofia Escalante, died from stab wounds to the chest and abdomen. Both of those deaths were ruled homicide, Price said.

The man who died was the girl’s uncle. Other children who lived at the residence are ages 17, 13, and 7 and were in school when the fire was reported at 10 a.m., Feb. 1, at Johnson Court, to the Eastern Shore 9-1-1 Center.

By Linda Cicoira

Other residents of the trailer, the grandfather, Feliciano Ortiz and his wife, Celestina Perez (mother of Wilson Perez), were not at home when the fire was reported. They work at Tyson Foods. Yener Perez, the father of the girl, also lived there.

The residence was destroyed. Officers from the Bureau of Criminal Investigations in Chesapeake are continuing to pursue “numerous leads related to the arson and suspicious deaths,” said Corinne N. Geller, public relations director for the state police. “The Medical Examiner confirmed the three bodies suffered additional injuries inconsistent with a fire.”

Dos Santos Community Services is coordinating assistance to the family. Checks can be sent to Dos Santos Food Pantry, P.O. Box 758, Accomac, VA 23301. Donors should write Ortiz-Perez on the check in the memo field.

“They are trying to figure out where they are going to live,” said Angelica

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School Board Gets Earful About Lack of Notice in Arcadia Threat

By Stefanie Jackson

A parent of three Arcadia High School students and an Accomack supervisor criticized the communication skills of the Accomack School Board at the board’s Tuesday night meeting after its office failed to provide parents with information on an alleged gun threat made by a student at the high school on the previous Thursday, Valentine’s Day.

In a Feb. 14 Facebook post that received 94 shares and 59 comments, Burke Landon, of Atlantic, stated all three of his children who attend Arcadia High had come home and told him the same story: “a student was escorted off school property today threatening to shoot up the school tomorrow.”

His wife called the school board office “and of course gets the run around and no one including the superintendent (Chris Holland) knows anything about it,” the post continued.

Landon said Tuesday night that he had spoken to Accomack’s District 2 supervisor, Ron Wolff, and discovered the student had actually threatened students who had bullied him. “Either way, it was going to be a school shooting,” Landon said.

According to Landon, the superintendent was not aware of the incident when Landon’s wife spoke to him Feb. 14., wanting to know if students would be safe to attend school the next day. Holland called back about an hour later and reportedly said, “I’ll think they’ll be fine.”

“Really?” Landon said.

“With social media, why is it so difficult for someone in the school system to say, ‘Hey, parents, here’s what happened today. Don’t be alarmed, we’ve got it under control’?” and explain how local authorities responded, he asked.

Landon also complained that when he and his wife visit the school, they walk through the metal detector, but it’s never on. “If airport security is so important these days … isn’t the safety of our next generation also that important?”

Wolff also spoke during the public comment period. “There was absolutely no communication from this board to the general public” following the Feb. 14 incident, he said.

The incident “was resolved very quickly by the Accomack County sheriff’s department. I spoke with them this morning,” he continued. “But this board did not communicate to the general public.”

He suggested the school division could have used its automated phone system to relay the message to parents early last Friday morning that the previous day’s incident had been resolved.

“The only call that I received Friday morning was from my grandson, a student at Arcadia High School, who called home to tell us that there was only about 200 students in school that day,” Wolff said.

According to school records, there are 666 students enrolled at Arcadia High.

“They feared the school was going to be shot up,” Wolff said. “Why couldn’t the school board inform the public that an incident that we’ve seen happen across the country time and time again had been averted … ? Our children would have been safe to go to school on Friday.”

According to Wolff, school board Vice Chairman Ronnie Holden said he first heard of the incident on Feb. 15 during a phone call from a grandparent of an Arcadia High School student.

Wolff blamed Arcadia High student absences that day on a communication “breakdown” by the school board.

Holland responded, “It’s a student matter and it’s being investigated as we speak.” He called safety a “top priority.”

Later, school board member George Waldenmaier commented, “Parents should never be doubting the safety of their children while they’re in our charge, and if that happened, there’s clearly a communication breakdown” that shouldn’t be repeated.

He recommended reviewing school safety procedures at the next school board meeting. “We want our schools to be safe, and we want our schools to be welcoming and family friendly,” but “an airport security system is incompatible with that.”
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Northampton Supervisors Seek Long-Term Solution to Short-Term Rentals

By Stefanie Jackson

Spencer Murray, the chairman of the Northampton Board of Supervisors, has often said, “Northampton County doesn’t have a spending problem, it has a revenue problem,” and supervisors are continually seeking new sources of revenue for the county.

Del. Robert Bloxom recently presented his fellow Virginia legislators with a bill that would have allowed the county to charge transient occupancy taxes on state park campground and room rentals, but it was defeated in the House in a vote of 19 to 78.

In Northampton, it would have required Kiptopeke State Park to collect transient occupancy taxes on its campground rentals like Sunset Beach Resort and Cherrystone Campground and remit those to the county, if Northampton opted in.

“We think it’s a fairness issue,” Murray said. “You have the public sector … competing with the private sector.”

“It just doesn’t make sense to me that state parks don’t have to get transient occupancy taxes because of people “flying under the radar” with their short-term rental businesses.

Northampton supervisors suspect they are “leaving a lot of money on the table” in the form of unpaid transient occupancy taxes because of people “flying under the radar” with their short-term rental businesses.

Supervisors have considered requiring special use permits for short-term rentals, but Murray said it would be a “nightmare” for county staff to process hundreds of applications at once.

A possible solution was proposed Feb. 12. About 200 or 300 people who are already paying transient occupancy taxes from short-term rentals could be “grandfathered in” and receive “administrative” special use permits.

Murray noted provisions must still be made to protect adjacent property owners’ rights.

Northampton supervisors also debated how to define an oyster watch house within the county’s zoning ordinance.

Traditionally, an oyster watch house is a structure built on the water, or in the water on pilings, for watching oyster grounds, safeguarding against poaching. It is not meant to be used as a dwelling or to generate rental income.

Providing a definition of “oyster watch house” in the zoning ordinance would mean the property could not “morph into a building used for other purposes,” Northampton’s planning commission chair, Dixon Leatherbury, stated in a Feb. 11 letter to supervisors.

Northampton County waters are protected by the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act, enacted by Virginia legislators to minimize negative impacts on water quality such as overdevelopment.

Supervisors are also considering another solution to their problem – deleting “oyster watch house” from Northampton’s zoning ordinance as a permitted use.

Anyone wishing to construct an oyster watch house would still be required to obtain permits from agencies like the Virginia Marine Resource Commission, the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, and the Virginia Department of Health.

“It’s a Smith Island cake now, why have another layer on it?” Supervisor Robert Duer said.

Furthermore, Northampton County does not own a boat and is unable to enforce regulations on a water-dependent facility, Director of Planning and Zoning Susan McGhee said.

Water-dependent facilities fall under the jurisdiction of the Virginia Marine Resource Commission.

The public hearing that supervisors held Feb. 12 specifically concerned defining an oyster watch house in Northampton’s zoning ordinance. Deleting “oyster watch house” from the zoning use table would require a separate public hearing, County Attorney Beverly Leatherbury advised.

Supervisors voted to table the matter until another public hearing is held.
Accomack To Refund $91,000 to Four Companies That Overpaid Taxes

By Linda Cicoira

Accomack supervisors voted Wednesday to refund nearly $91,000 in overpaid taxes due to erroneous assessments made on local property.

Commissioner of the Revenue Debbie Midgett certified that refunds are due to four companies. The supervisors followed the recommendation of county staff and directed Treasurer Dana Bundick to issue the payments, which include interest.

Del Monte Fresh Production Inc. will get back $6,098.16; William D. and Therese B. Lovell Poultry Farm is owed $7,889.92; Chesapeake Bay E.N.T. will get back $6,098.16; and Sharp Energy Inc. will receive $47,748.15.

By Linda Cicoira

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A savings of more than $21,000 annually will be realized with the merger of tourism and commerce, reported Robie Marsh, director of both the Eastern Shore Tourism Commission and the Eastern Shore of Virginia Chamber of Commerce. The tourism office in Onancock was closed and is now operating from chamber headquarters in Melfa. Marsh has been managing the two entities for nearly two months.

The ten goals of the merger were also outlined by Marsh and include restructuring staff roles to maximize efficiency; fill empty positions; launch new website that supplies a state tourism calendar; create, print, and distribute the new travel guide in about three weeks; eliminate a $65,946 deficit by June 30; make a strategic marketing plan that would include the 50-year anniversary of Virginia is for Lovers; coordinate an anniversary brochure near Belle Haven.

Branscome Eastern Shore is in charge of the project, which has a June 15 completion date, Isdell said. The company is “out there working … setting pipe … building it up to what the upgrade needs to be … progressing quite nicely,” he added.

Isdell also reported the traffic light for Route 13 and the Accomack Industrial Park, in Melfa, is set to be completed by the summer of 2020. The project is in the right of way stage. Turn lane upgrades will be made and the crossover in front of the Eastern Shore Community College will eventually be closed.

Improvemnts are also planned for T’s Corner with construction to begin in May 2020. A traffic signal will be installed at Saxis Road and Route 13 with minor improvements being made to pavements and Church Street traffic being diverted to Route 695. Cemetery Road in Belle Haven will have a $3.9 million overhaul beginning in late 2022.

Supervisor Ron Wolff thanked Isdell for a recently completed project that removed between 70 and 80 tires from Thornton Road.

Money for School Division

The formula the county usually follows to increase the local contribution for schools produces an increase of $286,000. Finance Director Beth Onley said the division’s budget shortfall is about $100,000 more. Depending on what the General Assembly does, she noted, that amount could increase by almost $300,000. The school budget includes a 3 percent increase for all salaries. The operating budget proposal is nearly $52.5 million.

County Budget Set for Public Hearing Without Tax Increase

The supervisors unanimously agreed to advertise a public hearing for the proposed 2019-2020 fiscal budget of $58.2 million for Monday, March 11. The proposal is balanced without increases in personal property or real estate rates.
Singing Signs

“A Celebration of Negro Spirituals,” a joint program of Mary N. Smith Alumni Association, the Eastern Shore of Virginia Historical Society, and local African Methodist Episcopal church choirs, was held Friday, Feb. 15 at the Mary N. Smith Cultural Enrichment Center in Accomac. AME choirs and soloists explored the spirituals used by slaves as signal and map songs to guide their journeys along the Underground Railroad.

Whispering Pines

Deputy County Administrator Rich Morrison said bids will be accepted and brought to the supervisors at their next session regarding an extensive clean up at the Whispering Pines property in Tasley. The plan is to remove buildings down to asphalt and fill the pool.

“Bid specs are pretty extensive,” said Morrison. “We’ll do what we can to make the property safe … Once it is safe we can talk about the aesthetics concern … that is a poster child for a dangerous building.” Morrison said the schedule for work to be completed is June 20.

The supervisors also:

- Passed a resolution commending the late Jeffrey L. Pitts, of Wachapreague, a local volunteer firefighter, firefighter of the years, fire chief, town council member, and county fire and rescue commissioner, who died on Dec. 5, 2018.
- Reported that the American Council of Engineering Companies of Virginia chose to honor Accomack County for its closure of the landfill.
- Reported that Accomack County and its finance department received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association. The county has been the recipient for many prior years. The award is the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting.

Love Thy Neighbor, LLC Home Care presents Heart Health Awareness Community Health Fair and Bingo Eastern Shore Community College 29300 Lankford Hwy., Melfa, VA 23410 (Room 170) Thursday, Feb. 28, 2019 5-9pm Contact Michelle (Owner) At 757-292-6773 For More Details.

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• From John and Joyce Holland To John E. Tankard III Family Limited Partnership
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  For $25,000

• From David and Bonnie Bauerle To Sherri Gillespie and Maurice Lessard Jr.
  Lot 25, Kings Creek Landing, near Cape Charles
  For $450,000

• From Nancy and Robert Gamble III To Anne Huntington
  Lot 33, Bay Creek, Phase B, Cape Charles
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• From Irene Hickman To Theodore Leonard and Stephen Joseph
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• From James Elliott, special commissioner To Oliver Bennett
  Lot .5 acre, Treherneville
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Manslaughter, DWI Charges Certified In Christmas Eve Crash That Killed Teen

Charges of manslaughter and driving while intoxicated with a child on-board were certified to a Northampton grand jury last week in the case of a crash last Christmas Eve that killed a local teenager.

Judge Gordon Vincent found probable cause to certify the charges against Calvin Earl Berryhill Jr., 40, of Madame C J Walker Lane in Exmore, the driver.

In the court file, Trooper B.M. Tripp stated he responded to the incident on northbound Route 13, near Cape Charles, at 2:40 a.m. Tripp determined a 2003 Saturn VUE, driven by Berryhill, ran off the road, overturned, and struck several trees.

Trevonne Avant Stith, 17, of Banks Road in Cape Charles, died at the scene. His mother, Tracy Shavonn Stith, was also in the vehicle. She was taken to a hospital for injuries that were not life-threatening.

The suspect “stated he had several mixed drinks and beers prior to the crash,” Tripp noted in the record. Berryhill tested at .11 grams per 210 liters of breath. The legal limit is .08.

Suspended Sentence For Woman Who Embezzled From Post Office

An Exmore woman was given a suspended sentence last week in Accomack Circuit Court for embezzling money between November 2017 and September 2018.

Laquida Burton, 29, was given a 90-day suspended term for two counts of stealing from the U.S. Post Office in Pungoteague.

Dajon Trikece Wise, 22, of Redwood Road in Melfa, was acquitted of assault and battery. He was convicted of petty larceny, two counts of resisting arrest, and unauthorized use of a vehicle belonging to Norman Keller. The crimes occurred April 30, 2018. A pre-sentence report was ordered. Sentencing was set for April 11.

Quarmaine Deshon Bailey, 27, of Cutlers Court Road in New Church, was given a two-year suspended sentence for making a false statement about criminal history on a firearm purchase form. The incident occurred Feb. 23, 2018.

Yashica Tonya Hope, 39, of Melfa, formerly of Mappsville, was sentenced to five years with four suspended for assault and battery of Deputy E. Thornton. Good behavior was ordered for four years with indefinite supervised probation. The incident occurred June 11, 2017.

~Victims Stabbed~

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Ortiz said the family moved to Virginia in 1997 from Guatemala. He describes a quiet family that kept to itself. They did not come “to steal or to kill,” he said. “We just came to struggle and work” for a better life.

Anyone with information concerning the fire, or the decedents, is asked to call the state police at 757-424-6800, or #77 on a cell phone, or by email questions@vsp.virginia.gov

Antique Tractors for Little League Baseball

The Peninsula Tractor Organization recently had a fundraiser for Shore Little League. Presenting a check to Michelle Ferebee, representing Shore Little League, are the members of the executive board of the Peninsula Tractor Organization. Pictured from left are Ronald Rowe, “Red” Godsey, Tom Taylor, Richard Dryden, Michelle Ferebee, and Josh Lattimore. Not pictured: Laurie Dryden.
Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2019, at Doughty Funeral Home with the Rev. Curtis Lumiere and the Rev. Rob Kelly officiating. Interment was private in Belle Haven Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Painter-Garrison’s United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 502, Painter, VA 23420; Riverside Shore Hospice, P.O. Box 615, Onley, VA 23418; or Riverside Shore Cancer Center, P.O. Box 430, Onancock, VA 23417.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.doughtyfuneral-home.com

Arrangements were made by Doughty Funeral Home in Exmore.

**Mary Harlow**

Mrs. Mary Miller Bradford Bowman Harlow died Feb. 16, 2019, at her home in Nassawadox. She was born on June 17, 1944, in Nassawadox. She was the daughter of the late James Roger and Margaret Ellen Townsend Bradford, of Cape Charles. Her grandparents were John Edwin and Emma Leah Adams Bradford and Eslie Kellam and Florence Franklin Townsend, of the Eastern Shore. She is survived by her husband, John J. Harlow. She was predeceased by her first husband, Harry Lee Bowen Sr., and her eldest brother, James R. Bradford. Survivors include her children, Leah B. Forst (Donald), Harry Lee “Hank” Bowman Jr. (Carol), and Lynn Bowen, as well as Johnny Harlow, Theresa H. Goller (Cliff), and Patrick Harlow (Theresa). Her grandchildren are Charlie Forst, Jacob Bowen, Adam Bowen, Ben Gomez, Isaac Gomez, Brenna Gomez, and Cody Goller. Surviving also are her siblings, Ellen B. McGrath (Tom), John Bradford; sister-in-law, Elizabeth Bradford; as well as many loved nieces and nephews. Mrs. Harlow is also survived by her beloved cat, Missy.

Mrs. Harlow was a proud graduate of Cape Charles High School and a lifelong Washington Redskins fan. She was the first woman elected to the Cape Charles School Board, and served as a greeter at the Onley Walmart where you save money and live better. She retired from polishing brass and became the first archivist for St. Charles Church.

Mrs. Harlow’s family would like to thank the many friends, neighbors, and the staff of Intrepid Hospice who helped care for her these past several months.

Mrs. Harlow was baptized at St. Charles Church, in Cape Charles, and a funeral Mass was held here Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2019, with Father J. Michael Breslin officiating. Inurnment followed in the St. Charles Borromeo Memorial Columbarium. Donations may be made to St. Charles Church, 545 Randolph Ave., Cape Charles, VA 23310.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.doughtyfuneral-home.com

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**Cheryl Wescott Humphrey**

Ms. Cheryl Wescott Humphrey, 52, of Oak Hall, passed away on Feb. 15, 2019, due to a long battle with cancer.


She was preceded in death by her father, Lloyd Wescott, and her brother, Patrick Wescott.

She is survived by her mother, Jo Anne Whitehurst Young and husband, Lonnie Medlin; a daughter, Amanda Humphrey and husband, David Padgett; three sons, Zachary Humphrey and wife, Maria, Ryan Humphrey, and Caleb Humphrey; five grandchildren; two nephews; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Feb. 23, at 1 p.m., from the Acts the Apostle Church in Temperanceville with the Rev. Robert Johnson officiating.

Arrangements are by the Thornton Funeral Home in Parksley.

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**Tommy Taylor**

Mr. Melvin Thomas “Tommy” Taylor, 85, husband of the late Dorothy Ayres Taylor and a resident of Parksley, passed away Thursday, Feb. 14, 2019, at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital in Onancock. Born June 21, 1933, in Mears, he was the son of the late Melvin C. Taylor and Helen Godwin Taylor.

Mr. Taylor proudly served his country in the U.S. Army and later retired from the former John W. Taylor Packing Company, where he worked as a label room foreman for many years. As a lifelong member of Bethel Baptist Church, Mr. Taylor was very active, having served as deacon, trustee, and on the property committee.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was predeceased by his sisters and their husbands, Betty Taylor Harris (Fred) and Mildred Elizabeth Taylor Williams (Roy), and infant sister, Betty Taylor. Mr. Taylor is survived by his nieces and nephew, Faith Maddox and husband, John, of Hallwood, Fred Harris and wife, Roxie, of Florida, and Beth Lafferty, of Bloxom; and their families.

Funeral services were conducted from the chapel of the Williams-Parksley Funeral Home Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2019, with John W. Taylor, pastor, officiating. Interment followed at the Bethel Baptist Church Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the Bethel Baptist Church Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 278, Bloxom, VA 23308.

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

Arrangements were made by the Williams-Parksley Funeral Home.
John Smith Shrugs Off Teasing in Light of Past ‘Persecution’

By Linda Cicoira

Hallwood Councilman John Smith has taken a lot of ribbing around town since residents learned the town council voted earlier this month to pay for his recent tooth extraction.

“I’ve had people say, ‘Hey John, I got this medical condition …’” Smith said Wednesday, adding that they are “just kidding me.” The extraction, “It’s all done, and it’s doing great, was a tooth that broke off with my gum line … it was a front tooth.”

The majority of the town council agreed to pay for his dental work because Smith couldn’t afford it and members do not get paid for serving on the council.

“People seem to be concerned about spending $250,” said Smith. “But nobody ever put up a fuss about spending $14,000” in legal fees.

Smith came into the Eastern Shore Post’s office in Onley Tuesday to drop off copies he had saved of the town’s bills incurred from when he was taken to court 12 times. Some of the charges arose for the town’s defense when Smith filed complaints. He said the cases didn’t cost him anything because he filed on his own and represented himself.

The total of the legal fees was about $14,200. Attorney Lynwood Lewis, now a state senator representing the Eastern Shore, charged the town $8,071.50 while attorney Tommy Dix’s bill was $6,125.

Smith said Dix never got paid a portion of the money. In retaliation against Lewis, Smith ran against him when Lewis was seeking re-election as state delegate.

In a written statement, Smith said, “Hallwood apparently took sides” with his neighbor “after a property line dispute. Over a four-year period, 2007 to 2011, Hallwood policeman arrested me 12 times. The feud went on until they ran low on money. Sometimes I sued the town attempting to get (back) my business license … I believe the amount billed is much higher but I do not have copies.”

The fines levied against Smith were for three charges of not having a business license and totaled $250 — the same amount it cost for his tooth extraction. The rest of the charges, including one for stalking, were dismissed. He said he was also charged for having a junkyard without a permit and “everything in the world imaginable.”

The stalking charge involved Smith making photos of the former town police chief when the chief was visiting Smith’s neighbor, who Smith said was the main complainant against him. Smith said the neighbor’s wife’s foot was in some of the pictures because she was sitting on a porch behind the chief. “I did not even know she was there,” Smith said. “It was thrown out. Wasn’t anything to it. I had to post a $10,000 bond for that.”

Court records show Smith was acquitted of the charge in 2009.

The neighbor, Donald Wayne Merritt, was harbormaster for the Town of Chincoteague, which obtained a no trespassing warrant against Smith. “They retracted the notice the next day,” Smith said. “The harbormaster just simply asked him (the town manager) to do it.”

“The feud began when I tore down the old building on my lot and brought it in the motor home,” Smith said. That was in 2007. His home was a converted school bus that Smith had painted purple, the only paint color he said he had.

“One night I was walking down the road and somebody busted out ten windows,” he said of his bus. Eventually, “I got rid of it. I have a little camper here on the property” now, he added.

“At the time they were spending all that money on me, nobody ever said a word,” Smith said. “It was selective persecution.”

Since then, Merritt retired and left town, the police department was disbanded, and after trying for 20 years to become a town council member, Smith won an election with 12 votes.

Angel Taylor, the former town clerk, whose car burned with all the town records in 2017 just before an audit, was recently charged with 65 counts of embezzlement.

Smith said Taylor came to all of his court proceedings. She lived across the street from his house.

Court records show Taylor was the complainant in a case against Smith for failure to rid his property of debris in May 2009, which was not prosecuted, and a charge of failure to obtain a zoning permit in May 2010, which was dismissed.

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Two Shore Residents Among New Graduates of State Police Academy

By Linda Cicioira

Two Eastern Shore residents were among the 80 new state troopers who graduated from the police academy last week.

Trooper Cody B. Corbin, 24, of Parksley, and Trooper Jessey Kolinsky, 28, of Chincoteague, received instruction in more than 100 subjects spanning hundreds of hours and including crime scene investigation, survival Spanish, judicial procedures, self-defense, cultural diversity, and firearms.

The new troopers will report to their respective division headquarters to begin the final phase of their training next week.

Corbin was given his first patrol assignment in Accomack County.

Kolinsky was presented her diploma at graduation by her brother, Trooper Louis Milyko. She is a graduate of both James Madison University and Virginia Commonwealth Univer-

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By Linda Cicoira
Philip “Phil” Hernandez, a Democrat and a staff attorney at the National Employment Law Project (NELP), in Norfolk, Va., announced last week that he will seek the delegate’s seat in the 100th District of Virginia in the November election.

The district includes Accomack and Northampton counties and Norfolk City. Rep. Rob Bloxom, a Republican, holds the job.

“I was raised (in Hampton Roads) in a community that showed up for each other,” Hernandez said this week on Twitter. “My mom, who’s one of the strongest women I know, built an at-home daycare business so she could raise and provide for me and my sister. Mom also taught herself, and then me, American Sign Language (ASL) so that we could show up for my sister, Brittany, who was born deaf. When we were with extended family, including those who didn’t know ASL, my sister and I would stick together as a unit, with me translating the conversation around us so she could be included,” he continued. “As siblings, this was how we had each other’s back.”

“When someone trusts you, the way families trust each other, there’s an opportunity to build a stronger, more inclusive community. When we earn the trust people place in us, we can rise as a community.”

“Here’s another truth,” Hernandez continued, “I would not have made it to college without my community having my back. I knew that I had what it took to attend college, but with the skyrocketing costs of tuition, I didn’t know how I’d get there. Thanks to mentors at First Colonial High School, including my music teacher, Mr. Garcia, I was encouraged to apply to a scholarship for first-generation college students like me,” he said.

Before attending Berkeley Law, Hernandez worked in the Obama administration for three years as a senior policy analyst in the White House Domestic Policy Council. In that role, he said he advocated policies aimed at expanding clean energy, reducing harmful pollution, and promoting U.S. leadership on climate change. Hernandez got his bachelor’s degree from the College of William and Mary.

A NELP staff attorney since 2017, Hernandez also favors “policies that expand economic opportunity for all people. His background includes a variety of positions at the intersection of law and public policy. Most recently, he litigated at Lieff, Cabraser, Heimann & Bernstein, where he co-authored an amicus brief challenging the constitutionality of the Trump administration’s immigration policies. During his time with the East Bay Community Law Center (EBCLC), he developed a policy proposal to better protect innocent tenants involved in eviction lawsuits and prevent homelessness. He partnered with a diverse coalition to advance that proposal (AB 2819) through the California legislature before Governor Brown signed the bill in September 2016. In addition, Phil previously served as a judicial extern to Justice Goodwin Liu at the California Supreme Court.”

“Each time that my community—my family, teachers, and mentors—showed up for me, it only reaffirmed my own commitment to give back,” the candidate said. “Now, I’m showing up for the Eastern Shore and Norfolk in Virginia’s 100th District.”
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By Linda Cicoira

Lisa Cropper Johnson, a pastor from Horntown, announced Wednesday that she will run for the District 3 seat on the Accomack School Board in the November General Election.

Johnson is on the School Board Selection Commission, a post (appointed by the circuit court judge) that will no longer be needed since an elected school board was approved in a referendum. Johnson also serves on the county’s parks and recreation advisory board and as commissioner on social justice with the Eastern Shore Virginia/Maryland Baptist Association. Johnson said she is also actively involved in the Horntown Community Improvement Association and has been a Superintendent’s Community Advisory Committee member.

“As an education proponent,” Johnson said her “foundational belief is that educational excellence requires unified efforts, that of a village.” She said she “feels that a strong collaboration among teachers, parents, students, and community is necessary.”

One of her main interests is “providing pre-school for all students so that a head start is uniformly available.” Johnson said she is concerned about “equitable discipline that is restorative not just punitive. School safety is of utmost importance.” She describes herself as “self-motivated” and “works diligently to stay informed in order to provide sound reasoning and to make wise decisions.”

Johnson said she “does not mind addressing difficult topics and views herself as well-rounded and an empathetic listener.”

Johnson was salutatorian of the Chincoteague High School class of 1984. She has a bachelor’s degree in Communication Arts from Salisbury University, a master’s degree in Guidance and Counseling from the University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES), and a doctorate in Organizational Leadership from UMES. Her doctoral research topics were servant leadership, humility, and conflict resolution, she said.

She is a former vice president for the Horntown Educational Learning Project Inc. During the 1990s, the nonprofit program provided summer camp, tutoring, and other educational services for the community. She celebrated five years as a local pastor last August. She has led youth ministry with responsibility for a multi-disciplinary team and developing curricula and implementing diverse programs.

Johnson’s “community leadership skills include leading projects, budgeting, and all aspects of personnel management from making appointments, leading elections, conducting employee development, conflict management, and effecting terminations.” She joined Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. more than 20 years ago and is an active member of the Accomack-Northampton Alumnae chapter. In the sorority, she said she has “co-lead youth initiatives, assisted with technology management, led social action, and provided journalistic services.”

She and Timothy Johnson have been married for more than 30 years. Her grandson attends Accomack County Public Schools. Both of her grown children graduated from the school division and are currently employed in educational fields.
Groundwater Committee Nominates Five for Annual Award

By Linda Cicoira

The Eastern Shore Groundwater Committee is considering five people/communities as the potential recipient of the annual groundwater award and asked staff Tuesday to investigate whether two nominees could be chosen.

The committee’s agenda included two names:

• Mark Reiter of Virginia Tech, whose “major program focus areas are proper management of fertilizer sources, inorganic and poultry litter, oilseed, and vegetable production systems. He is also working on soil quality improvements and nutrient loss reductions by introducing new cover crop species and mixes. All research, teaching, and extension centers around improving yield and quality of Eastern Shore produce and crops while also reducing nutrient losses to waterways.”

• The Town of Exmore, which through leak detections, infrastructure/leak repairs, and other conservation efforts pumped less water and expects that trend to continue. In 2015, two new wells were drilled and in 2018 prices for a new filtration system were requested. Roberta Kellam, a former State Water Control Board (SWCB) member, asked that Bob Meyers of the groundwater committee be added to the list of nominees and the panel agreed. “He gets called upon in Northampton for his expertise,” said Kellam. He is “completely unpaid and a volunteer,” she added.

Kellam also wanted Sen. Lynwood Lewis added “because of his advocacy for this groundwater bill. I can say it is no easy task to get something passed in this environment in the general assembly right now.”

She was referring to Senate Bill 1599 that would direct the SWCB to adopt regulations providing incentives to those who withdraw their water from the Columbia aquifer including extending permit terms to as long as 20 years and accelerated permit process, discounted permit fees. The bill has been voted on numerous times with no objections at the General Assembly and is awaiting the governor’s signature.

Britt McMillan, the groundwater committee’s hydrogeologist, suggested adding the NOAA at Wallops Island to the mix. “They did what we’ve been advocating,” he said. The agency is using the preferred aquifer, is pumping less, and has installed water-tabled wells.

Shannon Alexander, coastal resources program manager for the Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission, said the award program was developed in 2004. The award has been given to those whose decisions in water resource use are responsible and sustainable in the categories of water conservation, recharge area protection/conservation, aquifer protection, recycling/reuse, pollution prevention, and public education and community outreach.

“There is no cash award,” Alexander replied. “There is a framed award given to the recipient, they are added to our plaque in the A-NPDC conference room, there is a press release, (and) the award is given in a public setting.” It is an honor.


The groundwater committee also briefly discussed community septi systems at Makemie Park and Withams where Supervisor Grayson Chesser said some residents are left trying to collect money from the others to pay for needed maintenance and repairs and costs that occurred because of the poor care.

“It’s a mess and it’s going to get worse,” Chesser said of Makemie Park’s system. “They don’t listen to maintenance needs and (instead they) lower the rates,” he said, “The system is owned by the group. I can’t see Accomack County taking it over … it would be those people’s worse nightmare because we would get judgments.”
By Connie Morrison

A group of conservation organizations asked a federal judge this week to block the start of seismic airgun blasting for oil and gas exploration in the Atlantic Ocean. It is the same group that sued the federal government in December to prevent the same activity.

The suit and the injunction contends the Trump administration has given approval to five companies for seismic airgun blasting in violation of three federal laws: the Marine Mammal Protection Act, the Endangered Species Act, and the National Environmental Policy Act. The request for an injunction was filed because the suit has not yet been heard.

“This important issue deserves a fair day in court,” said Diane Hoskins, campaign director at Oceana, one of the organizations that is party to the suit. “We can’t let this dangerous activity cause a species to go extinct just so the oil industry can open our oceans to offshore drilling.”

Hoskins is referring to harm environmentalists say will come to mammals — particularly the right whale — from seismic airgun blasting, which the filing says creates one of the loudest sources of noise in the ocean.

The suit claims, “These surveys cover overlapping territory and will likely be simultaneous: the five authorizations allow nearly 850 combined days of around-the-clock activity, amounting to more than five million total seismic airgun blasts.”

Because sound travels farther in the ocean, and marine species rely on sound for communication, locating food, avoiding predators, and navigation, the seismic activity on the scale approved for the five companies will be harmful to marine life, including critically endangered North Atlantic right whales, the suit alleges.

“Up and down the Atlantic coast, businesses, communities and bipartisan elected officials are overwhelmingly opposed to seismic airgun blasting,” said Hoskins. “Every East Coast governor and over 90 percent of coastal municipalities in the blast zone are opposed to opening our coast to drilling – this is ‘States versus President Trump.’ We are going to do everything in our power to stop this unlawful, irreparable and needless harm.”

The towns of Cape Charles, Chincoteague, Exmore, and Onancock, and the boards of supervisors in Northampton and Accomack counties, have all passed resolutions opposing offshore drilling and seismic airgun blasting. The Eastern Shore Tourism Commission has also sent a letter opposing the practice.

The filing also asserts that because the blasts will happen approximately every 10 seconds for weeks or months at a time, there will be overlapping, simultaneous, and cumulative effects greater than the effects of any individual seismic blasting operation. It also takes issue with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) determination that a small number of whales and dolphins would be harmed.

A Dec. 7, 2018, notice published in the Federal Register specified the “incidental harassment authorizations” granted to five companies: Spectrum Geo Inc, TGS-NOPEC Geophysical Company, ION GeVentures, WesternGeco LLC, and CGG Services Inc. for their East Coast seismic blastings.

The “harassments” are divided into Level A, those with the potential to injure a marine mammal or marine mammal stock in the wild, and Level B, those with the potential to disturb a marine mammal or marine mammal stock in the wild by causing disruption of behavioral patterns, including, but not limited to, migration, breathing, nursing, breeding, feeding, or sheltering.

Each company has a different zone from Delaware to Florida within which it will conduct activities, but all include the areas off the coast of Virginia and Maryland.

TGS was given authorization for Level A harassments (potential direct injury) for four humpback whales, four minke whales, four fin whales, five Kogia, and three harbor por-
poises. Level B harassment authorizations were granted for nine right whales, 56 humpback whales, 208 minke whales, two Bryde’s whales, two sei whales, 1,140 fin whales, one blue whale, 3,579 sperm whales, 1,216 Kogia whales, 12,072 beaked whales, four bottlenose whales, 50 melon-headed whales, six pygmy killer whales, 28 false killer whales, and 8,902 pilot whales. In addition, the permit grants Level B harassment of 261 rough-toothed dolphins, 40,595 common bottlenose dolphins, 1,470 Pantropical spotted dolphins, 91 spinner dolphins, 23,418 striped dolphins, 53,728 common dolphins, 204 Fraser’s dolphins, 48 Atlantic white-sided dolphins, 3,241 Risso’s dolphins, and 322 harbor porpoises. That’s 20 Level A harassments and more than 150,000 Level B harassment authorizations for one of the five companies, albeit the largest operation of the five.

Although no harassments of North Atlantic right whales were authorized, the plaintiffs claim the blasts could irreparably harm the species on the verge of extinction because of the blasting’s proximity to migration and calving grounds. There are about 400 right whales remaining in the Atlantic.

The suit also alleges the number of mammals authorized to be harassed is contrary to the Marine Mammal Protection Act, which prohibits activities that can disturb, injure, or kill marine mammals, unless NMFS authorizes the activities after making certain findings. “NMFS may give its authorization only if it finds, among other things, that activities will injure or disturb ‘small numbers’ of marine mammals and will have no more than a ‘negligible impact’ on each marine mammal species or stock.

“NMFS’s conclusions that the authorized seismic surveys in the Atlantic meet these requirements defy science, law, and common sense.”

NMFS concluded in its Notice of Incidental Harassment Authorizations that “the best available science” indicates disruption of behavioral patterns is likely (Level B harassment) “and a limited amount of auditory injury” (Level A) may occur for a few species.

“No mortality is expected to occur as a result of the planned surveys, and there is no scientific evidence indicating that any marine mammal could experience mortality as a direct result of noise from geophysical survey activity. ... Such authorization was neither requested nor proposed” by any of the five companies, according to NMFS.

Sixteen South Carolina coastal communities and the South Carolina Small Business Chamber of Commerce also filed a lawsuit to prevent seismic blasting. That lawsuit has been merged with the one from the conservation groups. Ten East Coast attorneys general, including South Carolina’s Alan Wilson, have intervened in the combined lawsuits.

The Federal Register notice can be read in its entirety at https://www.federalregister.gov/d/2018-26460

Eastern Shore Wrestlers Earn Spots on Podium at State Finals

By Krystle Bono, Submitted Photos

Last weekend, the Arcadia Firebirds, Nandua Warriors, and Northampton Yellow Jackets traveled to Salem, Va., to compete in the VHSL State Wrestling finals at Salem Civic Center. The Yellow Jackets finished 12th overall in group 1, and the Warriors were 27th and the Firebirds finished 36th in group 2.

Northampton’s Brandon Odom finished third in the 132-pound weight bracket.

Odom received a bye in the first round, and fell to George Wythe’s Will Castanon in the quarterfinals by a 7-0 decision. In the consolations, Odom pinned Franklin’s William Wellons in 2 minutes and 37 seconds to move him to the next round, and he won by fall of 4:49 over Northwood’s Tristan Bowman.

Odom defeated Stonewall Jackson’s Hunter Cowart by technical fall of 16-0, 4:49, to move him to the third place match. In his final 132-pound matchup, Odom topped Cumberland’s Trequan Trent (SV-1, 8-6) to finish third in the state.

Yellow Jacket Aizmani Joseph earned a fourth-place finish in the 138-pound bracket. He defeated George Wythe’s Alyssa Waller by a fall time of 46 seconds in his first match, then went on to top Grundy’s Jacob Stiltner in the quarterfinals by a fall of 3:32.

Joseph fell to Riverhead’s Lane Cash by a decision of 13-6 in the semifinals, putting him in the consolation rounds, in which he won by major decision of 16-6 over Honaker’s Dylan Shortridge. The third-place match went to Lancaster’s Domanique Veney by a major decision of 14-4, settling Joseph in fourth.

Northampton’s 170-pound grappler, Gary Peart, finished fifth overall. He received a bye in the first round, and fell to Wytheville’s Terry Morgan by decision of 8-5 in the quarterfinals. Peart defeated Middlesex’s Owen Miller by a fall time of 2:08 in the consolations, and then he downed Stonewall Jackson’s Udreka Claude by a decision of 10-5. In the consolation semis, Peart fell to Northumberland’s Christopher Davis by a 5-2 decision, putting him in the running for the fifth-place match, in which he came out victorious over.

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Thornton Hoops 1,000 Points with Ponies

Story and Photo by Krystle Bono

Chincoteague Ponies senior varsity basketball star, and all-around standout, three-sport athlete Caroline Thornton, hit the 1,000 point marker Feb. 12, during the team’s district tournament court battle in Eastville, in which the girls would go on to win a second straight district title.

Such a milestone was something Thornton wasn’t sure she’d get to.

“It was pretty exciting. I didn’t think I would reach it, honestly, I really didn’t think I was going to get there, but I’m really happy I did,” said Thornton.

Thornton has numerous All-District accolades under her belt during her time with the Ponies across numerous basketball, softball, and volleyball seasons, even earning Player of the Year.

Her senior season on the court totaled a point count of 345, with 105 rebounds, 42 assists, 88 steals, and 11 blocks, and finished her high school basketball tenure with 1,022 points.

“It’s such an aggressive game. It’s never dull; there is always something going on. It amps everyone up, even everyone in the crowd,” noted Thornton.

Thornton wants to continue to play in the future, but noted that her preference is for a club or intermural team. As for where she will be next year, she has not decided; she has been accepted to Eastern Carolina University and is awaiting a decision from the University of Virginia.
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George Wythe’s Morgan for the second time by major decision of 12-1 to finish fifth.

Yellow Jacket Myles Lewis earned sixth place in the state at 126, going 2-3 for the tournament. Lewis received a bye in the first round, then went on to defeat Honaker’s Dylan Barrett by major decision 19-6. He fell to Grundy’s Brandon Owens by major decision of 15-3 in the semifinals, and then to Patrick Henry’s Damien Hatfill by a close 4-3 decision in the consolation, placing him in the running for fifth. The last match up went in favor of his opponent, Honaker’s Barrett, who he faced again, earning him the sixth-place spot.

Also representing the Yellow Jackets, wrestler Gavin Brittingham went 1-2 and Crescencio Sugia went 2-2 in their first state tournament.

In the group 2 state competition, Nandua’s Joseph Castiglia earned a sixth-place finish in the 220-pound weight bracket. Castiglia fell in the fifth-place match to Lee’s Luke Estes to finish in sixth.

Nandua’s Cameron Mears, Joe Teasley, James Burr, Matt Taylor, David Gastelum, and Arcadia’s Angel Vasquez, Austin Studebaker, and Ronaldo Lopez also competed in the group 2 state competition.

Broadwater’s William Wehner competed in the VISAA State Wrestling Championship and ended the two-day event in sixth place as an eighth grader in the 106-pound weight bracket.

Wehner received a bye in the first round, and then went on to defeat Hargrave Military Academy’s Tyler Medlin by a fall time of 2:23. He fell to Grace Christian School’s Daniel Cozzolino by fall of 1:09 in the quarterfinals, but came back in the consolations to top Bishop O’Connell’s Nico Frankino by fall of 4:16, and Norfolk Collegiate’s Truman Skaggs by a fall time of 1:56. Wehner fell to Norfolk Academy’s Trey Custodio by fall of 3:22 in the next round, and the fifth-place match went to Fork Union’s Christopher Carr by pin in 45 seconds to settle Wehner in sixth place overall.

Eastern Shore Special Olympics

Submitted Photos

The Eastern Shore Special Olympics team traveled to the Boo Williams Sportsplex in Hampton Sunday afternoon. The team fell to the Chesapeake Lightning but defeated the Norfolk Monarchs, and will head to the state finals March 1 and 2 in Stafford.

Below: The Eastern Shore Special Olympics team.
Right: Mark Savannah and Coach Jesse Maples.
Shore Swim Competes at Regional and State Levels

Submitted Article and Photos

Shore Swim traveled to Richmond Feb. 7, to take part in the regional swim meet. During the season, Shore Swim competes as a countywide team that consists of swimmers from member schools of Nandua and Arcadia but once the team gets to the regional level, the athletes must divide and compete as separate schools.


“Anyone and everyone is able to join Accomack county’s swim team. There are always some amazing stories of success and accomplishments each season, and this is just one of them,” said Coach Bryan McElwain.

“Donathon Johnson is a freshman at Arcadia and had never swum a proper stroke in his life before hopping in the pool and joining the team in early November. He learned a lot and put in the work, and was able to compete in two events at regionals [the 8 lap, 200-yard freestyle and 100 freestyle sprint race].”

The top-5 individual finishers and the top-4 relay teams advance from the regional to the state finals, also held in Richmond at Swim RVA, which was Feb. 14.

Patrick Lilliston started off the afternoon participating in the 200 freestyle. He finished in fifth, and earned his spot in the state tournament. Carter Harmon was up next in one of the toughest events on the cards, the 20 individual medley, earning fifth place.

The 50-yard free sprint is one of the most competitive events at the meet, with 29 boys swimming in the race. Luke Parks was the top finisher for Shore Swim, earning 7th with a time of 25.39, with the second through sixth place swimmers finishing in 24 second times, putting Parks just 1.57 seconds behind the first-place finisher.

“I cannot express how impressive that is to do as a sophomore,” said McElwain.

Bennett Cossett, Cade, Williams, and Tyrell Jones also competed in the even and all swim personal bests.

A total of 35 girls swam in the 50 free, more than any other event. Nandua’s trio of freshmen of Madison Johnson, Lacy Gouldin, and Taylor Thomas came in eighth, ninth, and 13th. Gouldin and Thomas missed placing in the top-5 by under a second.

“These results are so impressive. Three freshmen doing so well in such an extremely hard and competitive event is so good and so promising for the future of the swim team,” commented McElwain.

Nora Bahn, Gena Pryor, McKaley Parks, Allie Penland, and Skye Lewis also participated.

Luke Parks placed eighth out of 23 sprinters in the 100-yard freestyle race. First year member and senior (Continued on Page 25 )
## Varsity Basketball Action

*Story and Photo by Krystle Bono*

It was a week of postseason battles for the Eastern Shore varsity basketball teams, many of which would step on the court for their last game of the year.

Nandua’s boys varsity squad battled King William last Friday on the road, and edged out the host team 57-53.

The Northampton Yellow Jackets fell to Northumberland last Friday in Heathsville, 70-64.

Jawaun Bell put up 32 points for the Yellow Jackets, and Vonte Costton netted 16. Corey Smith led the rebound count, grabbing 9; Bell also led in assists and steals, posting four each.

The Arcadia Firebirds boys fell to the Bruton Panthers last Friday by way of 70-56 in Williamsburg.

Broadwater’s boys team made a trip to Williamsburg Christian last Thursday to face the Eagles, falling 80-59 to their opponents.

Ahmad Scarborough put up 17 points for the Vikings, with Clay Wardius tallying 11.

The Lady Vikings had a home contest against the Atlantic Shores Seahawks Feb. 12, and fell to their visitors, 75-28.

Suzanna Long netted 11 points for the Vikings, and Hannah Davis posted 8. Virginia Ross grabbed the team high in rebounds with 6. Carly Wardius and Greta Bunce assisted 2 apiece, and Wardius stole 4. Long and Wardius also had the team high in blocks, each knocking down 4.

The Arcadia Firebirds girls team fell to Goochland last Friday night, 65-27, to end their playoff run.

Tuesday night, the Chincoteague Ponies hosted the Middlesex Chargers in a heated postseason tilt on the island, ultimately falling to their visitors 48-39.

Caroline Thornton potted 26 points for the Ponies, rebounded 9, assisted 2, with 1 block. Caroline Shelley hooped 8, with 7 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal, and 1 block. Emma Jackson led the rebound count with 12, and had 6 blocks, 5 steals, 2 assists, and contributed 3 points to the scoreboard.

Tyrell Jones, Donathon Johnson, and Caleb Burford also swam the event.

Freshman Taylor Thornes was the top finisher for the girls in the 100 free, grabbing an eighth-place finish out of 26. Thornes had a great swim, smashing her best time by four seconds. Pryor was next for the girls, along with Bahn, Parks, and Penland.

Patrick Lilliston was the lone swimmer in the 500 free for the team.

The boys 200-yard freestyle relay team of Parks, Lilliston, Williams, and Harmon nabbed a fourth-place finish, earning a spot to compete at states. The girls team of Gouldin, Johnson, Bahn, and Thornes were just edged out of the running, finishing fifth.

Williams took eighth and Cossett was ninth in the 100-yard backstroke. Gouldin swam back for the girls and earned eighth.

Harmon placed sixth in the 100-yard breaststroke for the boys, just missing the state qualifying mark.

Johnson, a freshman, would move on for the girls in the breaststroke, shedding time to out touch her opponents by less than half a second to take fifth.

“Madison put in the work at pool time. She wanted it more than her opponents. She is an athlete that every coach wishes they had more of,” said Coach McElwain.

The last event of the regional meet was the 400-freestyle for both the girls and the boys, with both teams finishing fourth and moving on to states.

Shore Swim’s qualified athletes traveled back to Richmond Feb.14 for the state tournament.

Lilliston placed 18th in the 200-yard freestyle, and Harmon earned 15th in the 200-yard IM.

The boys 200-yard freestyle relay team of Lilliston, Parks, Williams, and Harmon went into the state meet ranked 17th, but put up fast times and personal bests to drop down to the 11th fastest boys relay team.

The boys 400-yard freestyle team swam to a 10th-place finish.

For the girls, Johnson advanced to the evening consolation round and finished her season in 11th in the state in the 100-yard breaststroke.

“We had many wins throughout the season. We won most of our meets, and did a good job at regionals. The most important win we achieved was improving times. You swim all season to get better and faster. Most all of our swimmers got their fastest times and personal bests at regionals, and that’s what its about. They also had fun doing it. That’s a win,” said Coach McElwain.
For the Blues, Paul Thornes staved off a goose egg, with an early goal assisted by Brandon Morgan.

Game 3: K&E Marine Capitals 9, Delmarva Soil and Concrete Red Wings 1

The Capitals came out in the first and made a powerful statement, leapfrogging to a 6-1 lead and basically dictating play thereafter. Bradley Colona put up a Gemini Trick, a whopping six goals. The Pat Trick registered a hattie himself, along with an assist; James Haley put down a quartet of helpers; Jay Click, Ben Bundick, and Benji Price each added an assist. The Huntsman rejected a goose egg of his own with a goal in the first, assisted by Michael Vargas.

Game 4: Eastern Speed Shop Canucks 2, EZ Loan Bruins 8

The Killer B’s improved like a fine wine as the game aged, putting up five goals in the third to run away with the win. Though the ‘Nucks only managed to land ten shots on net (compared to the Bruins’ 26), the Onancock Kid made two of them count through sheer hard work and grit. For the B’s, once again, the Smooth Criminal and T.R. Hoyt put up matching numbers, with Sharkey Parks thrown in as well, as each tickled the twine two times. Scott Millikin one-upped all of them, though, adding an apple to his two-goal output. Cliff Windor, McKaley Parks, and Luke Webb also each added assists.

Game 5: Hoyt Insurance Ducks 4, Delmarva Soil and Concrete Red Wings 3

The best game of the day was this playoff-like, intense tilt between the Ducks and Wings. The Quackers jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the first, but could not hold the lead as the Wings clawed their way back, answering with three goals in the second. The game locked down in the third, when a blast from the General put the Ducks back in the lead until the final buzzer. Mills recorded one other goal and an assist; Jon-Jon Leach rang up two goals; Robbie Washington recorded a helper.

Game 6: Blues 0, K&E Marine Capitals 6

In a low point for the Blues’ season, they were absolutely incinerated by the Caps this time around. Outshot by a nearly three-to-one ratio (26-9), the contest could not end soon enough for the Blues. The Pat Trick humbled his opponents to the tune of four goals; Bradley Colona matched that point total with two goals and two assists; James Haley also produced two helpers.

ESSHL senior league action resumes Sunday, March 3, at 1:30 p.m. at Stapleton Rink in Parksley. Check out the website at www.esshl.org or the Facebook page for stats, news and more.
CALL Spring Sign-ups

Central Accomack Little League is looking for kids ages 4 to 16 for spring ball. Signups will be held at the CALL park concession building Saturday, Feb. 23, from 9 a.m. to noon, and Tuesday, Feb 26, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Registration fee is $65; T-ball is $45. The fee includes five chances to win $1,000 (you can sell the raffle tickets to get $25 back). No registration taken after Feb. 26. Registration form, medical waiver, parent code of conduct, batting facility waiver, parent volunteer form and photo ID, along with registration fee, birth certificate, shirt size, and proof of residency are all required at the time of registration. If you live outside the CALL boundaries but attend school within, a completed school enrollment form is also required.

For more information or questions, contact Billy Justice at centralaccomack-littleleague@gmail.com

Arcadia Volleyball Bowling Night

The Arcadia Firebirds volleyball team will host a bowling night Friday, March 22, from 9:30-midnight at Eastern Shore Lanes in Pocomoke City, Md. The event is open to everyone and includes two games with free shoe rental, all you can eat pizza, and drinks for $22 per person.

Come out and support the Arcadia girls. For more information, contact coach Anna 757-894-4537.
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**Weekly SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ★★★★

- Moderate
- Challenging
- HOO BOY!

**Pastimes**

**MAGIC MAZE • THOSE WHO PLAY**

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**Last Week’s Answers**

Bassist: Fiddler
Oboist: Trumpeter
Cellist: Flutist
Organist: Tuba
Cymbalist: Harpist
Pianist: Violinist
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**Agricultural News**

**Governor Northam Announces 11th Annual Conference on Ag Trade**

Submitted Articles

Governor Ralph Northam will co-host the 11th Annual Governor’s Conference on Agricultural Trade with the Virginia Tech Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics, the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS), Virginia Farm Bureau Federation, and the Port of Virginia on March 5, at the Richmond Marriott Hotel.

The one-day conference will bring together producers, agribusinesses, entrepreneurs, exporters, foreign ambassadors and government ministers, educational leadership, state and federal government officials, and many more to discuss challenges and opportunities for global agricultural exports.

“For more than a decade, the Governor’s Conference on Agricultural Trade has served as an important forum for stakeholders from Virginia’s two largest industries to come together and hear from key leaders in government, business, and international relations on the outlook of the trade environment,” said Governor Northam. “Global trade is a vital component of a strong Virginia economy and my administration remains committed to growing opportunities for producers and exporters in every part of our Commonwealth.”

The Governor’s Conference on Agricultural Trade will feature an outstanding array of speakers from the front lines of our trade sector, individuals who are involved in this complex marketplace every day. Conference participants will hear from foreign dignitaries, private-sector leaders, trade negotiators and others on topics that are timely and relevant for 2019 and beyond.

“Our high-quality Virginia agricultural and forest products are in demand around the world,” said Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry Bettina Ring. “As we continue working to build markets around the globe for the Commonwealth’s producers, this conference gives us a chance to discuss the challenges of the current trade environment and find new opportunities for growth.”

This year’s conference will focus on a shifting trade environment, the challenges and opportunities for agriculture, and the outlook for important trade negotiations. Key speakers and participants include Thomas Barkin, the president and CEO of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond and Jim DiMenna, the Canada-based CEO of Red Sun Farms, as well as trade negotiators, a variety of industry experts, and dignitaries and officials from many countries, including China.

**Compared to 2017,**

**Virginia Farmers Storing Less Corn, Soybean, and Barley Stocks**

The Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) 2018 Grain Stocks report shows less Virginia corn, soybeans, and barley stocks have been stored in off-farm facilities than in 2017.

Virginia corn stocks stored in off-farm facilities on Dec. 1, 2018, totaled 12.2 million bushels, compared to 13.0 million bushels stored off-farm on Dec. 1, 2017. Soybean stocks stored off the farm totaled 4.72 million bushels on Dec. 1, 2018, compared to 7.25 million bushels stored off the farm the previous year.

Virginia wheat stocks stored off the farm totaled 7.40 million bushels on Dec. 1, 2018, compared to 7.22 million bushels stored off the farm a year earlier.

Oat stocks stored off the farm on Dec. 1, 2018, totaled 30,000 bushels, up 14,000 bushels from Dec. 1, 2017.

Barley off-farm stocks totaled 109,000 bushels on Dec. 1, 2018, compared to 166,000 bushels last year.

**Cut Flower Growers’ Conference Set for March**

Five years ago, the U.S. Census of Agriculture estimated that the number of Virginia cut flower producers had jumped from 117 in 2007 to 227 in 2012.

Even more producers have entered the field since then, raising flowers for the floral bouquet market.

The 2019 Cut Flower Growers Conference on March 13 and 14 at the Fredericksburg Expo and Conference Center will offer newcomers and experienced growers a chance to learn more about cut flower opportunities.

Raising flowers has many advantages for small-scale producers, according to Virginia State University’s Small Farm Outreach program. They’re a high-value crop that can be raised on a small footprint, requiring only a few people to raise them. And if growers use a high tunnel or a greenhouse they can sell their products year-round.

“Around here in Southside Virginia, flowers are like vegetables. People like what they know and grew up with,” noted Amy Carwile, co-owner of Archlynn Farms in Charlotte County. She and her husband grow fruits and vegetables, and in 2018 she added cut flowers to the mix. “I like to grow pretty flowers, ones you can take home, put on a kitchen table or share with your friends,” Carwile said.

Jessica Hall, master grower and designer for Harmony Harvest Farm LLC in Augusta County, said farm-fresh flowers are a “great way to marry agriculture with the niche market of cut flowers.” She and her mother, Chris Auville, started their cut flower business in 2013. They sell their flowers nationwide and to the Whole Foods Market chain.

Details about the 2019 Cut Flower Growers Conference are available at ext.vsu.edu/events/2017/1/25/cut-flower-farming.

**Fresh Herbs Resurge Under Virginia Greenhouses**

Greenhouse herb operations are popular in Virginia, and there seems to be a resurgence in the popularity of locally grown herbs.

Greenhouses are located on 51 Virginia herb farms, which produced 29 acres of fresh-cut herbs in 2012. That was down from the previous decade, when there were 73 herb operations.

But the market is changing, and there’s been consolidation within the industry. Most greenhouse herbs are sold to grocery chains year-round. And while cooking herbs are top sellers, up to 40 million adults now use herbal supplements in their diets.

The Growers Exchange has found a niche in this unique farm sector. It began in 1985 as a retail garden center in Richmond and later became a greenhouse operation on a 900-acre family farm in Charles City County. Today it is a modern production facility that includes five greenhouses, a packing warehouse, and an office complex in eastern Henrico County, where it sells fresh organic potted herbs to consumers online.

“I love sharing our products with people and then getting the feedback,” noted Kenan White, Growers Exchange marketing director. “And I’ve got to say, after 20 years of retail in a brick-and-mortar store, we’ve got more relationships with people now than we did then. It’s the quality of the interaction, whether it’s through social media, email or even a phone call that makes the difference,” she said.

While greenhouses offer controlled growing conditions year-round, the biggest change for the Growers Exchange has been in its production room. It’s more efficient and streamlined than in the past, said Briggs Smith, Growers Exchange president.

“Potting soil, pots, flats, tags, seeds, sometimes started baby plants that we buy from another greenhouse” all come through the main door, Smith shared. Workers then feed up to 1,000 pounds of potting soil into an agromatic potting machine, which mixes organic fertilizer and biological fungicide into the soil. The herb seedlings are then quickly transplanted and moved directly to the greenhouses.

Moving to eastern Henrico allowed the greenhouse operation to be within a few hundred yards of a major post office distribution center, another key part of the business, Smith said.

Popular garden herbs at the Growers Exchange include basil, chives, cilantro, oregano, and parsley, and they cultivate a dozen more varieties of seedlings. More information about their operation is available on “Real Virginia”, Virginia Farm Bureau’s weekly television program.
March Madness Is Around the Corner
Plan ahead for some healthy snacking.

Pita Bread

2 teaspoons active dry yeast
½ teaspoon sugar
1 cup of water
2 ½ cups flour, plus ¼ to ½ cup for shaping
1 teaspoon kosher salt
2 tablespoons olive oil

In a large bowl, add one cup of flour, dry yeast, and sugar. Mix with a wooden spoon.

Heat water to 120-130 degrees. Make a well in the flour and pour in the water. Stir to incorporate. Once mixed, set in a warm place to allow yeast to work. When the mixture becomes bubbly and starts to expand, add oil, salt, and the other 1 ½ cups of flour. Mix well with wooden spoon (the dough will be stringy), before turning out onto a floured surface to knead lightly until smooth, about 2 minutes. Let it rest, then knead lightly again. Place the dough in a clean bowl, cover, and allow to double in size.

Heat oven to 475 degrees. Place a heavy pan or baking stone on the bottom shelf to heat. Divide dough into 10 pieces, then let rest a few minutes.

Flatten one disk to about 6-8 inches in diameter, using small amount of flour to keep from sticking. Place on baking stone/pan and cook for a couple of minutes on each side until golden spots just start to appear. Repeat with remaining dough balls.

Hummus recipe by Connie Morrison


Homemade Hummus

2 cans of chickpeas
¼ cup tahini
¼ - ½ cup extra virgin olive oil
2 large cloves garlic
juice of one lemon
salt to taste

Drain chickpeas and place in food processor with blade. Process until they are in small pieces. Add tahini, ¼ cup olive oil, garlic cloves, and lemon juice. Process until smooth. Add more lemon juice, if needed, to make hummus smooth. Add salt to taste.

Serve with pita wedges, carrots, or favorite dippers.

Photos by Connie Morrison

Above: This stock photo shows pita loaves as they should appear. TIP: make sure dough is smooth and even, about 1/8 of an inch thick, for baking. It will puff much more easily. Also, remember at 475 degrees bread burns quickly and smoke detectors are loud. Needless to say, the first round wasn’t pretty. Right: Resulting pita wedges served with hummus and carrots. Here’s some reassurance: No matter what they look like, they are a tasty accompaniment.
An Assateague pony checks her image on the side of a tour bus while another pony (below) attempts to hitch a ride.

Photos by Linda Cicoira
Posing for the Post

Oh, the wonderful sites that were seen last Sunday during a special bus tour along the service road at the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge on Assateague Island. Participants spent $15 for the 1.5-hour trip that included a stop to make photographs.
The Rev. Stephanie Castro Cares for Her Community Through it All

By Bill Sterling
Special to the Eastern Shore Post

The Rev. Stephanie Morris Castro plays a vital role in the lives of the members of St. Paul’s AME Church at Pungoteague and St. Joseph’s AME Church near Painter.

As their pastor, she baptizes babies, marries couples, and gives the eulogy for those who pass away. And before the eulogy, she sometimes also handles the funeral arrangements as the third-generation director of John O. Morris Funeral Home in Nassawadox.

“It’s a delicate balance performing the service and handling the arrangements, but in the 11 years I’ve been their pastor I’ve done it a few times,” said Castro recently at her funeral home office on Route 13 just north of Nassawadox.

Her grandfather, John O. Morris, founded the funeral home in 1914. Castro said hers was a deeply religious family as her grandfather’s middle name, Offer, came from John Offer, a bishop who founded several of the AME churches on the Eastern Shore.

On Sundays, her father, Alvin Morris, would take all six of the Morris children to Sunday school at New Allen AME Church in Franktown. Her mother, Eunice, would join them for the service. There was never a question on Sunday morning that the Morris family would be in church.

Castro graduated from Northampton High School in 1977. She calls that “the year of the twins.” In a class of about 200 students, there were seven sets of twins. She ticks off the names, the Williamses, the Cooleys, the Kellams, the Reeds, the Smaws …

And then there was Stephanie and her twin brother, Stephen. “He was the extrovert. I was the introvert,” said Castro. “Everyone said when he entered a room, people gravitated to him. He had this loud voice, engaging smile and deep laughter. I was his shadow.”

They both attended Virginia State University, the alma mater of their mother, their freshman year. “We had other options but really no choice. She said this is where you need to go.”

But Stephen left after a year and transferred to VCU to study business. “It was the first time we were ever apart,” recalled Stephanie, “but still I saw a lot of him. You could ride a bus from Richmond to Petersburg for 50 cents then. And this was before there were co-ed dorms, but he would knock on my door and announce himself in his usual loud voice. Boys weren’t supposed to be in the dorms, but they made an exception for Stephen.”

Castro said twice a month they would get together in Richmond. “I would take my 50 cents and ride a bus to Richmond, where they had steak and lobster every other Friday night at the VCU culinary arts school. We always had fun together.”

Castro said it was a life-changing event when Stephen died at 26 from cancer. “He loved running, completing a number of marathons, including the New York City Marathon. I hated running. He often urged me to join him, even grabbing my wrist once and pulling me along,” recalled Castro.

“When he died, I started running. I listened to music, mostly gospel, and that led me to eventually enter the ministry. I also thought about him and looked for answers, such as ‘Where is he?’ and ‘Why him and not me?’ I also thought a lot about my own spiritual journey.”

After graduating from Virginia State University with a degree in psychology and a minor in math, she spent 12 years in New Jersey as a statistical analyst with a state agency. There, she married her first husband and started a family. The marriage was blessed with two daughters, but ended in divorce, though she and her former husband stay in touch.

When her father was diagnosed with cancer in the early 1990s, she returned to the Shore to help him with the funeral home business, “He taught me to embalm, and I worked alongside him until he died in 1998, learning all the aspects of running a funeral home,” Castro said. “He was my supervisor during my apprenticeship.” She earned her license as a funeral service provider from John Tyler Community College. In 2007, she earned her Master’s in Divinity from Regent University.

Her father, like four of his six brothers, died of prostate cancer. Castro, who helps families through grief in both of her roles as a pastor and a funeral home director, has had more than her share of sadness. Her brother, Kevin, an outstanding high-school athlete and top-notch student who was named Who’s Who among high-school students and eventually earned degrees from Tufts and Johns Hopkins universities, died at 53 after a routine checkup revealed stage-four prostate cancer. “Kevin was convinced he could beat that disease and battled it until he was skin and bones,” Castro said. “He would not give up. I guess you could say prostate cancer has been the generational curse of our family.”

And then in 2009, she married Eric Webber, who was 6 feet, 5 inches tall and maintained a strict diet and ideal weight for his height. “He had battled diabetes, but he thought he had it controlled, or at least as much as you can control diabetes.” Two years later, he died suddenly of a massive heart attack. She keeps the name of her first husband because that is the name of her children and the name her church members knew when she arrived to the charge.

Castro, now 59, was among the youngest of that generation that bridged the gap from segregation to integration on the Eastern Shore. “Integration was slow to come to the Eastern Shore,” recalled Castro. “We didn’t have full integration until I was in the fifth grade, but my parents sent their younger children to Birdsnest Elementary School several years before that. When everyone came together in the fifth grade, it seemed like first grade all over again with the new classmates.”

Castro said the saddest thing for her about the year full integration came to the Shore was that “my very best friend left Birdsnest to attend Broadwater because I imagine her parents didn’t know what integration would mean for the public school system.”

“It was pretty much all positive,” said Castro, thinking about her school years. “I had white friends and black friends, and we all saw each other through our own experiences. At the end of the day, I don’t think we saw color all that much.”

“Life shapes our attitude,” added Castro, “and
it’s always a process for us to develop our own viewpoints. I think the younger children handled integration better than the older kids. It seemed my brother, Kevin, only two years older, got in a fight almost every day.”

Castro is the same age as Gov. Ralph Northam, who also grew up on the Eastern Shore. She describes him “as a good man.” Although she does not know him personally, she has been at the same table with him and has heard him speak a number of times.

“I think he might be a bit naive about racial issues based on some things he has said, but I don’t believe he is a racist, and I don’t think he should resign,” Castro said. “I don’t think his past actions, whatever they might have been, shape his politics or policies today. I think talking with more black people will help him understand the issues that have been so much in the news this month.”

A year ago, much against her nature, Castro won an election for a position on the school board. “Stephen would have been the type to do something like that, not me, but a member of the board of supervisors convinced me I could contribute. I hope to bring more technology into our school system,” said Castro, whose mother was a school teacher and is still in good health at the age of 92.

“We have wonderful conversations,” said Castro about her mother, with whom she lives near the funeral home.

There are also fourth-generation members of the Morris family involved in the funeral home. Castro said both of her daughters help when and where they can from their homes in Virginia Beach. Cristen, 25, who is a CPA, is also studying part-time to be a licensed funeral service provider. Caren’s role is limited as the mother of Castro’s three grandchildren, a 3-year old and, yes, 1-year-old twins, who just happen to be a boy and a girl.

“I suggested some really easy names for the twins, like Stephen and Stephanie,” said Castro with a laugh. “They had other names in mind, but the girl’s middle name is Stephanie, and the boy has my mother’s maiden name, Fisher, for his middle name.”

Castro’s three older siblings, Constance, Alvin Jr., and Guy, all had very successful careers off the Shore. Being in the funeral home business can be a 24/7 lifestyle that not everyone wants, she said.

Castro, who has a keen sense of history, noted that St. Paul’s AME Church in Pungoteague was founded in 1866 with the current building erected in 1886. A school for African-Americans was operated at the church beginning in 1867 and was eventually held at an adjacent building.

Joan Wilson grew up in the church and attended elementary school at Pungoteague School, which had only two teachers, including one serving as the principal, for seven grades. It closed in the late 1960s when integration came to the Eastern Shore. “Our foundation was formed here,” said Wilson, who was the first black registered nurse at Northampton-Accomack Memorial Hospital in Nassawadox and today is a trustee at St. Paul’s. “Many of our members feel like they are coming home when attending services here.”

“This church is really like your family,” said Castro, who recently had discussions with members of the even older St. George’s Episcopal Church nearby about having some services together. “It wasn’t mentioned directly, but I think the underlying motivation for having joint services is to have a dialogue about what we can do to make the Eastern Shore a better place to live in light of what has transpired recently.”

Can’t wait to read the Post on Friday?

Read it online Thursday night at www.easternshorepost.com
We are wrapping up legislative business in Richmond and work on the budget by conferees is being completed. While there has been lots of activity and issues unrelated to legislation during this General Assembly, we were still able to have a successful session and make significant progress on areas of importance to the Shore.

More than half of the bills I filed this year passed both the Senate and the House and are now headed to the governor’s desk to be signed into law. These bills include my enabling legislation to codify the recently passed constitutional amendment pertaining to tax exemptions and flooding remediation, legislation to expand CPACE (Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy) financing to include resiliency and legislation that will incentivize use of the Columbia aquifer. The latter will be particularly beneficial for the Shore, as encouraging use of the Columbia aquifer will aide in the effort to save the Yorktown-Eastover aquifer resources for the highest beneficial use.

Budget work is still being completed by budget conferees and I will use my final column next week to highlight any appropriations or budget language that specifically pertains to the Eastern Shore and the 6th Senate District. As I’ve mentioned before, I am hopeful that we will see additional dollars allotted for Virginia Institute for Marine Science (VIMS) to develop and conduct the initial sand modeling study for the Chincoteague Inlet Study, as well as hard-fought funds for my Shoreline Resiliency Fund.

In addition, we should see appropriations for rural broadband expansion and continued funding of critical agricultural best management practices (BMPs). I am confident that the much-needed increase in teacher pay will remain in the final budget and am hopeful that we will see the guidance counselor student-to-counselor ratio appropriation fully funded as well.

As we prepare to wrap up our work in Richmond, we are also gearing up for town halls back home. Please be on the lookout for the announcement for town halls across the Shore and the district. To provide the most opportunities for residents to attend a town hall, I will be hosting town halls both before and after veto session, which will convene on April 3.

Short sessions are always hectic and chaotic, and this year was no exception. The busy weeks were always brightened by our visitors from home. Thanks to those who were able to make the trip to Richmond and to those who wrote or called over the course of session. We will adjourn sine die (for an indefinite period) Feb. 23, but I encourage everyone to continue to reach out to my office with concerns and questions.

I can be reached at our legislative email district06@senate.virginia.gov and while in Richmond by telephone at 804-698-7506. After Feb. 23, you can reach my office at our district phone number 757-787-1094.

What’s the Buzz?

A pair of turkey vultures, also called buzzards, appear to be catching up on the latest while perched on a fence drying their wings.

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**Kids' Puzzle Page**

**Kids' Maze**

**Scramblers**

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

- Group
  - RENAL
  - DEMAN
  - ATREPI
  - EVERS

“Better get a size larger—don’t forget, you haven’t had ______ yet.”

**TODAY’S WORD**

**Snowflakes**

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

**Junior Whirl**

**Looking for Lincoln!**

Hidden in the diagram above are 17 words associated with the 16th president of the United States, Abraham Lincoln. They can be found by reading up or down, or side to side. You’ll even find them diagonally going up or down. Letters can be used more than once. Listed below are the words you’re looking for.

1. HAT
2. HAT
3. HAT
4. HAT
5. HAT
6. HAT
7. HAT
8. Able
9. Booth
10. Cabin
11. Civil War
12. Command
13. Debate
14. Douglas
15. Galt'sburgh
16. Holiday
17. Ideal's

**Puzzles4Kids** by Helene Hovanec

**Riddle Search – History Lesson**

Look up, down, and diagonally, both forward and backward to find every word on the list. Circle each one as you find it. When all the words are circled, take the unused letters and write them on the blanks below. Go from left to right and top to bottom to find the answer to this riddle: What do history teachers talk about when they meet?

- ACCOUNT
- ARTICLE
- DAYBOOK
- DEED
- DETAIL
- DOCUMENT
- EVENT
- FACT
- HERITAGE
- JOURNAL
- LETTER
- LIFE
- LIST
- MAP
- MEMORY
- NOTE
- PAPER
- PIECE
- REGISTER
- REPORT

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**DETAILS**

Riddle answer: ____________________
Arcadia High School students "Wax" Creative for Black History Month

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Tevon Bunting as Jesse Owens
Kylen Wharton as Langston Hughes
Keith Grinage as Michael Jordan
Rya Brown as First Lady Michelle Obama
Victor Drummond as President Barack Obama
Rodedarline and Rodenise Pacifi as Venus and Serena Williams

Story by Stefanie Jackson
Photos by Della Jordan

Arcadia High School students recreated a “wax museum” by posing as figures of black history at the school Feb. 5. in honor of Black History Month.

The students treated the Accomack school board to a performance before their meeting and public hearing that evening.

The participating students were chosen and coached by Assistant Principal Della Jordan, who was inspired by another wax museum presentation she saw at a different school.

Jordan assigned each student an “influential African-American” to research, and the performers met bi-weekly in December and weekly in January to prepare.

Tyre Ballard greeted guests, and the AHS Step Team and Elise Britt on the saxophone provided live entertainment.

A “soulful” dinner was provided by culinary arts lead, Alyse Justis.

Student Kaylen Wharton also made an appearance as Arthur Ashe.

“The finished product was awesome and we are very proud,” Jordan said.

The project was recently featured in a Virginia School Board Association newsletter.
Church News

Boston

The Phenomenal Women in Pearls Service will be Sunday, March 3, at 10 a.m., at Shiloh Baptist Church, 31559 Boston Rd. The guest preacher will be Lady Doris Bivens, of St. Mary’s MBC, and the host will be Leading Lady Tina S. Thomas.

The 100 Men in Black & White Service will be Sunday, March 17, at 3 p.m. The musical guest will be New Mt. Calvary Male Chorus. The guest preacher will be the Rev. Harvey Davis, of Atlantic, and the host will be the Rev. Jesse E. Thomas.

Capeville

The Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be Tuesday, March 5, from 5 to 7 p.m., at Capeville UMC. The menu includes pancakes, sausage, scrapple, baked apples, juice, and coffee. The all-you-can-eat event is $8 for adults and $5 for children ages 4 to 10. For ticket information, call 331-1684.

Cheriton

The Extraordinary Women Conference will be Saturday, March 9, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Cheriton Baptist Church. The event is sponsored by WINGS. Lunch is included in the free event. To register, call 710-4780 by March 5.

Craddockville

Revival Services will be Sunday, March 17, through Tuesday, March 19, at 6:30 p.m., at Craddockville UMC. The March 17 speakers will be Aaron Williams and the Rev. Peter Surran; the March 18 speakers will be Frank Walter and the Rev. Greg Duncan; and the March 19 speakers will be Jenna Henderson and the Bishop David Sabatino. A meal will be held each night at 5:30 p.m. The nursery will be open.

A youth retreat is slated for Friday, April 5, through Sunday, April 7, at Camp Occohannock, for grades 6 through 12. The cost is $55. For more information, contact Pastor Rob Kelly.

Marionville

A Chili Cook-Off will be Friday, Feb. 22, from 5 to 7 p.m., at Red Bank Baptist Church, 9202 Seaside Rd. Ticket holders will vote on the winning entry. A $6 donation is requested. For more information, contact John Robertson at 693-6917.

Melfa

A barbecue chicken dinner will be Friday, Feb. 22, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., at Oak Grove UMC. The cost is $8 and platters include barbecue chicken prepared by G.L. Smith, sides, dessert, and tea or coffee. For more information, call 710-4920 or 787-1508

The 14th Annual Pastoral Anniversary Celebration finale will be Sunday, Feb. 24, at 4 p.m., at Anointed Word of Deliverance COGIC, 32170 Seaside Rd. The guest will be Superintendent Ronald Sewell, of Herald of His Coming COGIC.

Oak Hall

A Chili Cook-Off will be Friday, Feb. 22, from 6 to 8 p.m., at Downing’s UMC Social Hall. The cost is $8 and includes all-you-can-eat chili, beverage, and dessert. For tickets or to enter chili, call Amy Eckard at 710-2490.

A Taste of Italy Night will be Friday, March 22, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The cost is $10 and includes selection of pasta dishes, salad, rolls, beverage, and dessert.

Pungoteague

The Youth Group meetings will be Fridays, March 8 and 22, at 6 p.m., at Pungoteague Community Church Social Hall. Bible study is every Tuesday, at 6 p.m., at the Huether home. The women’s fellowship meetings will be Thursdays, March 7 and 21, at 6 p.m., at the Huether home.

The food pantry will be open March 9, from 8 to 10 a.m., and March 13, from 6 to 8 p.m.

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SU Dean’s List

Six Accomack County area students were named to the dean’s list at Salisbury University for the fall semester. Area residents include Ryan Wright, of Craddockville; Brennan Hall, of Greenbackville; Jon Keyes, of Onancock; Cassie Bernard, of Parksley; Maya Siggers, of Temperanceville; and Melissa Gannon, of Wallops Island.

Hickman Completes Agri-Leadership Program

Mark Hickman, of Horntown, who is with National Potato Council, has successfully completed Leadership At Its Best, a Syngenta professional development program helping future U.S. agriculture leaders improve their skills to more effectively advocate for American agriculture. The industry-recognized program was held Feb. 11 through 15. Each year a class, which includes dozens of farmers, processors, and agriculture retailers, attends to develop skill sets needed to be confident ambassadors of agriculture. Some alumni have gone on to become leaders in their organizations, spokespersons, and government leaders.

Electric Cooperative Legislative Day


Shaffer Graduates Tech

Justin Shaffer, of Franktown, graduated from Virginia Tech on Dec. 14, 2018, with a bachelor’s degree in building construction and a minor in real estate from the Myers-Lawson School of Construction. He is the son of Mark and Brenda Shaffer and a 2015 graduate of Broadwater Academy.

Kelly on Dean’s List

Megan M. Kelly, of Withams, was named to Virginia Tech’s dean’s list for the fall semester.

Northampton High January Students of the Month

Northampton High School Students of the Month for January are (picture above, from left) Dr. Charles King, assistant principal, Eddie Maldonado-Lopez, Eduardo Mateo-Hernandez, Jaylen Banister, Elan Hess, and Lenaye Victory; (picture at right, from left) Dr. Charles King and Chloe Doughty.

They’re Tops at Occohannock!

Occohannock Elementary announced its Students of the Month for January.


Send your mile posts, community events, and calendar events to angie@easternshorepost.com
**Community Notes**

**Accomac**  
The Accomack County Department of Social Services will conduct a town hall meeting to assess the needs of Accomack County residents Thursday, Feb. 28, at 6 p.m., at the Accomack County DSS training room, 22554 Center Pkwy. Concerns will be addressed regarding jobs, transportation, housing, community, recreation, education, and more.

**Cape Charles**  
Freezin’ For A Reason, a polar plunge to benefit Habitat for Humanity, will be Saturday, Feb. 23, at noon, at the pavilion. Registration will be Saturday, Feb. 23, at noon, at 2:30 p.m., at the Roseland Theatre. Tickets are $10 for adults and $5 for students and children. Doors will open 45 minutes early for complimentary tea and cookies. For more information, call 787-5687.

**Chincoteague**  
The Chincoteague Island Family YMCA is looking for individuals, organizations, restaurants, and businesses to volunteer for the older adults programs or the “Teach Me To...” youth programs. Older adults programs include storytellers, unique skills, arts and crafts, cooking demonstrations, seminars, information how-tos, and more. The youth programs are looking for volunteers to help teach skills in arts, basic life skills, public speaking and manners, gardening, cooking, and more.

For more information or to volunteer, call Katie O’Shea at 336-6266 or email her at koshea@ymcachesapeake.org

**Melfa**  
The Melfa Volunteer Fire and Rescue will hold an After Valentine’s Day Dinner Saturday, Feb. 23, from 3 to 7 p.m., at 28328 Hatton St. Dinners are $8 each and include chicken and dumplings, macaroni and cheese, green beans, cornbread, and beverage. Sweet treats will be available for separate purchase. Deliveries will be available to businesses from Accomac to Exmore with a four-meal minimum purchase. Call ahead for delivery. For more information, call 787-4511.

**Onancock**  
Onancock International Films will present “Tea with the Dames,” Saturday, Feb. 23, at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, Feb. 24, at 2:30 p.m., at the Roseland Theatre. Tickets are $10 for adults and $5 for students and children. Doors will open 45 minutes early for complimentary tea and cookies. For more information, call 787-5687.

The Orchestra of the Eastern Shore will perform “Invitation to the Dance” Friday, March 8, at 7:30 p.m., at Cokesbury Church. They will also perform Sunday, March 10, at 4 p.m., at Hungars Episcopal Church in Bridgetown.

The Beekeepers’ Guild of the Eastern Shore will offer a beginning beekeepers’ course Saturdays, March 9 and 16, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at the Onancock School, 6 College Ave. The class is $30 and includes textbook, course materials, a light meal, and a three-month membership with the guild. For more information, call George Brown at 787-2195 or visit www.bgessva.org

**Latimer Oral History Contest**  
The Eastern Shore Public Library will host the 2019 Frances Bibbins Latimer Oral History Contest. All Eastern Shore middle and high school students are invited to video or audio record an interview with someone 50 years old or older. The 15- to 20-minute interviews will cover the life of the person during his or her younger years. Cash prizes will be awarded with first place for each age group being $500. Contest packets are available at area schools and on the library’s website, espl.org

The collection will be stored for three generations at the Heritage Center (to be built in Parksley). Latimer was a renowned local historian. Her family donated her archives to the library and they are being processed for future use.

For more information, call Janice Felker at 787-3400.

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**“Choose Civility” Campaign**  
The Worcester County Library is launching a “Choose Civility” campaign beginning this March to promote kindness, respect, and civil discourse in the community. Worcester County Library participated in the campaign last year and has expanded the campaign this year by creating special “Choose Civility Passports” to encourage civility in all aspects of daily living. There is a passport designed especially for adults and one for youth. Both include suggestions to boost respect, kindness, and civility. The goal is to get people in the habit of practicing civility every day. The Library is offering a prize drawing in May to raise participation in the program. Special events are planned throughout March, April, and May and will include community discussions; book discussion based on P.M. Forni’s book “Choosing Civility”; mindfulness with yoga series; and storytimes for children and families. Pick up a civility passport today at one of the five branches located in Berlin, Ocean City, Ocean Pines, Pocomoke, and Snow Hill, Md.

Funding for these programs is provided in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services through the Maryland State Library. For more information, visit www.worcesterlibrary.org or call 410-632-3970.

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**8 a.m. - Breakfast at the VFW - VFW Post 2296, Tasley - donations accepted**
**11 a.m. - Neuter Scooter - SPCA Eastern Shore, 26528 Lankford Hwy., Onley - 787-7285**
**12:30 p.m. - SciPhi Seminar: Spinal Disc Degeneration and Decompression - ESCC, Melfa**
**5-7 p.m. - Chili Cook-off - Red Bank Baptist Church, 9202 Seaside Rd., Marionville**
**7 p.m. - CIAO Friday Night at the Movies: “Almost Famous” - Island Theatre, Chincoteague - $5**
**7 p.m. - Life Teach Series - Rachel Leah Covenant Ministries Center - 787-2486**
**7:30 p.m. - Bingo - Exmore Moose Lodge, Belle Haven**

SATURDAY FEB. 23
**9:30 a.m. - Relay for Life of Nandua 2019 Kickoff - Painter Garrison UMC, 17300 Main St.**
**10 a.m.-1 p.m. - Soup Kitchen - Faith Christian Tabernacle Ministries, Rt. 13, Accomac - 787-1811**
**2-4 p.m. - Empowering Girls’ Group - ESTACI, Exmore - 757-656-3460**
**6-8 p.m. - Samaritan Shelter Pancake Dinner Fundraiser - Lynnhaven Baptist Church, Pocomoke, Md.**
**7:30 p.m. - Movie: “Tea with the Dames” - Roseland Theatre, Onancock - tickets: $10/adults, $5/students & children**

MONDAY FEB. 25
**1-3 p.m. - Community Bingo - Chincoteague Cultural Alliance, 6309 Church St., Chincoteague**
**1-4 p.m. - CIAO Presents Gameplay Monday: Card, Word, and Board Games - Theatre Annex, 4076 Main St., Chincoteague**
**5:30 p.m. - AA mtg. - Onancock UMC, 75 Market St.**
**5:30-6:30 p.m. - Al-Anon mtg. - Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Onancock**
**6 p.m. - Bingo - Elks Lodge, Tasley**
**6 p.m. - Accomack Cty. NAACP mtg. - Abba’s House, Mary N. Smith Cultural Ctr., Accomac - 709-3753**
**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 - Metompkin Elementary School, Parksley - 787-1761**
**7 p.m. - AA mtg. - Christ Episcopal Church, Eastville**
**7 p.m. - Celebrate Recovery mtg. - Onancock Baptist Church - food served at 6 p.m.**

TUESDAY FEB. 26
**9 a.m. - Al-Anon mtg. - Refuge Inn, Chincoteague**
**10 a.m. - Zumba - Franktown UMC**
**10 a.m. - Duplicate Bridge - Island House, Wachapreague - 787-2432**
**10 a.m. - Tot Time “Active Play for Active Tots” - Pocomoke Library**
**1-4 p.m. - Veterans’ Employment Representative Avail. - Cape Charles Civic Center (old library) - no appt. needed**
**1:30-3 p.m. - Riverside Shore Hospice Grief Support Group mtg. - Downing’s UMC, 7291 Lankford Hwy., Oak Hall - 787-5000**
**5 p.m. - Onancock Garden Tour Committee mtg. - Town Hall, 15 North St.**
**6 p.m. - Rachel Leah Ministries - 787-2486 (call for location)**
**6 p.m. - Bingo - Pocomoke Elks, next to YMCA**
**6-8:30 p.m. - GED Class - Arcadia High School, Rm. 121, Oak Hall**
**6-8:30 p.m. - GED Class - ESCC, Class A-51, Melfa**
**7 p.m. - E.S. Cruisers’ Car Club mtg. - Sage Diner, Onley**
**7:30 p.m. - Order of the Eastern Star (Acc. Chapter #62) mtg. - Masonic Lodge, Chincoteague**
**7:30 p.m. - Bingo - Cheriton VFC - smoke free**
**7:30 p.m. - AA mtg. - Atlantic UMC**

WEDNESDAY FEB. 27
**7:45 a.m. - Kiwanis Club of Accomack mtg. - Sage Diner, Onley**
**10 a.m. - TOPS mtg. - Market St. UMC, Onancock - 787-4718**
**10 a.m.-2 p.m. - Veterans’ Employment Representative Avail. - ESCC, Melfa - no appt. needed**
**10:30-11:30 a.m. - Overeaters Anonymous mtg. - Rock Church, Onley - 757-655-4834**
**11 a.m.-1 p.m. - Soup Kitchen - Corner Stone Seventh Day Adventist Church, 3431 Main St., Exmore**
**4 p.m. - Art Studio “Art Movements” - Pocomoke Library**
**5-7 p.m. - Soup Kitchen and 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**
**6-7 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 - Metompkin Elementary School, Parksley - 787-1761**
**7 p.m. - AA and Al-Anon mtgs. - Franktown UMC**
**7 p.m. - Bingo - St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church, Onley - doors open at 5:30 p.m.**
**7:30 p.m. - Bingo - Painter VFC**

THURSDAY FEB. 28
**9 a.m.-1 p.m. - Veterans’ Employment Representative Avail. - Chincoteague Town Office - no appt. needed**
**10:30 a.m. - Story Time - Cape Charles Memorial Library**
**2 p.m. - Upcycled Clothing Workshop - 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**
**6-8:30 p.m. - GED Class - ESCC, Class A-51, Melfa**
**6-8:30 p.m. - GED Class - Arcadia High School, Rm. 121, Oak Hall**
**6:30 p.m. - Kiwanis Club mtg. - St. Andrew’s Catholic Church, Chincoteague**
**6:30 p.m. - Al-Anon. mtg. - Trinity UMC, Cape Charles**
**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**

SUNDAY FEB. 24
**Noon - Social Luncheon - Calvary Baptist Church, Accomac**
**12:30 p.m. - Bingo - Vietnam Veterans’ Bldg., Main St., Onley**
**2:30 p.m. - Movie: “Tea with the Dames” - Roseland Theatre, Onancock - tickets: $10/adults, $5/students & children**

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Announcements

The family of Cody Brandon Dale Corbin is pleased to congratulate him on graduating from the 129th State Police Academy. Cody is a graduate of Arcadia High School. His parents are Michelle Thones Sanchez and Dale Corbin. His brothers are Charles McGouerty and Cristian Sanchez. His Grandparents are Russell and Ruthann Corbin, Rebecca Wessells and Cecil Thones and Susan Turner. His Aunts and Uncles are Lisa and Kevin Corbin, Kim and Joseph Giuliani, Brandy and Dave Turner, and Bobby, Woody, and Johnny Thones. We are all very proud of Cody for this great accomplishment.

Help Wanted

Eastern Shore Yacht & Country Club-Melfa, Virginia is seeking Experienced Waitstaff/Cook: Responsible for lunch and/or dinner service, must be a team-player, high energy and motivated. Provide excellent customer service to our members, flexible hours, competitive pay. Please reply by sending resume to: esycc@verizon.net or call 757-787-1525.

MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN
Full time for apartment complex in Cape Charles. Experience with drywall repair, plumbing, electrical and janitorial duties. Must have a valid driver’s license, transportation and a willingness to be on-call some evenings and weekends. Competitive salary and benefits package.
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The Sheriff’s Office of Northampton County is accepting employment applications for:

JAIL MEDIC

This position will be working in the Eastern Shore Regional Jail and the job will require shift work, days, nights, weekends, holidays and required to be on call at times.

Qualifications: over the age of 21 and have obtained high school diploma or GED. Applicant must possess at a minimum the following: LPN or higher certifications. Applications may be obtained in person from the Eastern Shore Regional Jail, 5245 The Hornes, Eastville, Virginia 23347, or online at www.co.northampton.va.us
Deadline for applications: February 22, 2019
Northampton County is an EOE.

Employment Opportunity Position: Hourly Maintenance Laborer
Position Announcement #2019-1-3032

The Chesapeake Bay Bridge and Tunnel District will be accepting applications for Hourly Maintenance Laborer until February 27, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. This position is an entry level position that performs unskilled manual work related to the maintenance and repairs of District grounds and facilities; operates non-specialized equipment in connection with manual tasks and related work as required. Must be able to follow instructions and effectively communicate to adequately perform heavy physical labor under immediate supervision. Must possess a valid Virginia Driver’s License. This is an hourly position with an hourly rate of $13.00. Applications may be obtained from the Chesapeake Bay Bridge and Tunnel District’s personnel office from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, by telephone (757)331-2960 or online at www.cbft.com/employment.html

Chesapeake Bay Bridge and Tunnel District is an Equal Opportunity Employer

Northampton County Sheriff’s Office is accepting full time employment applications for:

Correctional Officer

Job will require shift work, nights, weekends and some holidays. Qualifications: over the age of 21 and have obtained high school diploma or GED. Certifications must be obtained within one year of employment. Applications may be obtained from the Sheriff’s Office, 5211 The Hornes, Eastville, Va. 23347, or the Eastern Shore Regional Jail Office located at 5245 The Hornes, Eastville, Va. 23347, or the county’s website www.co.northampton.va.us
Deadline for applications: February 22, 2019
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Job Posting

The Program Director is responsible for leading and coordinating programs, projects, and initiatives to revitalize historic downtown Cape Charles in accordance with the Virginia Main Street Four Points approach. Reporting to and in partnership with the Cape Charles Main Street Board of Directors, the Program Director oversees the organization and manages its strategies to achieve CCMS’s goals and mission.

The Program Director is a 30 hour per week, salaried, “at will” employee of CCMS directly accountable to the Board of Directors through its elected Board President. Responsibilities are in the areas of Administration and Management, Community Relations and Communication, and Program and Project Management.

Minimum job qualifications are the possession of a Bachelor’s degree, three years management experience in a related field and a proven track record of coordinating multiple programs in a highly visible position. Other desirable qualifications include:

• Experience managing committees and volunteers
• Knowledge of Cape Charles
• Experience with and/or knowledge in any of the following areas: economic development, small business partnerships, strategic planning, collaboration with local government and nonprofit management
• Skills in budgeting, computer database management, and public relations, as well as excellent verbal and written skills
• Person that is entrepreneurial, visionary, energetic, imaginative, motivated and flexible

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Please send cover letter, resume, three current letters of recommendation and written responses to pre-interview questions to Program Director Search, Cape Charles Main Street, PO Box 567, Cape Charles, VA 23310 or applicationsccmainstreet@gmail.com Pre-interview written questions can be obtained, along with a full job description, by request to applicationsccmainstreet@gmail.com

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

• Senior Clinician/Clinician
• Developmental Disabilities Aide (PCAs & CNAs welcome)
• Substance Abuse Outpatient Clinician (CSAC required)
• Emergency Services Clinician
• Mental Health Facility Technician
• DS Medical Records Associate
• DS Case Manager
• Health Information Technician
• Peer Recovery Intern
• Part-time Driver
• Office Services Specialist
• Director of Clinical Services & QI

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Requires a high school diploma or the equivalent. Work experience in a medical or business office preferred. Individual must be professional, self-motivated and have strong attention to detail, communication, teamwork, customer service and computer skills. Must be bilingual in English & Spanish.

These are full-time positions with benefits.

If you are a mission-driven person looking to make a difference, email dhr@esrh.org before noon on February 26, 2019.

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
THE ACCOMACK COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2019 AT 10 A.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:

A public hearing initiated by Bloxom Auto requesting a special use permit in accordance with Accomack County Code Section 106-179; the applicant is proposing to use an existing sign pole for an electronic sign which will be used as a billboard. The existing pole is located adjacent to the route 13 right of way. The property is located at Tax Map #55A-A-6 at 14126 Lankford Highway, Mappsville, Virginia and is located in a residential district.

Applicant is also seeking a variance in accordance with Accomack County Code Section 106.178 (n)(1) to exceed the allowable square footage by six feet.

SUP-2019-004 Birch
A public hearing initiated by Roger Birch requesting a special use permit in accordance with Accomack Code Section 106-78 (7); the applicant is proposing to locate a convenience store at the location in the existing structure which had previously operated as a convenience store but has been closed for three years. The property is located at Tax Map #41-A-4D at 28183 Saxis Road, Temperanceville, VA 23442 and is in a residential district.

SUP-2019-005 Walker
A public hearing initiated by Revel Walker requesting a special use permit in accordance with Accomack Code Section 106-78 (7); the applicant is proposing to locate a convenience store on the site. The property is located at Tax Map #121B-A-9/10 at 20235 Quinby Bridge, Quinby, VA 23423 and is in a residential district.

VAR-2019-001 Bailey
A public hearing initiated by Michael Bailey requesting a special use in accordance with Accomack Code section 106-203 to replace a single-wide mobile home with a double-wide mobile on a legal non-conforming lot. The property is located at Tax Map #41B-A-3 at 29609 Saxis Road, Temperanceville, VA 23442 and is in an agricultural district.

Public hearing related materials are available for review at the Office of the County Zoning Administrator at 23296 Courthouse Avenue – Room 105 – Accomac, Virginia or http://www.boarddocs.com/va/coa/Board.nsf/Public on the Friday prior to each meeting date.

Handicapped Assistance available, call: (757) 787-5726 or 824-5223.

NOTICE OF OYSTER GROUND APPLICATION
Thomas E. Powers, (2019009) has applied for approximately 10 + acres of oyster planting ground in Swash Bay situated in Accomack County and described as follows: North By: MLW, East By: Accomack PG 34, South By: MLW, West By: MLW Lat/Long: N37.33.3966 W75-41.3069

Send written comments or concerns to: Marine Resources Commission, Engineering/ Surveying Department, 380 Fenwick Road, Fort Monroe, VA 23651-1064

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Thomas E. Powers, (2019010) has applied for approximately 65 + acres of oyster planting ground in Upshur Bay situated in Accomack County and described as follows: North By: MLW, East By: Vacant, West By: MLW Lat/Long: N37.31.6408 W75-44.2897

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Celco Partnership and its controlled affiliates doing business as Verizon Wireles (Verizon Wireless) proposes to build a 199-foot Monopole Communications Tower at the approx. vicinity of Lankford Highway, Exmore, Northampton County, VA 23350. Public comments regarding potential effects from this site on historic properties may be submitted within 30 days from the date of this publication to: Trileaf Corp, Madison, m.warfield@trileaf.com, 8600 LaSalle Road, Suite 301, Towson, MD 21286, 410-853-7128.

NOTICE OF OYSTER GROUND APPLICATION
Harry L. Bowen Jr, (2019006) has applied for approximately 6 + acres of oyster planting ground in Fisherman Inlet situated in Northampton City/County and described as follows: North By: Ballard III PF #17739, East By: MLW, South By: Vacant, West By: VIMS reef permit, Lat/Long: N37-06.4143 W75-57.9613

Send written comments or concerns to: Marine Resources Commission, Engineering/ Surveying Department, 380 Fenwick Road, Fort Monroe, VA 23651-1064

For more specific application location information call (757)247-2230.

IBF #718 – Whispering Pines Demolition
The County of Accomack is seeking sealed bids from qualified Virginia licensed contractors for the demolition of structures located at 23388 Tasley Road, Tasley VA 23441. (County Tax Map numbers: 86C-A-37, 86C-A-36, 86C-A-38, 86C-A-39, 86C-2-1 and 86C-2-2) A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on Thursday, February 28th at 11:00 a.m. beginning at the County Administration Building (Suite 203) and progressing to the project site.

The complete IFB may be viewed on the Accomack County website at www.co.accomack.va.us by clicking on the "IFBs and RFPs" tab. Contract documents may also be examined at the County Building, Planning & Economic Development Office (Suite 105).

Sealed bids may be delivered to the Accomack County Administrator's Office, 23296 Courthouse Ave., Suite 203, Accomac, VA 23301 or may be mailed to the Accomac County Finance Office, c/o Lucy Huffman, P.O. Box 620 Accomac, VA 23301 until Thursday, March 7, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. at which time all bids received by the due date and time will be publicly opened and read aloud in the County Administrator's Office Suite (203) Conference Room. Withdrawal of Bids shall be according to procedure § 2.2-4530 of the Code of Virginia, as amended. Bidders must be licensed as a Contractor in the Commonwealth of Virginia, as required, and the Bidder's attention is directed to the requirements of Title 54.1, Chapter 11, of the Code of Virginia. The OWNER reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or to contact any Bidder prior to award for explanations or clarifications. The OWNER does not discriminate against any Bidder on any basis.

For more information, please contact the Accomac County Finance Office, Lucy Huffman, Procurement Assistant at 757-787-5709 or lhuffman@co.accomack.va.us.

The Town of Parksley will hold a public hearing on March 11, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. at the Parksley Town Hall at 18444 Dunne Avenue in Parksley, Virginia, to solicit public input on the proposed Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) proposal to be submitted to the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development for the Parksley Downtown Revitalization Project. Residents of the project area are encouraged to attend. The Parksley Downtown Revitalization Project will include the following activities: 1) Façade improvements to approximately 20 buildings; 2) Construction of a Bandshell and Entertainment and Education area to support the public events and educational programs; 3) Improvements to two alleyways providing critical access between the Town Square, adjacent businesses, and the new regional library; and 4) Development of a marketing and branding program.

The draft CDBG proposal will be presented for comment along with information on projected beneficiaries, including the number of low- and moderate-income residents to benefit from the proposed project, and plans to minimize displacement. Citizens will also be given the opportunity to comment on Parksley's past use of CDBG funds. A fact sheet on the proposed project and other information on the draft proposal is available at the Town Hall and www.a-ndpc.org/parksley. For additional information, contact Letitia Greer, Town Clerk, at 757-665-4618 or visit the project website at www.a-ndpc.org/parksley.

Comments and grievances may be submitted in writing to the Town of Parksley at 18444 Dunne Avenue, Parksley, Virginia 23421 or by phone at 757-665-4618 and TDD #1-800-828-1140 until March 15, 2019.

If you plan to attend and have any special needs requirements, please call the number listed above.

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1. Maryland Avenue Well, Crisfield, MD
2. Deal Island/Chance Volunteer Fire Department, Deal Island, MD

The Somerset County (MD) Commissioners are seeking proposals from qualified firms to remove an existing generator at the Maryland Avenue well site in Crisfield, MD 21817, and to transport and install it at a new location at the Deal Island/Chance Volunteer Fire Company, located at 10090 Deal Island Road, Deal Island, Maryland 21821. In addition, a new generator needs to be purchased and installed at the Maryland Avenue well site in Crisfield, MD. Both locations are in Somerset County, MD. Proposals will include the purchase of one (1) new generator, and the transportation and installation of two (2) generators, existing and new, and proposals that do not reflect this will not be considered.

Sealed bids from qualified firms will be accepted by the Somerset County Commissioners, 11916 Somerset Avenue, Room 111, Princess Anne, MD 21853, until 1 p.m. on Tuesday, April 2, 2019.

A Mandatory Pre-Bid meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 6, 2019, at 10 a.m. at the Somerset County Office Complex, Room 211, 11916 Somerset Avenue, Princess Anne, MD, 21853, with a Site Visit to both generator sites included in the bid documents.

Request For Proposal documents may be obtained in person or by mail, from the Department of Technical & Community Services, 11916 Somerset Avenue, Room 211, Princess Anne, MD 21853, or by calling (410) 651-1424. The documents are also available at the County’s Website at www.somersetmd.us on the “Bids/Proposals” page.

Funding for this activity is made available through the federally-funded Community Development Block Grant Program. Somerset County is an equal opportunity employer, and strongly encourages submissions by minority and women business enterprises and Section 3 businesses.

For more information, please contact the Somerset County Department of Technical & Community Services at 410-651-1424 or at gpusey@somersetmd.us

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Proposed Vacation of Public Right of Way and Sale of Real Property

The Town of Cape Charles hereby gives notice that the Town Council will hold public hearings concerning the following items:

- The vacation of a public right of way on tax map # 90-8-A12.
- The sale of a portion of one lot, located on Marina Road (Tax Map No. 83A3-A-10), to the Hungry Crab, LLC.

The public hearings will be held before the Town Council at 6:30 p.m. on March 14, 2019, at the Cape Charles Civic Center, 500 Tazewell Avenue, Cape Charles, Virginia 23310.

This notice is advertised pursuant to § 15.2-2006, § 15.2-1800, and § 15.2-1813 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended. Interested persons may appear at the public hearing and present their views.

Additional information regarding the vacation of public right of way, and sale of the foregoing real property is available for review at www.capecharles.org under Agenda and Minutes/Town Council or in the Clerk’s Office at 2 Plum Street, Cape Charles.

These items will be discussed and brought to a vote by the Town Council at the special meeting immediately following the public hearings.

Lawrence DiRe
Town Manager

TOWN OF EXMORE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On Monday, the 4th day of March, 2019, the Council of the Town of Exmore, Virginia, will hold a public hearing on the proposed issuance by the Town of Exmore, Virginia, of its bonds in the estimated maximum principal amount of $1,250,000. The purposes of the proposed bonds are to (a) finance, in part, costs of water system improvements in the Town, including (without limitation) two new wells, a filtration facility, two backwash-holding tanks and installation of an emergency generator and (b) pay related issuance and financing costs. Such bonds shall be general obligations of the Town to the payment of which the Town’s full faith and credit shall be irrevocably pledged. The Town may also pledge net revenues of its water, sewer and/or sanitation systems.

The public hearing will be conducted at 7:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room of the J. Guy Lawson Municipal Building, 3305 Main Street, Exmore, Virginia. Interested persons may appear at such time and place and present their views.

The Town of Exmore is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Ethel Parks
Town Clerk
Town of Exmore, Virginia

Public Notice

The Northampton County Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in the Board Chambers located in the County Administration Building at 16404 Courthouse Road in Eastville, VA. The Board of Zoning Appeals will meet for the purpose of conducting regular business and public hearing on the following matter:

A. Exception 2019-02: Joseph & Joanne Savan have filed an application for a variance and buffer exception. They are requesting a 6.5 feet variance from the left side setback. As well as an exception of 2,713 square foot and 48.5 feet from the required 100 foot CBPA buffer for a single family home and pool. The property is located in the Solitude Trail subdivision at Lot 31 Wilsonia Neck. The property is zoned ES/R-A1 and is further described as Tax Map 48-A-10.

Anyone interested in the above matter should attend the public hearing in order to make their views known. Additional comments may also be written and sent to the Planning, Permitting and Enforcement Department. The files may be viewed in the Northampton County Planning, Permitting and Enforcement Department in Eastville, VA, located at 16404 Courthouse Road in Eastville, VA.

Handicapped Assistance Available: Please telephone 757-678-0443, extension 516, at least 48 hours in advance.

TRUSTEE SALE

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Acacomack County

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of $192,000.00, dated March 21, 2018 recorded in the Clerk’s Office of the Circuit Court of the Accomack County, Virginia, in Document No. 180001086, default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the entrance to the Circuit Court, 23316 Courthouse Avenue, Accomack, on March 18, 2019 at 12:00 PM the property described in said deed, located at the above address and briefly described as:

All that certain tract or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Town of Parksley, Accomack County, VA, on Virginia Highway 674, leading from the Town of Parksley to the Village of Clam, and bounded on the South by Virginia Highway 674 and by the land now or formerly by M. D. Mason and wife; on the East by the land now or formerly of F. W. Blake and M. L. Blake, his wife, and by the land now or formerly of W. A. Sprague and on the West by the land now or formerly of the heirs of W. Z. Mason and by the land now or formerly owned by M. D. Mason and wife, being Tax ID: 078A1A0000002020, with improvements thereon.

Subject to any and all covenants, conditions, restrictions, easements, and all other matters of record taking priority over the Deed of Trust, if any, affecting the aforesaid property.

TERMS OF SALE: CASH: A deposit of $20,000.00 or 10% of the sales price, whichever is lower, cash or certified check will be required at the time of sale, but no more than $10,000.00 of cash will be accepted, with settlement within fifteen (15) days from the date of sale. Sale is subject to post-sale confirmation that the borrower did not file for protection under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code prior to the sale, and the Purchaser’s sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the recovery of said deposit without interest. Additional terms may be announced at the time of sale. Pursuant to the Federal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, we advise you that this firm is a debt collector attempting to collect the indebtedness referred to herein and any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

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Sealed bids for the above referenced project will be received at the office of the County Administrator, 16404 Courthouse Road, Eastville, VA 23347 until 3:00 PM, March 20, 2019. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud immediately thereafter.

Contractors can obtain copies of the project specifications by contacting the Planning, Permitting and Enforcement Director at 757-678-0448 ext. 541 or smcghee@co.northampton.va.us. Documents will also be available on the County website at http://www.co.northampton.va.us/procurements.html.

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If you get an email purporting to be from the IRS, ignore it since it is certainly a scam. The IRS is firmly rooted in the past and never uses email to communicate with the taxpayer. And if such an email has an attachment, do not open it. Or if you open it, do not supply any of the requested information. Failure to observe this red flag will probably result in your bank account(s) being drained.

If you get a phone call purporting to be from the IRS or the Treasury Department, perhaps threatening you with arrest, ignore it since the IRS does not communicate this way either. Better yet, report this scam attempt to local law enforcement so officials can spread the word.

Please do not take a “tax refund anticipation loan” or similar product that is heavily advertised in this season. Between interest and “fees,” you will pay an annualized interest rate that approaches triple digits, all for the dubious privilege of getting your refund a few weeks quicker. Speaking of refunds, consider this. You are getting a refund because you probably had too much money withheld over the course of the year. In effect, you loaned the government money and are simply getting it back, without interest. Do you really want to do that? Fill out a new W-4 form with your employer to have less money withheld each paycheck (and more in your pocket each paycheck). Conversely, the new tax law may result in you owning money to the IRS due to some of the major changes. If that is true for your tax return for 2018, adjust your W-4 with your employer to have more withheld so you do not repeat this “sticker shock” next year.

If you get a notice from the IRS after you file that they have already received and processed your return (before you filed your actual return), you are the victim of identity theft. Unfortunately, you will have to now embark on a long and arduous process of straightening this out with the IRS, your credit card companies, etc. It is in your interest to file your return as early as possible, so as to beat any would-be scammer to the punch.

The new tax law makes it less likely that individuals who are not business owners or landlords will itemize on their returns, making the return far simpler. If that describes your situation, please try to empower yourself by doing your own return. Don’t be intimidated, it is not rocket science, and you’ll save some money. And if you do employ a tax preparer or tax preparation service, make sure it is a reputable one as opposed to a “barstool accountant.” This is an unregulated field, so be careful. Also, the IRS keeps track of services that are prone to produce “shady” returns, something that could work against you since you are responsible for your return, even if it is prepared and signed by somebody else.

As always, it is your money so defend it!

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Guest Column by Victoria Floyd Belfit

Genealogy is fun!

Three years ago I got the genealogy bug and began searching for my father’s line within the Floyd family of Virginia. At the time, I only knew about his ancestors. Library visitors enjoy sharing genealogy stories and research tips.
Another Perspective on Immigration

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Connie prefers the “biscuit-like steamed dumplings, my family grew up eating them. That’s the way I learned to make them from my mother, in Georgia, but I am adaptable and like the local flat ones too.”

Sam Sellard, our ad rep, “likes the flat ones” and even when they stick together he “won’t throw them away.” He’s game for trying the puffy ones. I’m hoping Connie will get the hint because all of us would be game to try them.

So why all the talk about dumplings?

There’s a special fundraising Saturday, Feb. 23, from 3 to 7 p.m. It’s called “After Valentine’s Day Dinner” and is being sponsored by the Melfa Volunteer Fire & Rescue. Deliveries will be available to businesses that buy four or more dinners, from Accomac to Exmore. Call ahead for deliveries at 787-4511. The dinners will include chicken and dumplings, mac and cheese, green beans, cornbread, and tea, coffee, or water. Sweet treats will be sold separately. Yippee.

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