In a tough split decision March 21, the Cape Charles town council turned down an offer from a local restaurant owner to purchase the harborfront property on which his business is built, which would have given him the equity he needed to expand the restaurant to meet customer demand.

“Over 20 years, this is the hardest decision I’ve ever made,” Councilman Chris Bannon said before voting against the sale that he believed would not be in the town’s best interest.

In 2012, Jon Dempster, of Cape Charles, took the risk of opening the Shanty restaurant at the town harbor, development that was called for in Cape Charles’ harbor plan. Now the restaurant is so popular that during the summer tourist season there’s a two-hour wait. Building an addition to increase the restaurant’s capacity would help cut that wait time down to an hour, Dempster said.

The sale and business expansion would create a “win-win situation” for the restaurant and the town, generating more tax revenue and jobs, Dempster said.

Earlier this month, his company, Hungry Crab LLC, presented an unsolicited offer of $262,000 for the .4-acre portion of the lot on which the Shanty is located, not including the parking lot or watermen’s memorial in front of the

Assateague on Patrol

The U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Assateague was an Island class patrol boat that was auctioned in 2017. It is among the boats named for Eastern Shore of Virginia locations and included in a story on pages 28 and 29.

Store Robbery That Injured Customer Gets Harmon 53 Years

Antonio Lamar Harmon used a sawed-off shotgun to rob a clerk of $40 at the Painter Corner Mart on Lankford Highway in 2018. A customer, who had gone inside the store to retrieve a gas receipt, was injured when Harmon struck him before fleeing.

Wednesday, Judge W. Revell Lewis sentenced Harmon, 37, of Mini Road in Tasley, to a total of 53 years and nine months in prison for the crimes. With suspended time, he was set to serve 17 years and nine months. He could have been fined up to $602,500 and been sentenced to two life terms plus 23 years.

“He hadn’t been out of prison very long before this,” said Assistant Commonwealth’s Attorney Randy Fultz. Probation hasn’t been able to get him to change his ways. ... Mr. Harmon is just a threat to the community. ... He admitted that he had intended to kill both the clerk and
The offer was deemed fair market value by W.R. McCain and Associates, of Salisbury, Md., in an independent review.

But Cape Charles citizens who spoke up or wrote in at a March 14 public hearing and the March 21 regular town meeting disagreed.

In an email, David Gay called the $262,000 offer “an insult” and said the Hungry Crab already has a “sweetheart deal” in its lease that costs $500 a month and 1 percent of gross revenues.

Town Manager Larry DiRe recommended the council reject the offer, in part because the majority of public opinions were against it. The town should maintain full control of its harbor during planning of future development at the harbor and the adjacent rail yard, his report continued.

Against DiRe’s recommendation, Councilman Andy Buchholz motioned to permit the sale, seconded by Councilwoman Tammy Holloway. Both council members are also business owners.

Councilman Paul Grossman said it would be in the town's best interest if the Hungry Crab continued paying rent and property taxes. Buchholz said that position was “short-sighted” and did not consider that the town would get more revenue from meals taxes after the restaurant expansion.

Councilwoman Cela Burge indicated she would support the motion if there were “guardrails” around the deal.

On Burge’s advice, Buchholz amended his motion to give the town first right of refusal of any resale of the land, which could not be resold for more than $262,000, the original offer.

Burge was the third “yes” vote, but three councilmen voted “no”: Bannon, Grossman, and Steve Bennett.

Mayor Smitty Dize said he would have voted “yes” to break the tie, but his vote would not have counted, as a super majority vote of at least 5 to 1 was needed to permit the sale of town-owned property.

Dize said the council was “making a big mistake” by not selling the property and “we need to do due diligence to be in the business of helping businesses.”

In another matter, the council voted unanimously to send a letter to the Virginia Department of Transportation in support of Cape Charles giving up the public right-of-way on a portion of Bayside Road near the Cape Charles Yacht Center.

Eyre Baldwin, who owns the yacht center and has already purchased the 1.5-acre parcel that contains the right-of-way, wants the road for transporting boats from the yacht center to a repair facility on another of his properties.

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Community College Has 3 Years To Prove Its Viability

By Linda Cicoira

The Eastern Shore Community College has a three-year plan that will protect the school’s independence, prioritize the students, and provide tools to meet the needs of the Eastern Shore, according to a recent letter ESCC Board Chairman Jeff Holland sent to faculty, staff, board members, and school supporters.

The plan includes bringing classes to Chincoteague and Cape Charles and offering classes at times that align with Star Transit’s schedule. Classes for working students with limited access to internet and transportation will also be available.

The college will be reassessed by the Virginia Community College System in 2022, the plan states. At that time, ESCC will either prove it can stand on its own or it will be consolidated with another state community college.

Hiring a new permanent school president appears to be a move for independence as an interim president has been in place for more than a year. However, the task of consolidating services is included in the first year of the plan.

For 2019, cost-saving measures associated with consolidating administrative functions with another school will be identified and made “resulting in reduced annual administrative personnel costs without sacrificing the quality of teaching and learning,” the plan states.

Opportunities to consolidate “select student services while maintaining support structures necessary for student success” is also included for this year. Workers schedules will be adjusted to “ensure campus operating hours seven days a week and evenings” this year. Staff assignments will also be modified “to ensure appropriate coverage of administrative and student services.” Development of a plan “to adequately fund faculty and staff professional development, including succession planning” is also part of the plan.

Next year, the college will look into expanding its relationship with Virginia Tech and the Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS). More collaboration with local public secondary schools and Broadwater Academy will be made “to identify shared challenges and possible efficiencies through partnerships” including “shared facilities and faculty,” the plan states.

ESCC will also look at the “feasibility of on-campus dual enrollment college academies.”

This year a plan is in works to develop the college’s role as “the hub for community engagement” with implementation in 2020 and 2021.

Grants will continue to be pursued “to support academic and workforce training programs and to promote post-secondary access and success.”

Starting this year, the college plans to “establish ongoing internship and apprenticeship programs with key regional industries and employers, including but not limited to: healthcare, hospitality, chicken production —Tysons and Perdue, aquaculture, agriculture, and aerospace.”

Online training for general education courses with other community colleges will be implemented and academic and workforce programs will be set to meet community needs.

Programs will be added and discontinued also according to greatest need, the plan states. Equipment sharing for CDL training and mobile labs will also be established.

The school plans to ask regional employers to identify workforce solutions and demands.

The college foundation will provide money upfront and reimbursements for bridge-tunnel tolls when needed this year. The school plans to develop a mentor program in 2020.

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**Chincoteague Elementary Test Scores Drop, Educators Concerned**

By Stefanie Jackson

Chincoteague Elementary School’s test scores dropped unexpectedly last year, and now teachers are fighting an uphill battle to help their students reach academic heights.

“We entered the year with a group of teachers that were heartbroken, not quite sure how all of this has happened, but they know that they wanted to improve,” Principal Marjorie Rosati told the Accomack school board March 19.

Last year’s third grade had the most trouble passing the benchmarks. Previously, the school’s three-year average passing rate for reading was 87 percent, but that fell to 78 percent when just 64 percent of third graders passed the reading test.

Only 55 percent of those same third graders passed the math benchmark.

The subgroups of African-American students and students with disabilities struggled even more. One of seven African-American third-grade students, or 14 percent, passed the reading benchmark. Two of eight third-grade students with disabilities, or 25 percent, passed the reading benchmark.

Another 14 percent of African-American third graders and 12 percent of students with disabilities in third grade passed the math benchmark.

That makes it really hard, at that third-grade level — that first year of SOL testing — to get those guys where they need to be,” she said.

One problem is Chincoteague Elementary has only one reading specialist, and the school isn’t eligible for funding from Title I — the largest federally funded education program, targeted at schools with large populations of low-income students.

Parents often believe putting a child in special education will make life easier, but it actually means the student has to do “double duty,” Holmes continued. If a child has 20 spelling words to study, she adds another 20 lower-level words to help the student catch up.

Another challenge facing special education teachers is scheduling. Attending meetings or addressing crises, such as student behavior issues, takes time away from working with students in the classroom, Holmes said.

A special education teacher for every one or two grades would be ideal, she told school board vice chairman Ronnie Holden when he asked what would help. Holmes currently teaches special education in third, fourth, and fifth grade.

Teachers are “desperate” to help students with learning difficulties and connect students with learning disabilities to special education resources, Holmes said.

“I’ve been doing this for a long time,” fifth grade teacher Debra Lewis said through tears. “Our scores have always been phenomenal, and we want the best for these kids, and we’re doing everything we can.

“I welcome anybody to come in and tell me something else to try.” After “31 years, you’d think my job would be getting a little easier, but I don’t feel like it is, and I take this very seriously,” she said.

Jessica Vasilou teaches the fourth graders whose third-grade test scores brought down the school average last year. “I’ve never taught so hard … than I have this year,” she said.

Holmes also stressed the importance of telling the difference between a learning disability and a “learning difficulty.”

Identifying a student with a learning disability and placing that student in special education requires evidence of the learning disability and its “educational impact” on the student.

Often, students are not identified for special education until they reach second or third grade and are already a year or two behind, Holmes said.

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“I’m not sure that some of these test scores represent what our students know,” Rosati added. Several fourth graders have ADD (attention deficit disorder) and struggle both in understanding the content and taking the tests. These students will be taught test-taking skills, she said.

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She tries to instill work ethics in her students, “but I’m only in front of them seven hours a day.”

“When they go home, I don’t know what happens,” she continued. Chronic absenteeism is also a problem. “The parents expect me to catch them up. When I’m teaching 20 other kids, and your kid hasn’t been here for five days.”

Last year, nearly 11 percent of Chincoteague Elementary students missed 10 percent or more of the school year.

Parental involvement is also a concern. One of the first school improvement efforts made at Chincoteague Elementary this year was inviting parents of struggling students to a workshop that taught parents how to help their kids learn at home and encouraged better communication with teachers.

In the classroom, teachers now follow “one uniform lesson plan … the county lesson plan,” Rosati said. Teacher schedules were adjusted to allow time to meet with the special education teacher and discuss strategies adjusted to allow time to meet with the special education teacher and discuss strategies to address specific student learning issues.

Rosati monitors grades and arranges after-school tutoring when needed.

She is also tracking academic growth. This year, African-American third graders have achieved 1.36 years of academic growth, and students with disabilities in third grade achieved about 1.5 years of growth.

Peebles’ Exmore Store To Close by January

By Linda Cicoira

Another store is going out of business in Exmore.

Peebles Department Store, in the Shore Plaza Shopping Center, on Lankford Highway, will shutdown on Jan. 18, 2020, an operator in the corporate office said Tuesday.

We are “closing stores all over,” she added. “Some are opening a Gordmans (in the same location,) but not this one.”

She transferred an Eastern Shore Post reporter’s call to the real estate division where another worker said he didn’t “have any information about it’ and hung up.

Peebles, Gordmans, Bealls, Palais Royal and Goody’s are all owned by Stage Stores, which operates 793 stores in 42 states with headquarters in Houston, Texas.

The Exmore Peebles store manager, Renee Morrell, was not at work this week. She did not return an inquiry left on her cell phone’s answering machine.

A worker there said the store was selling its inventory at reduced prices and would be able to stay open until January by continuing to get clearance items to sell from other stores in the chain. A banner hanging in front of the business also says there is a closing sale in progress.

George Christacos, of Washington, D.C., owns the shopping center, which is listed online as being for sale for $5 million.

Joe Poole, of Poole Accounting, in Maryland, identified himself as Christacos’ business manager and accountant. He was unsure why the Peebles store was closing, but confirmed that the lease would expire in January and the business wasn’t planning on renewing it.

“They haven’t been horrible, but they obviously haven’t been great,” Poole said. “Roses and others have been impacted by the Walmart that isn’t planning on renewing it.

“We’re working on that,” Poole said, when asked if another business would be moving in.

This year’s fourth graders – last year’s third graders who brought down the school’s average benchmark passing rates – are achieving modest growth. In fourth grade, students with disabilities have gained about half a grade level, and African-American students have gained between half and one full grade level.

The shopping center has lost several tenants over the years including A & N, which closed all of its stores in 2008; Kmart, which was closed in 2003; and Roses. The Verizon store and Dollar General moved out after building their own stores across the highway in more recent years.

Other businesses that closed in Exmore were Sally & Bob’s, Wendy’s, KFC/Taco Bell, Burger King, Sage Dinner, Trawler Restaurant, Radio Shack, Cato’s, Shoe Show, and Fresh Pride.

The Benjamin Building, a three story structure, on Main Street in downtown Exmore, was the original location of Peebles. Now painted yellow, the 16,580-square foot structure has been vacant for years and is listed at $499,900.

Frank Mapp, of Exmore, grew up in the town and his father John Mapp was the first mayor. Mapp said Peebles bought the store from Benjamin’s, which had a merry-go-round on the third floor and another business in Salisbury, Md.
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Woman Pleads Guilty to Embezzlement From Hardees

A 30-year-old Painter woman pleaded guilty last week in Accomack Circuit Court to embezzling more than $2,400 from Hardees in Onley. Jackee Dortisha Giddens, of Big Pine Road, admitted she committed the May 12, 2018, crime. Judge W. Revell Lewis III allowed Giddens to remain free on $5,500 bond until sentencing, which was set for June 27. Restitution of $2,431.60 was ordered.

Giddens could be sentenced up to 20 years in prison and fined $2,500.

Odai Mustapha, also known as Odai Mustafa, 28, of Lankford Highway in New Church, pleaded guilty to felony possession with intent to distribute marijuana and misdemeanor possession with intent to sell paraphernalia. The crimes occurred Aug. 17, 2017.

A presentence report was ordered. Mustapha could get up to 11 years in prison and a fine of $5,000.

Connie Jolanda Walker 55, of Mini Road in Accomac, pleaded guilty to credit card fraud, credit card forgery, and credit card larceny between March 16 and May 25, 2018. A presentence report was ordered and sentencing was set for June 27.

Man Charged With Child Porn Waives Hearing

A Tasley man, charged with possessing child pornography, waived his right Monday in Accomack General District Court to have a preliminary hearing regarding the alleged offense.

Details regarding the charge against Sejour Richerson, 43, of Daugherty Road, will be given to the grand jury April 1. Richerson is accused of knowingly possessing a pornographic video on July 14 and showing it, via a cell phone, to two fellow workers.

A complaint was made to the Accomack County Sheriff’s Office from Perdue Farms in Accomac. Records state the phone was seized.

In another case, Carrol Thomas Baker, 32, of Cooper Lane in Accomac, was accused of stealing property valued at $500 or more from Walmart, in Onley, Jan. 25. Baker was arrested March 22. Deputy M. R. McCready, of the Accomack County Sheriff’s Office, investigated.

Marionville Woman Accused of Two Crimes

A Marionville woman was accused last week of committing two crimes, according to records filed in Northampton General District Court.

Amy Gladden Sturgis, 38, was charged with felony obtaining money by false pretense and misdemeanor defrauding a garage keeper in connection with incidents that occurred March 22. She was arrested the same day and is being held in the Eastern Shore Regional Jail, in Accomac.

Sentencing

The incident occurred at about 11:30 p.m., March 28, 2018. According to court records, the injured man was Lawrence Levinson. He was treated on the scene by Painter Emergency Medical Services. The name of the clerk was not disclosed.

“This is clearly a mental health case,” said Defense lawyer Garrett Dunham. “He was literally hearing voices in his head and things like that.” Dunham said when he first talked to Harmon, “He was not there.” Since then he’s getting treatment and the jail is giving him his medications, he added. “He didn’t kill those people. The defendant who is here today” is not the same person who did the crimes. “We have a person who now sees how serious this is. He took responsibility and turned himself in.”

Lewis sentenced Harmon to nine months for brandishing a firearm (a misdemeanor), 10 years with eight years suspended for malicious wounding, three years for use of a firearm in a felony, 20 years for possession of a sawed-off shotgun with all but two years suspended, and 20 years for robbery with half the time suspended.

Dunham told the court that Harmon has a tattoo that was popular where he grew up. But that he is not a member of a street gang.

“Your criminal record stands for many years going back to 2000” in Accomack and Chesterfield and Virginia Beach, Va., said Lewis. “You have been on probation in each of these jurisdictions and you had probation revoked. You continued to commit serious offenses.”
Rankin Ray Clark

Mr. Rankin Ray Clark, 86, husband of Lillie Richardson Clark and a resident of Capeville, passed away peacefully Monday, March 25, 2019, at his residence with his loving wife of 64 years by his side. Born June 1, 1932, in Amherst County, Va., and then moving to the Eastern Shore when Mr. Clark was eight, he was the son of the late Richard Clark and the late Annie Belle Floyd Clark. Mr. Clark served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. After serving his country, he drove for a logging company and then drove an oil truck for Bagwell Oil Company until his retirement.

In addition to his loving wife, he is survived by two daughters, Ginger Pruitt and her husband, Keith, of Cedarview, and Wendy Carpenter and her husband, J.K., of Cheriton; and three grandchildren, Cassie P. Simmons, Dallas Pruitt, and Ashley Carpenter; two great-grandchildren, Kaiden Stokes, who loved to spend time with her daughter, she truly loved her job and helping people in any way she could. She was able to put a smile on anyone’s face with her dry, straightforward, funny sense of humor.

Along with her parents, Clyde and Cindy Pruitt, of Tangier, she was a devoted mom and loved cooking with her daughter. Mrs. Corbin was a graduate of Tangier Combined School, Class of 2008, and obtained a degree in nursing from Wor-Wic Community College. She was a registered nurse working most recently for PRMC Cancer Center. Prior to her work at McCreary Hospital and Manokin Manor Nursing Home.

Mrs. Corbin was born on Tangier Island, she was a daughter of Crisfield, Md., passed away Friday, March 22, 2019, at her home.

Mr. Elwood Lee Evans, 92, loving husband of Dorothy Thornton Evans and a resident of Wachapreague, passed away Saturday, March 23, 2019, with his loving family by his side.

Born April 21, 1926, in Cashville, he was the only child of John Henry Evans and Fannie Turlington Evans.

Mr. Evans served his country in the U.S. Merchant Marines. Following discharge from the USMM, he began working for NASA as an aerospace engineer and retired as department supervisor. Retirement allowed Mr. Evans to pursue many of his lifelong passions such as fishing, rabbit hunting, perfecting his lawn, attending Washington Nationals baseball games, and most importantly, spending time with his family. He was a long-time member of the former Ocean View Masonic Lodge, now Central Lodge # 300 A.F. & A.M., the FHA Hunt Club, and regularly attended services at Hollies Baptist Church.

In addition to his wife of 68 years, he is survived by their son, Ronald D. Evans Sr., of Wachapreague; grandchildren, Michele Denton-Blake and husband, Frank III, and Ronald D. Evans Jr., of Pungoteague; great-grandchildren, Brandon Parks, Amanda Denton, and Kolby and Kayla Evans; great-great-granddaughter, Marlaina Parks; and niece, Pat Smith and husband, G.L.

Funeral services, with Masonic Rites, were conducted from the graveside at the Wachapreague Cemetery March 27, 2019, with the Rev. David Riley officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to Riverside Shore Hospice, PO. Box 616, Onley, VA 23418, or to Hollies Baptist Church, PO. Box 7, Keller, VA 23401.

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

Arrangements were made by the Williams-Onancock Funeral Home.

CAPITAL LETTERS

By Del. Robert Bloxom

In this week’s Capitol Report, I want to discuss a few pieces of legislation that we considered this year that I think would be of interest to you. We voted on over 2,500 pieces of legislation which is hard to believe considering we were only in session for 45 days. It is hard to imagine so much could be wrong with our commonwealth.

A lot of bills that were put forward are for the localities to ask permission to do something that is different from what is already in the state code. We are a Dillon rule state, which means that the state’s laws take precedence over local laws. This, in turn, requires the legislature’s permission on any change or variance. Changing a town’s charter to the allowance of golf carts on a road within a town’s limit and restricting the parking of oversize boats on the streets of Cape Charles are just two examples of bills that were brought before us.

Quite a few bills are the result of federal law changes, so it is necessary for us to adapt to these laws. Tax code conformity and tax on internet sales are merely a couple examples of this type of legislation.

Other bills deal with changes in technology. The technology relating to drones is a challenging issue. While individual privacy needs to be protected from these drones, these technological advances, in turn, need to be promoted for societal benefits. Similar to this, the telephone industry has telemarketers that are increasingly becoming a burden in individuals’ personal lives, but our laws are unable to keep up with their new tactics.

The last bill of interest is one that I think will make you shake your head like it has made me shake mine. Do you know what I mean when I refer to the parking space with the diagonal blue lines that is situated by the handicapped space in a parking lot? If you are like me, you probably thought it was illegal to park in these particular places. Well, as of July 1, it will be, but unbeknownst to my colleagues and me, we just learned we could have been parking in these spaces all along. This is just one example of assuming a law is in code, when in reality, it has been omitted. Such is the complicated, head-shaking day in the life of a legislator.

As always, I am truly honored to represent the 100th District. You may reach me at my home office in Mappsville at 757-824-3456, email me at delrbloxom@house.virginia.gov and on Facebook @electbloxomfordelegate if you have any questions or concerns.
Northampton Supervisor: ‘State Not Serious About K Through 12 Education’

By Stefanie Jackson

The Northampton school board’s presentation of its proposed budget for fiscal year 2020 initiated a discussion with county supervisors Tuesday night on the growing trend of state legislators shifting the burden of funding public education onto localities.

“The state of Virginia is not serious about K through 12 education,” said Spencer Murray, chairman of the board of supervisors Tuesday night on the growing trend of state legislators shifting the burden of funding public education onto localities.

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“The fact that I’m chairman shows Potatoes USA is for every farm, no matter the size or focus. The organization works to help all aspects of the industry and that’s something we need to remember as we continue to move forward,” Hickman concluded.

Hickman is a graduate of Virginia Tech and his passion outside of potatoes is Virginia Tech football.
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“Influenza viruses infect the nose, throat, and lungs and spreads mainly from person to person by droplets from the nose or throat that are released when an infected person coughs or sneezes,” according to a prepared statement. “Sometimes, people may become infected by touching something with influenza virus on it and then touching their mouth or nose before washing their hands. The infectious period begins up to a day before symptoms start and can last for five to seven days.”

If you become ill with fever, sore throat, and/or cough, health officials urge you to stay home and avoid contact with other people. Most people are able to recover at home and do not need to be tested during peak flu season. Your primary care provider encourages you to call by phone if you have any questions and can advise you if you or your child needs to be seen in the office.

The usual treatments are getting rest, drinking plenty of liquids, and taking over-the-counter medicine for fever. Some prescription drugs may reduce the severity of influenza. Aspirin should not be given to children with fever-causing illnesses because of the possibility of a complication called Reye’s syndrome. Antibiotics are not effective at fighting the flu.

Young children, adults who are 65 or older, pregnant women, and those with certain chronic medical conditions are among those groups at high risk of serious flu complications, possibly requiring hospitalization and sometimes resulting in death.

Sinus and ear infections are examples of moderate complications from flu, while pneumonia is a serious flu complication that can result from either influenza virus infection alone or from co-infection of flu virus and bacteria. Other possible serious complications triggered by flu can include inflammation of the heart (myocarditis), brain (encephalitis), or muscle (myositis, rhabdomyolysis) tissues, and multi-organ failure (for example, respiratory and kidney failure). Flu virus infection of the respiratory tract can trigger an extreme inflammatory response in the body and can lead to sepsis, the body’s life-threatening response to infection. Flu also can make chronic medical problems worse. People with asthma may experience asthma attacks while they have the flu, and people with chronic heart disease may experience a worsening of this condition triggered by flu. Anyone with serious complications should seek emergency medical care as soon as possible.

It is not too late to get a flu shot. Being vaccinated annually protects the person who gets the shot and can prevent the spread of influenza in the community.

For more information about influenza, visit https://www.cdc.gov/flu/
American Legion Rallies Around Member’s Family

Submitted Article and Photo

After Donald Appenzeller recently passed away suddenly at the age of 40, members of the American Legion Post 56 in Cheriton organized a silent auction and dinner at the Legion Post to donate to the Appenzeller Children’s Trust Fund. Appenzeller died just days after being exposed to a viral infection and was a member of the Sons of American Legion Squadron 56.

Several post members were close friends of the deceased. They raised more than $11,000 through 144 donations and the money earned from the Legion Post dinner and silent auction held in early February to benefit the trust. As one of the Legion organizers said, “It was the outpouring of community support that made this benefit an tremendous success.”

The money they raised will help support Appenzeller’s 14-year-old son and six-month-old twin girls.

Appenzeller’s parents, Donald and Marnie Appenzeller, thanked the American Legion post. “It is with heartfelt thanks and appreciation that we write to you for all the hard work and commitment of the Legion in preparing and hosting such a wonderful event in memory of Donny to support his children and their future,” they wrote. “It truly shows the dedication Post 56 members have toward friends, neighbors and the community in times of need.”

Donald Appenzeller

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At least two people would take the journey — a pilot and someone to collect all the information relating to the condition of the bank, shoreline structures, and land use.

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Flynn Vaults to New State Record and Third State Championship

By Krystle Bono

The Northampton Yellow Jackets varsity indoor track team competed in the 2A VHSL Indoor State Tournament at Roanoke College Feb. 25 and 26 under the direction of Head Coach Oliver Bennett and pole vault coach Terry Flynn.

Senior Yellow Jacket Forest Flynn pole vaulted to his first indoor state title, and his third career championship, setting a new state record of 14-1.

Flynn was among four Yellow Jacket pole vaulters to compete at the state finals under pole vault coach Terry Flynn, with Tyrese Harris, who placed 15th, Alphonso Godwin, with a 16th-place finish, and Liam Flynn, earning 17th overall, all with jumps of 8-6.

Flynn earned his first state title in 2017 at the outdoor state meet with a vault of 11-6 and his second championship last June in Elkton, hitting a 13-3 mark in the outdoor pole vault finals, smashing the previous year's record. Earlier this season, Flynn set a career best of 14-4 during the International Pole Vault Summit in Reno, Nev., held Jan. 19.

Sophomores JyAsia Savage finished fourth in the 55-meter dash. Tyrese Harris, also a sophomore, earned a seventh-place finish after battling back from an injury he suffered over the first hurdle of the 55-meter hurdle event, fighting through to complete the race.

Northampton also took a team of Shamar Johnson, Jaquan Langston, Kobe Lyons, and Harris, earning a 10th-place finish in the 4x200.

Nandua Varsity Soccer Squads Boast Three-Straight to Begin Season

By Krystle Bono

Monday night, the Northampton Yellow Jackets girls varsity soccer club collected their first win of the season, shutting down Lancaster 6-0, in Eastville.

Nohemi Montalvo led the Yellow Jackets with two goals and two assists. Wendi Martinez also put two between the pipes for Northampton with one assist. Rocio Cruz and Layla Rodriguez also tallied one goal apiece, and Liana Rodriguez recorded an assist.

Montalvo and Martinez lifted Northampton to another scoreless victory on their home turf Wednesday afternoon, 2-0, with both contributing a goal.

Northampton will be back in action tonight (Friday) in Eastville to host Northumberland at 6 p.m.

The Nandua Warriors girls varsity team extinguished Arcadia Firebirds by a 7-0 count Monday afternoon in Onley. This makes for a third-straight win for the Warriors, who defeated Middlesex 1-0, March 13, and Franklin, 4-1, March 20. Nandua is set for a road tilt against Windsor Monday afternoon beginning at 7 p.m.

The Firebirds host the Yellow Jackets at 5 p.m. in Oak Hall Monday afternoon.

Northampton’s boys varsity team fell to Mathews on the road March 18, 6-1.

The Yellow Jackets also suffered at the claws of the Firebirds March 20, in Eastville, by a 4-1 count, but found redemption against Lancaster Monday night, defending their home turf to a 3-2 win.

Arcadia knotted things up March 18, finishing on a 1-1 note against a hosting Northumberland. The Firebirds swapped host duties Monday night, facing Northumberland again, this time one-upping their opponent to a final count of 1-0.

The Warrior boys are also cruising on a three-game win steak, topping a scoreless Lakeland on the road March 13, by eight, and the team recorded another shutout in Onley over Bruton, 6-0, March 18. Wednesday night, the Warriors traveled to Oak Hall and battled their district rivals to a 3-1 final. The Warriors are at it again tonight at Bayside; Arcadia will meet Northampton on Hamilton Field Monday night.

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**Varsity Baseball and Softball Action**

*Story and Photos by Krystle Bono*

Monday afternoon, the Arcadia Firebirds fell to Washington High in Princess Anne, 10-0. McKinley Welsh lead the Firebirds’ offense, going 1-for-2 at the plate, notching a triple. Alison Bowmann and Alysia Wessells both went 1-for-2.

Hailey Berry shouldered the loss, throwing 3.1 innings, allowing eight hits, two earned runs, and one walk, while recording three strikeouts.

Haley McDaniel relieved Berry, pitching 0.2 innings with 2 hits, and Bowmann also pitched 0.2 innings of relief, giving up one hit, two earned runs, and 2 walks.

The Firebirds traveled to Nandua Tuesday afternoon, with the Warriors coming out victorious by a dominating score of 16-5.

Lyric Sampson was the front-runner for the Warrior’s offense against the Firebirds, knocking four hits in four appearances, with a double, two singles, and a homer in the fifth, and five RBIs. Carol Hope Greer and Abigail Killmon each batted in two and tallied a hit, apiece.

Parker Murphy was the winning pitcher, striking out eight while allowing five runs on four hits over five innings for the Warriors.

Arcadia’s bat club was led by Skylar Stapleton, who went 2-for-3 and smashed two two-run homeruns, with four RBIs.

Berry took the loss on the mound, tossing four innings, while recording one strikeout with 13 hits, three walks, and nine earned runs.

The Firebirds suffered a tough loss Wednesday to Seaford, 10-0, with the girls not able to record a single hit, with McKinley Walsh as the Firebirds only base runner by a walk.

Berry pitched all five innings for Arcadia, retiring giving up 10 hits, five earned runs, three walks.

Arcadia will host Chincoteague next Thursday at 4 p.m. The Warriors travel to Lancaster this weekend.

The Northampton Yellow Jackets softball club topped Essex, 11-5, last Friday, thanks to Oakley Davis’ strong offense with three hits, two RBIs, and three runs.

Mollie Travis recorded the victory for the Yellow Jackets over seven innings. She struck out 10 batters and gave up just five runs and five hits.

The Lady Jackets also suffered a shutout loss to Fluvanna County Friday night, as they were unable to get the bats moving, with Riley Hook shouldering the loss for Northampton this go-round.

Hook threw just under an inning in the circle, striking out one, while allowing six runs on five hits, with one walk.

Northampton fell to Chestnut Ridge Saturday morning in their first of two, with Travis and Jada Giddens notching the Yellow Jacket’s two hits.

Travis took the heat on the rubber, giving up five hits and nine runs over one inning.

Giddens and Shonique Trader each recorded a hit in the Yellow Jackets second game Saturday afternoon, with the girls falling to Archbishop Molloy, 4-0. Travis shouldered the loss again, putting in work over six innings, retiring two batters and surrendering four runs on 11 hits.

The Yellow Jackets will be back on the field tonight in Eastville against Stephen Decatur at 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday afternoon, the Broadwater Vikings softball team fell short to Norfolk Academy, 19-17, after fighting back to knot things up in the sixth by 14.

Hannah Davis, Mary Blake Leland, Suzanna Long, and Katie Brown each put up three hits during five showings at the plate to lead the Vikings’ offense. Leland and Greta Bunce batted in three.

Davis threw for the Vikings for just under four innings, striking out three while allowing 13 hits and 11 runs. Leland relieved for four and two-thirds innings, with three strikeouts and nine runs on five hits.

The Nandua Warriors baseball (Continued on Page 20)
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Nandua’s Baylee Justis squares up just moments before notching a double Tuesday afternoon in Onley as Arcadia’s Allison Bowmann awaits the pitch from Hailey Berry.

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Arcadia’s Lethon Williams faces Nandua pitcher Everett Savage during one of his two appearances at the plate Tuesday afternoon in Onley.

Team sent the Firebirds packing on a 18-3 home win Tuesday afternoon in Onley. Everett Savage took the win on the bump for the Warriors, striking out two, with three runs on three hits over three innings. G Kelley and Savage led at the plate, each putting up two hits with three RBIs.

Armonta Dickerson led the Firebirds’ offense, driving in one with one hit during chances in the box. Lethon Williams and Robbie Sterling also drove in one run apiece. Sterling took the loss for the Firebirds, throwing two innings while allowing seven runs on five hits with two strikeouts.

Arcadia will battle Holly Grove for an away contest tonight at 4 p.m. The Warriors are also set to travel tonight, and will face Washington and Lee.

The Broadwater Vikings held the Firebirds baseball team scoreless Monday afternoon by 17, with Travis Northam earning the win on the bump, retiring seven batters and allowing just three hits over six innings.

Cole led the Vikings at the plate, going 2-for-3 with three RBIs. Aiden, Clay, and Brant also helped contribute to Broadwater's nine total hits.

Eric Holmer took the loss for Arcadia, lasting three innings with one strikeout and four hits on six runs.

The Ponies and the Yellow Jackets went head-to-head Thursday afternoon on the Island. Results from this matchup will be in next week’s edition of the Post.

Both the Broadwater softball and baseball teams will be back in action after their spring break April 8 for a road battle against Holly Grove at 4:30 p.m.
Northampton to Hold Spring Athletic Jubilee

Submitted Article
Northampton High School will hold its first Spring Athletic Jubilee, tonight (Friday, March 29).

The event will begin at 4:30 p.m. with the start of the Northampton Invitational soccer tournament, featuring the Northumberland girls varsity and JV teams, and the Rappahannock boys varsity and JV teams, versus the home standing Yellow Jackets. Varsity games will be held in the stadium, Hamilton Field, beginning with the Northampton girls versus Northumberland at 4:30 p.m., followed by the Northampton boys versus Rappahannock at 6 p.m.

Simultaneously, the JV teams will compete on the Auxiliary (practice) field, Northampton boys will play Rappahannock, first, at 4:30 p.m. and the girls JV game will follow at 6 p.m., with Northampton hosting Northumberland.

Also simultaneously, the varsity baseball and softball teams will host Stephen Decatur on the baseball and softball fields, respectively.

The girls varsity tennis team will round out the day, as they are set to travel to Franklin for a 4:30 p.m. contest, and the track teams will participate in the Bo Williams Boys and Girls Track Classic.

The cost is $5 for the home games, and a ticket holder may watch all six games for one ticket.

Fans of the Jackets are encouraged to attend this special program. Everyone involved is really excited to participate in what is projected to be an annual event, an athletic department spokesman noted.

Eastern Shore Element and Rage Teams Slated for Weekend Games

Submitted Article
The Eastern Shore Element and Rage will be in action again this weekend at home at the Salvation Army, 215 E Vine St, Salisbury, Md., for a 2 p.m. kickoff this Sunday. They want to keep alive their win streak against the Delaware Fire.

The Elements are led by quarterback Jermaine Trader and wide receivers Christopher Cornish and Tyreim Blake.

The Rage team will be on the road at Team Vick Field in Philadelphia, Pa., to face the HP Seminoles Sunday at 1 p.m. The Rage will show a heavy dose of athlete Matt Jordan and running back Jordan Booth, with some new additions that the team hopes to be successful game on the road.

Shore Wrestling Club

The Shore wrestling club will begin on April 25, and will run every Monday and Thursday until Aug. 1.

The club is for boys and girls grades K-12. Practice will be held at Nandua High School from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. for grades K-6, and from 6:30 to 8 p.m. for grades 7-12.

Cost is $30 for grades 7-12 and $20 for grades K-6, and the fee covers the entire summer.

Participants must also have an AAU membership card for wrestling. Memberships can be purchased for $16 at https://aauwrestling.net

For more information, visit the Nandua Wrestling Facebook page or email nathan.metzger@accomack.k12.va.us
Warrior Fun Run
April 6, 2019

The purpose of this event is to bring families together, promote a healthier lifestyle, and fundraise for the Nandua Athletics Booster Club. All runners will receive a plastic bracelet so they can be identified on the course to be doused with colored chalk. If you want to participate but do not want to be doused in color chalk, (which is ok) we will have a special way of identifying you on the run.

ALL MONEY RAISED WILL GO TO SUPPORT THE NANDUA ATHLETICS BOOSTER CLUB.

Start and Finish
NANDUA HIGH SCHOOL

Wear WHITE and bring your SUNGLASSES

Registration Options
1 Mile - $10
5K - $20

All ages can participate!

Concessions will be sold!

Looking Ahead

Friday, Mar. 29 –
3 p.m.: Northampton Outdoor Track @ Todd Stadium vs. Woodside
4 p.m.: Arcadia Varsity Softball @ Holly Grove
4:30 p.m.: Northampton Varsity Baseball vs. Stephen Decatur
Chincoteague Varsity Baseball @ Windsor
Northampton Varsity Softball vs. Stephen Decatur
Chincoteague Varsity Softball @ Windsor
Northampton Varsity Tennis @ Franklin
5 p.m.: Nandua Boys Varsity Soccer @ Bayside
6 p.m.: Northampton Boys Varsity Soccer vs. Rappahannock
Northampton Girls Varsity Soccer vs. Rappahannock

Monday, Apr. 1 –
5 p.m.: Northampton Girls Varsity Soccer @ Arcadia
6 p.m.: Arcadia Boys Varsity Soccer @ Northampton
7 p.m.: Nandua Girls Varsity Soccer @ Windsor

Tuesday, Apr. 2 –
3 p.m.: Northampton Girls and Boys Varsity Outdoor Track @ Stephen Decatur
4 p.m.: Chincoteague Varsity Baseball @ Nandua
Chincoteague Varsity Softball @ Nandua
4:30 p.m.: Northampton Varsity Softball vs. Holly Grove
Arcadia Varsity Baseball vs. Lancaster

Wednesday, Apr. 3 –
6 p.m.: Northampton Boys Varsity Soccer @ Nandua
Nandua Girls Varsity Soccer @ Northampton

Thursday, Apr. 4 –
4 p.m.: Chincoteague Varsity Baseball @ Arcadia
Chincoteague Varsity Softball @ Arcadia
4:30 p.m.: Nandua Varsity Baseball @ Northampton
Nandua Varsity Softball @ Northampton

Friday, Apr. 5 –
4:30 p.m.: Northampton Varsity Tennis vs. Franklin
5 p.m.: Nandua Girls Varsity Soccer vs. Franklin
6 p.m.: Northampton Girls Varsity Soccer vs. Windsor
Arcadia Boys Varsity Soccer @ Windsor
6:30 p.m.: Nandua Boys Varsity Soccer @ Oscar Smith

Saturday, Apr. 6 –
11 a.m/1 p.m.: Nandua Varsity Baseball vs. Prince Edward County
Nandua Varsity Softball vs. Laurel

Monday, Apr. 8 –
4:30 p.m.: Broadwater Varsity Softball @ Holly Grove
Broadwater Varsity Baseball @ Holly Grove
Northampton Varsity Tennis vs. New Kent
5 p.m.: Nandua Girls Varsity Soccer @ Arcadia
5:30 p.m.: Northampton Girls Varsity Soccer @ Middlesex
6 p.m.: Arcadia Boys Varsity Soccer @ Nandua
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**Flounder Tournament**

The 29th annual Capt. Zed’s Spring Flounder Tournament will be held April 26 - May 5. Based out of the Island House Restaurant, the tournament offers a first prize of $2,500 cash, a second prize of $600, third prize of $300, fourth prize of $250 in Wachapreague Inn gift certificate, and a fifth prize in $100 Trident Tackle/Island House gift certificate. There are additional $500 prizes for junior and female anglers.

Entry fee is $40 with free tournament T-shirt to first 400 anglers.

Sign up online at www.theislandhouserestaurant.com, where rules and regulations are also available. For questions, call 757-789-3222 or 757-787-4242 and ask for Debbie.

**Abell to Speak**

The Eastern Shore of Virginia Anglers Club will hold its monthly meeting on April 8, in the conference room of the Sage Restaurant in Onley. The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. and will feature a presentation by Capt. Matt Abell and owner of Sea Hawk Sports Center in Pocomoke.

Capt. Abell will talk about fishing for such species as yellow perch, white perch, crappie, pickerel, largemouth bass, and striped bass on the Pocomoke River, and share the knowledge that he’s gained from a lifetime of local fishing, as well as from taking friends, family, and customers on charter trips.

The public is invited to attend, and new or prospective members are welcome.

**ESY&CC Junior Camp**

A Summer Junior Sports Camp will be held at the Eastern Shore Yacht and Country Club at 14421 Country Club Road, Melfa, from 9 a.m. to noon during the weeks of June 24-28 and July 22-26, for kids ages 4 and up.

Activities include golf, tennis, and swimming with supervised instruction. The price is $100 for members and $125 for non-members. There are full day camp options available also.

To register, call 757-787-1525 or email esycc@verizon.net. Information can also be found at www.esycc.com/jr-camp.

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**3rd Annual Shore Girls Tournament**

The 3rd Annual Wachapreague Shore Girls Flounder Tournament will take place June 7 - 8, with banquet dinner and awards beginning at 6 p.m. at the Onancock Elks Lodge, June 8. Cost is $65.

Rules and registration can be downloaded from the Facebook page at “Wachapreague Shore Girls Flounder Tournament” or emailed. This year, money will be raised for “Dogs Deserve Better Eastern Shore,” with a silent auction, 50/50 drawing, and giveaways.

There are three Calcuttas; sign-up June 6 at Seaside Park Wachapreague at 6 p.m.

**Shuty Doormat Classic**

The first annual Jim Shuty Memorial Doormat Classic will be May 18 to May 25. There will be prizes for the first, second, and third heaviest flounder caught in all Virginia waters.

Shuty was an avid outdoorsman who either placed in or won several local flounder tournaments. Proceeds from the tournament will be donated to a local nonprofit organization.

Prizes will be determined based on the number of entries. In the event of a tie, the flounder weighed first will be declared the winner.

Weigh stations will be located at Ocean’s East, Virginia Beach, Chris’ Bait and Tackle, Townsend and Eastern Shore Outfitters, Exmore. The entry fee is $40 per angler and includes a T-shirt.

For registration information, contact 757-442-4009, email esoutfitters@verizon.net or mail to Eastern Shore Outfitters, P.O. Box 187, Main St., Exmore, Va. 23350.
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Agricultural News

Those Spring Chicks are Cute, but Think before Adding Them to Your Farm or Backyard

Submitted Articles

At feed and farm supply stores across Virginia right now, baby chicks are chirping away. According to Dr. Charles Broaddus, state veterinarian with the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, before making-on-the-spot decisions about buying chicks, people need to learn what the birds require. “I love to see people connecting with agriculture in a way that is so personal,” says Broaddus, “but they need to keep in mind their responsibility to defend the flock.”

In four to five weeks, those little chicks will become full-grown chickens that require housing, feed, water, and protection from predators. They also need good biosecurity to keep the birds and their owners healthy and disease-free. Biosecurity is a program designed to prevent the introduction and transmission of diseases into a flock or herd.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture offers six points about biosecurity that all bird owners should follow:

- **Keep your distance.** Restrict access to your property and your birds. People who care for birds should be careful when attending bird shows or other events where birds are present, and should take extreme precautions when doing so, including changing and washing clothes and footwear before interacting with their own birds. If visitors to your property want to see your birds, be sure they wash up first and clean their shoes, or keep clean boots or shoe covers for visitors to wear.

- **Keep it clean.** To keep your birds germ-free, have a pair of shoes and a set of clothes to wear only around your birds, or clean and disinfect your shoes and launder your clothes before you work with your birds.

- **Do not haul disease home.** If you travel to a location where other birds are present, or even to the feed store, be sure to clean and disinfect truck tires, poultry cages, and equipment before you return to your property.

- **Do not borrow disease from your neighbors.** Do not share birds, lawn and garden equipment, tools or poultry supplies with your neighbors or other bird owners.

- **Know the warning signs of infectious diseases:** Sudden increase in bird deaths; sneezing, gasping for air; coughing and nasal discharge; watery and green diarrhea; drop in egg production; swelling around the eyes, neck and head; purple discoloration of the wattles, combs and legs; and tremors, drooping wings, circling, twisting of the head and neck, or lack of movement are all signs to call a veterinarian knowledgeable about poultry.

- **Report sick birds.** Call your local cooperative extension agent, local veterinarian, the state veterinarian 804-786-2483 or USDA Veterinary Services office 866-536-7593.

“Enjoy your birds,” Dr. Broaddus says, “but please keep them and your family safe and healthy by observing these six rules. And remember, it is always a good idea to wash your hands after handling your birds, especially for younger children.”

Rainy Winter Turns to Soggy Spring on State’s Farms

It’s no secret it’s been a wet winter in Virginia. As of Feb. 25, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s crop progress report estimated 82 percent of the state’s topsoil had surplus moisture.

In addition to creating muddy pastures and cropland, the weather has started to seriously delay farm operations.

“Some growers across the state are saying they’re as much as two months behind” in preparing cropland for planting, said Robert Harper, Virginia Farm Bureau Federation grain marketing manager.

In Acomack County on Virginia’s Eastern Shore, “we’re about a week behind our normal start of planting, and we need about two weeks of good drying weather to get caught up,” said potato and grain producer David Hickman, a member of the VFBF board of directors. “And they’re calling for more rain this weekend, so who knows when our fields will be fit to plant.”

Hickman said Virginia potato growers are concerned, but their counterparts in North Carolina are a full month behind their normal planting time because of wet fields. That affects Virginia growers, because the potato harvest is staggered as the season moves from south to north each year. If North Carolina potatoes hit the market at the same time as Virginia-grown spuds, prices will suffer.

“If we have good growing weather once the potatoes are planted, normally we can make up some of this lost time,” Hickman said optimistically. “But there’s a lot of water standing in the fields here right now. We’ve had two days of fieldwork since probably the second week of December. That means no spreading of manure or top-dressing wheat; the fields are just too wet to put equipment in.”

Last year was the wettest on record for neighboring Northampton County, and the winter wheat crop has suffered a lot of stress, noted Ursula Deitch, a Virginia Cooperative Extension agent in Northampton. Nutrient losses and potential disease issues from wet winter weather threaten to have a major negative impact, she reported.

It’s just as wet farther west in Appomattox County, and farmers there are worried about ripple effects into next fall.

“So many people couldn’t get their small grains in last fall, so now they’re worried about having grain for their feed or forage crop for this season,” explained Darrel Roach, an Appomattox County cattle and grain producer. “They’re going to be short on feed for this coming fall. And there’s a lot of folks with hay stored in staging areas, but it’s so wet they can’t get it out to feed the cattle.”

“We aren’t delayed on summer crops yet. We’re about three weeks from planting, and I’m hoping we’ll get dry enough to start on time,” Roach added. “Still, all the feeding areas for cattle are all mucked up.

Folks are upset about that. They haven’t been able to clean them up. It’s a big mess for sure.”

Fifth Virginia Agritourism Conference To Be Held in Roanoke

The 2019 Virginia Agritourism Conference on April 3 and 4 will provide agritourism entrepreneurs with resources and ideas.

Agritourism accounts for $2.2 billion in economic activity in the state and brings people to Virginia farms for a diverse range of experiences, from apple picking and wine tasting to cutting the family Christmas tree.

The event at the Hotel Roanoke & Conference Center will feature interaction with experts on developing an agritourism business, celebrating its successes and managing its challenges. Agenda topics include delivering exceptional customer service, ensuring farm safety, and marketing collaboratively within a region.

Bettina Ring, Virginia secretary of agriculture and forestry, will be one of the featured speakers. Julia Clark, executive director of the Virginia Foundation for Agriculture, Innovation and Rural Sustainability, will moderate a panel discussion with Dr. Dixie Dalton of Southside Community College and Seth and Courtney Umbarger of Laurel Springs Beef on “Building a Plan.” A discussion on “Making the Agritourism Voice Heard” will include Kyle Shreve, executive director of the Virginia Agribusiness Council, and Andrew Smith, associate director of governmental relations for Virginia Farm Bureau Federation.

Tours will be offered at Roanoke-area farms with agritourism operations.

For details and to register, visit register.cpe.vt.edu/search/public-CourseSearchDetails.do?method=load&courseId=2010230.

The conference is sponsored by Farm Bureau, U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development, VA FAIRS, the Virginia Agribusiness Council, the Virginia Association of Counties, Virginia Cooperative Extension, the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Virginia State University Small Farm Outreach Program, Virginia Tech, and the Virginia Tourism Corporation.
The Cape Charles Memorial Library
100th Anniversary Tea

Photos by Stefanie Jackson

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The Cape Charles Memorial Library celebrated its 100th anniversary in partnership with the Barrier Island Center and showed a clip of the BIC documentary, “Welcome to the Table.”

Barrier Island Center Education Director Sally Dickinson (left) and Executive Director Laura Vaughan were guest speakers at the event.

Flower arrangements as seen above, bottom left, and bottom right are by Diane Partin.

Norris Bowen, guest speaker featured in “Welcome to the Table.”

Guests enjoy refreshments provided by Linda Ashby at the event held at the Cape Charles Christian School.
USS Chincoteague is Prime Example of Eastern Shore Importance

Part 2
By Linda Cicoira

The importance of the Eastern Shore of Virginia to the United States is evident as several commissioned ships of the Navy were named after places here.

The USS Chincoteague is a prime example. Ship Commander Ira Earl Hobbs, who retired as a Navy Vice Admiral, was awarded the Silver Star for actions during WWII aboard the vessel, “Which was damaged and under repeated attacks by Japanese bombers in the vicinity of the Santa Cruz Islands” between July 16 and 21, 1943. “Commander Hobbs skillfully maneuvered his ship and opposed repeated attacks of the enemy during this period, and although his ship was damaged by fire and flooding, he coolly and tenaciously fought against overwhelming and discouraging odds. His action resulted in his ship and surviving personnel being saved,” according to award documents.

The Chincoteague received six battle stars for World War II service. A seaplane tender of the Bar-negat class, it was built by Lake Washington Shipyard and was launched April 15, 1942. It was commissioned about a year later and served the Navy until December 1946.

Chincoteague sailed from San Diego for Saboe Bay in the Santa Cruz Island operations at Ulithi followed until June 8, when she sailed for a west coast overhaul.”

“On occupation duty, Chincoteague sailed to the Far East to care for seaplanes at Okinawa and Tsing-tao, China,” between October 1945 and March 1946. One record shows Chincoteague was decommissioned and placed in reserve in 1946, and in March 1949 the vessel was lent to the Coast Guard. Redesignated a High Endurance Cutter in 1966, Chincoteague served until June 1972.

The Chincoteague was transferred to South Vietnam later that month and was renamed RVNS Tran Binh Trong. The boat was sold to the Philippines in April 1976 and renamed RPS Andres Bonifacto. The vessel was decommissioned in June 1985. The final fate of the Chincoteague was listed as “unknown.”

There were also Navy vessels named USS Saxis, USS Tangier, USS Accomack, and the USS Oyster Bay. The USS Wachapreague was featured in Part 1 of this series. Information about all the boats continues in this article. There was also a Coast Guard boat called USCGC Assateague.

The USS Oyster Bay had to be named after the waterway near Chincoteague, as the boat was built around the same time as the USS Chincoteague and the USS Wachapreague and in the same place. Oyster Bay also tended patrol torpedo boats at the same time as Wachapreague.

The 1,760-ton Oyster Bay was commissioned in November 1943 and departed San Diego in January 1944 for the Southwest Pacific. It “tended PT boat squadrons in the forward area almost continuously through the end of the war,” records show.

Ending service at Milne Bay, “Oyster Bay served in numerous operations in the New Guinea area, supporting her PT boats and, on at least one occasion, providing gunfire support for army troops ashore. In October 1944 Oyster Bay moved to Leyte Gulf as part of the Philippine campaign. She participated in operations at several locations in the Philippines and continued to tend PT boats there for the remainder of the war. She departed the Philippines in November 1945 for inactivation at San Francisco. She was decommissioned in March 1946, stricken from the Navy List in April, and transferred to the Maritime Commission for sale in August.”

Three years later, Oyster Bay was reacquired and reinstated by the Navy. The boat was reclassified and remained in reserve until 1957 when she was reactivated for transfer to Italy. The vessel was given a large seaplane crane and a single 3/50 gun. It eventually became Pietro Cavazzale, an Italian special forces tender serving in the Italian Navy for more than 35 years. The boat was decommissioned in October 1993 and scrapped in February 1996.

The USS Saxis was a Navy patrol vessel in 1917.
Built as a civilian motorboat of the same name by a man named Thomas Scott. The Navy acquired the Saxis from the Virginia Fish Commission May 5, 1917, during World War I. “Saxis was wrecked when she became stranded at West Point, Va.,” in July 1917, according to Navy records. It was unclear if the vessel was commissioned or saw Navy service before that.

The USS Accomac, a 187-ton tugboat, was built for commercial use in 1891 at Newport News, Va. Seven years later the vessel was acquired by the Navy and named USS Algonquin. During the Spanish-American War, Algonquin was assigned to Key West, Fla., and was later renamed Accomac.

The boat served at several East Coast and Gulf Coast Navy facilities, including Boston Navy Yard, and was renamed again around 1920 as the Nottoway. During World War II, the boat was renamed YT-18 in 1942 and YTL-18 in 1944. “Placed out of service in April 1946, the old tug was sold the following October,” the record stated.

The USS Tangier was placed in full commission Aug 25, 1941, and assigned to the Asiatic-Pacific Theater during WWII. The Tangier supported and consolidated operations at Pearl Harbor from Aug. 1 to Sept. 17, 1944, and was involved in the Bismarck Archipelago operations from March 31 to April 17, 1944. Tangier earned three battle stars.

After the war, the boat was assigned to Occupation Service in the Far East and China Service in October, November, and December 1945 and February and March 1946. Tangier was decommissioned in January 1947 at Philadelphia and was laid up in the Atlantic Reserve Fleet, Philadelphia Naval Shipyard Group. Eventually, records show, Tangier was struck from the Naval Register June 1, 1961, and was sold to Union Minerals and Alloys Corp of New York City in 1962 for $177,689.89. Tangier was soon sold again to Sea-Land Service and renamed SS Detroit and converted to a car carrier/container ship. The boat was scrapped at Valencia, Spain, in December 1974.

The USCGC Assateague was an island class cutter constructed at Bollinger Machine Shop and Shipyard in Lockport, La., and commissioned in 1990. Assateague supported multi-mission operations throughout Sector Guam, which included the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone surrounding Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. It conducted search and rescue response missions and coastal security operations. Assateague is 110 feet long, has a beam of 21 feet, and a draft of seven feet when it was constructed. Its “hull is made from highly strong steel, and the superstructure and major deck are constructed from aluminum.” Island class boats can go nearly 30 knots. Assateague was decommissioned in September 2017.

Tales of the USS Wachapreague, in last week’s edition of the Eastern Shore Post, caused Robert Doughty, of South Chesconex, to recall some of his Coast Guard memories. The Wachapreague later became the USCGC McCulloch on which Doughty served from September 1968 to April 1970 doing ocean station patrols.

“The patrols were from 31 to 33 days duration on station,” he said. “We were in the middle of the Atlantic halfway between the continents. Our purpose was for transatlantic air flight to get a fix on our location and the point of no return if an aircraft had to ditch.”

“We collected weather data and sent it back to National Weather Service, in Washington DC We were there for search and rescue or recovery, which we had a couple of those. I was a radioman, morse code operation, crypto, and radio teletype. It was a great experience for a 20-year-old and you rekindled some fond memories,” he wrote to a reporter earlier this week.

Tuesday, Jill McCabe, of Salisbury, Md., told about her brother, John Lewis, of Saxis, who also served in the Coast Guard on the McCulloch. In 1959, Lewis was lost at sea during a brave patrol in the North Atlantic between Greenland and Labrador.

“He was swept off in a bad storm,” McCabe said. “The waves were up to 60 feet.” Lewis was only 19.
Submitted Article

The Barrier Islands Center in Machipongo is hosting a temporary exhibit on loan from the Library of Virginia, “True Sons of Freedom.”

To commemorate World War I, “True Sons of Freedom” uses photographs of African-American soldiers from Virginia who fought overseas to defend freedoms they were denied at home. African-Americans from all parts of the commonwealth served in the army and navy during World War I. The soldiers highlighted in “True Sons of Freedom” came from locations across Virginia and most worked as farmers or laborers before the conflict.

Reflecting the pride and determination of African-American World War I servicemen, the images were submitted by these veterans with their responses to military service questionnaires created by the Virginia War History Commission as part of an effort to capture the scope of Virginians’ participation in the Great War. The series of questions about the veterans’ experiences provides invaluable genealogical information about the soldiers, their families, and their service records.

World War I recruitment efforts aimed at African-Americans brought new soldiers into the armed services, providing them with opportunities to travel, to work, and, in many cases for the first time, to face cameras—all outside the restrictions of the Jim Crow South. These pocket-size portraits, made outdoors or in makeshift studios, became mementos for families and sweethearts. More importantly, these photographs challenge the crude and demoralizing cultural products of an era that often reduced African-Americans to stereotypes and denied them full participation as citizens of the United States. They posed in uniform, some in casual stances, others with a rifle to show their combat readiness. Here were African-Americans presented as they wanted themselves seen.

The exhibition is on display in the former African-American Almshouse, which now serves as the Education and Community Building and is available for viewing anytime the museum is open.

Herbert Lee Byrd (left) and Harvey Elm Braxton were both African-American World War I servicemen from the Eastern Shore of Virginia. They are featured in a temporary exhibit at the Barrier Islands Center on loan from the Library of Virginia. The exhibit is on display in the former African American Almshouse, which is now used as an education building, and can be seen anytime the museum is open.

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The “Virginia World War I and World War II Profiles of Honor Tour” will be at two locations on the Eastern Shore of Virginia in April, hosted by Eastern Shore Public Library. The walk-in traveling exhibit will be in Nassawadox on Friday, April 12, where it will be located at in the downtown municipal parking lot. It then travels to Parksley on Saturday, April 13, and Sunday, April 14, where it will be located in the Town Hall parking lot. The events will also include a family archives scan-a-thon. The exhibits and scan-a-thon will take place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

The mobile museum, free and open to the public, features stories and artifacts from dozens of Virginians who served in WWI and WWII. The tour, which brings to life Virginia’s integral role in world history, is part of a statewide commemoration marking the 100th anniversary of WWI and the 75th anniversary of WWII.

In addition to its mobile exhibit, the tour brings document scanning equipment, supported by the Library of Virginia, to each site it visits. Visitors are invited to bring WWI- and WWII-related images, letters, and documents to be scanned, preserved, and made publicly accessible in the Library of Virginia’s archives.

“The Eastern Shore Public Library wants to ensure that the Shore is represented in this Virginia memory project,” said Cara Burton, library director. “Also, as part of our program plan for the future Eastern Shore of Virginia Heritage Center, we want to teach families about the importance of family records and how to share them with others.” Virginia images scanned to date can be viewed at www.virgiawiandwwii.org/scanning.

“The ‘Profiles of Honor Tour’ honors the Virginians who fought for our freedom and helps to ensure that their legacy remains for new generations as WWI and WWII slip further away from public memory,” said Virginia House of Delegates Speaker M. Kirkland Cox, who serves as the Chairman of the Virginia World War I and World War II Commemoration Commission. “Both wars were fought not only overseas, but from the shipyards, factories, military bases, and homes of Virginians. The ‘Profiles of Honor Tour’ revitalizes that history, from the home front to the frontlines.”

An initiative of the Virginia World War I and World War II Commemoration Commission, which is a commission of the General Assembly, the traveling exhibition is managed in partnership with the Virginia Tourism Corporation and the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles. A number of Virginia’s noted museums and historical societies contributed.

For more information on the “Profiles of Honor Tour” and other initiatives of the Virginia World War I and World War II Commemoration Commission, visit www.VirginiaWWIandWWII.org or call Eastern Shore Public Library at 757-787-3400 or click on the “news” tab at www.espl.org.

The “Virginia World War I and World War II Profiles of Honor Tour” will be at two locations on the Eastern Shore in April.
Chincoteague Elementary held Bob Ross Day March 22. During the month of March, the school celebrated artists, authors, and musicians. Every Friday one person was chosen to feature. Ross was chosen for March 22.

The late Ross was a painter and hosted the popular public television show, “The Joy of Painting.”

Zander Savage, left, dressed the part on the designated day. He is in Ms. Holden’s kindergarten class.
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Federal Agencies and Fishing Industry Group Sign Memorandum on Offshore Wind Energy

Article Submitted by NOAA

NOAA Fisheries, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM), and the Responsible Offshore Development Alliance (RODA) signed a 10-year memorandum of understanding that brings local and regional fishing interests together with federal regulators to collaborate on the science and process of offshore wind energy development on the Atlantic outer continental shelf.

The federal government has 15 active leases covering nearly 1.7 million acres in the outer continental shelf for potential offshore wind development. Collectively, these leases could generate more than 19 GW of energy – enough to power more than 6.5 million homes and further solidify our nation’s energy future. Virginia’s offshore wind energy area contains 113,000 acres. Its western edge is located about 23.5 nautical miles from the Virginia Beach coastline.

NOAA Fisheries manages more than 42 commercially and recreationally important species as part of 14 fishery management plans. In 2016, approximately 4,600 vessels landed more than 1 billion pounds of key fish species, supporting roughly 140,000 seafood jobs. The region is also vital for many endangered and threatened marine species, including the North Atlantic right whale, necessitating protective measures to ensure their survival for future generations.

Fishing has occurred in New England and Mid-Atlantic waters for hundreds of years and is an integral part of the region’s culture and economy. Regional fisheries not only provide a healthy and sustainable source of food for both domestic and international markets, but also recreational opportunities for thousands of anglers, divers, and nature enthusiasts. Fisheries also support numerous shoreside processing jobs and support industries important to the economies of many coastal communities.

Safe, reliable, and affordable domestic energy production powers the U.S. economy, supports jobs, and is critical to our nation’s security. Offshore wind is an abundant, domestic energy resource that is located close to major coastal load centers, providing an alternative to long-distance transmission or development of electricity generation in these land-constrained regions.

“Any development on the outer continental shelf must consider how these activities can affect current ocean users and the marine environment,” said BOEM Acting Director Walter Cruickshank. “That is why working with federal, state, and local agencies, fishing communities, and the public is such an essential part of our renewable energy program. We look forward to working with NOAA and RODA through early and constant communication to ensure that the most recent information is available to decision makers.”

“With wind energy developing in the New England/Mid-Atlantic region, this collaboration comes at a crucial time,” said Chris Oliver, assistant administrator for NOAA Fisheries, the primary federal agency charged with sustaining U.S. marine resources and habitats. “This memorandum of understanding will help achieve NOAA Fisheries’ strategic national goal of maximizing fishing opportunities while supporting responsible resource development.”

RODA, which is a broad membership-based coalition of fishing industry associations and fishing companies, will work with NOAA Fisheries and BOEM to compile, develop, and deliver the best available scientific products and information necessary to address offshore development, fisheries management, and ecosystem health.

“The fishing industry has expressed its concern about the potential impacts of rapid large-scale wind energy development to coastal communities and sustainable fishing practices,” said Annie Hawkins, executive director of RODA. “This agreement paves a way forward for fishing communities to give meaningful input to federal regulators in determining the future of our ocean resources.”

Working together to engage local and regional fishing interests early and often throughout the offshore wind development processes will help develop a collaborative regional research and monitoring program and lead to scientifically sound decisions.
**Church News**

**Assawoman**
The Easter Cantata will be Sunday, April 14, at 9:30 a.m., at Assawoman UMC.

The Maundy Thursday Service will be Thursday, April 18, at 7 p.m., at the church.

Easter Sunday Service will be Sunday, April 21, at 9:30 a.m., at the church.

**Atlantic**
A pancake supper will be Friday, March 29, from 5 to 7 p.m., at St. John’s Baptist Church. Tickets are $6 for adults and $3 for age 10 and under.

The Praise Dance Service will be Saturday, March 30, at 6 p.m., at the church.

Family and Friends Day will be Sunday, April 14, at 3:30 p.m., at the church. The Rev. Jamar Jackson and congregation, of Princess Anne, Md., will be the guests.

The Good Friday Service will be Friday, April 19, at 6 p.m., at the church. Rev. Carroll Mills and congregation, of Princess Anne, Md., will be the guests.

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The Easter Cantata will be Sunday, April 7, from 5 to 7 p.m., at Atlantic UMC.

Good Friday Service will be Friday, April 19, at 7 p.m., at the church.

Easter Sunday Service will be Sunday, April 21, at 10:30 a.m., at the church.

**Cape Charles**
The 3rd Annual Eastern Shore Community Gospel Banquet will be Saturday, March 30, at 7 p.m., at The Oyster Farm at Kings Creek. The event is hosted by the Rev. Michael L. and First Lady Katrina Gray, of St. Stephens AME Church. The guest speaker will be the Rev. Kelvin Jones, of First Baptist Church in Capeville. For more information, call 757-350-0883.

**Craddockville**
A fellowship meal will be Sunday, March 31, at 10:30 a.m., at Craddockville UMC. The church will provide fried chicken. Bring a side dish or dessert to share.

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.

The Prayer Rally will be Tuesday, April 16, at 6:30 p.m., at the church.

**Daugherty**
A fish fry fundraiser will be Saturday, April 6, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., at St. Luke AME Church.

**Exmore**
The United Methodist Men will host a spaghetti dinner fundraiser Friday, April 5, from 5 to 7 p.m., at Epworth UMC, 4158 Seaside Rd. Dinners are $8 each.

**Franktown**
The Pastoral 5th Anniversary Celebration will be Sunday, March 31, at 3 p.m., at New Allen Memorial AME Church. The Rev. Tony Boone, along with the choir and congregation of St. Mark AME Church in Virginia Beach, will be the special guests.

**Keller**
A service honoring First Lady Inez Nock will be Sunday, April 7, at 2 p.m., at Snead’s Memorial UMC. The guest speaker will be First Lady Yoovone Nock, of St. Mary’s Baptist Church.

**Melfa**
A chicken salad platter dinner will be Friday, March 29, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., at Oak Grove UMC. The cost is $8 and platters include chicken salad, sides, dessert, and tea or coffee. Pints will also be available for sale for $8. For more information, call 710-4920 or 787-1508.

**New Church**
The Building Fund Service will be Friday, April 5, at 7:30 p.m., at Refuge Temple Outreach Ministry, 30540 Depot St. The guest preacher will be Elder Vincent West from Faith Christian Tabernacle Church in Accomac.

**Oak Hall**
There will be a yard sale Saturday, April 13, from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Downings UMC. Call 824-5117 to reserve a table. The Lent Program for Children will be held the same day, from 1:30 to 4 p.m.

The Easter Cantata will be Sunday, April 14, at 11:30 a.m., at the church.

A gospel music concert will be Sunday, April 14, at 3 p.m., at the church.

Easter Sunrise Service will be Sunday, April 21, approximately 15 minutes before sunrise (around 6 a.m.), at Taylor Farm. Breakfast will be served at the church social hall afterwards.

Easter Sunday Service will be Sunday, April 21, at 11:30 a.m., at the church.

**Painter**
The Lenten Noontime Service will be Wednesday, April 10, at noon, at Painter Garrison UMC with the Rev. Paul Oh.

**Pungoteague**
The Youth Group meetings will be Fridays, April 5 and 19, from 6 to 9 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, April 11 and 25, at 6 p.m., at the Huether home. The food pantry will be open April 13, from 8 to 10 a.m., and April 10, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Maundy Thursday Service will be Thursday, April 18, at 7 p.m., in the sanctuary.

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt after the Easter Service Sunday, April 21.

**Quinby**
The Lenten Noontime Service will be Wednesday, April 3, at noon, at Smith Chapel UMC with Deaconess Brenda Lewis.

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Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted.

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New Members For Soroptimist Club of Accomack County

Three new members joined the Soroptimist Club of Accomack County. Pictured above are Donna Belote, Soroptimist Director Lois Evans, Ann Wessells, and Rhonda Marsh.

Section 8 Waiting List Opening in April

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Community Notes

Cape Charles
Global Exchange Arts Roundtable (GEAR) will present Neil Simon’s “Rumors” Friday and Saturday, April 5 and 6, at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, April 7, at 3 p.m., and Saturday, April 13, at 7:30 p.m., at the Historic Palace Theatre. Tickets are $15 for adults and $10 for students. Tickets are available at the door, Lemon Tree Gallery, or by calling 331-4327.

Machipongo
The Barrier Islands Center will host a presentation, Long Steel Rail: Songs of the Railroad presented by The Broad Street Ramblers, Friday, April 12, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the center. The mythic status of the railroad in American folklore will be celebrated. For more information, call 678-5550.

Melfa
The E.S. Yacht and Country Club will host Easter Fun Day Saturday, April 20, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the country club. The Easter Bunny will make an appearance from noon to 2 p.m. There will be an egg hunt, face painting, petting zoo, and magic show. Admission is $5/child and is open to the public.

Onancock
Onancock International Films will present “The Wife,” Thursday, April 11, at 8 p.m., at the Roseland Theatre. The film focuses on the relationship between Joe and his wife, Joan. Joe enjoys the very public role as the “Great American Novelist,” while Joan pours her life into the role of the “Great Man’s Wife.” As Joe is about to receive the Nobel Prize in Literature, the movie interweaves the story of the couple’s forty years of marriage, and secrets are revealed. Tickets are $8.

There will also be special showing of “The Hate U Give,” Saturday, April 27, at 7 p.m. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets will be $10 for adults and $5 for students. No advance tickets will be sold.

Wallops
NASA Wallops Flight Facility Visitor Center will host the Fourth Annual Save the Eggs event Saturday, April 6, from 1 to 3 p.m., on the grounds of the visitor center. The space-themed egg hunt and egg science demonstrations are for younger and older children. Eggs will be filled with toys, stickers, tattoos, and more. Bring a bag to collect them.

The visitor center is also conducting an Apollo Anniversary Youth Art Contest. The theme of the contest is “Apollo’s 50th Anniversary” and is open to pre-K through 12th grade students. The registration form must be submitted by Saturday, June 1. Artwork submissions are due by Saturday, June 15. All participants will receive an official NASA Certificate of Participation. An opening reception and award ceremony will be held Thursday, July 18, from 5 to 7 p.m., at the visitor center. For more information, call Rebecca Hudson at 824-1139 or email rebecca.s.hudson@nasa.gov

SCHOLARSHIP
The Onancock Area Lions Club has a $1,000 scholarship available for a Nandua or Arcadia senior pursuing a medical career. Eligibility:
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★7 p.m. - Life Teach Series - Rachel Leah Covenant Ministries Center - 787-2486
★7:30 p.m. - Bingo - Exmore Moose Lodge, Belle Haven - doors open at 6:30 p.m.

SATURDAY
MARCH 30
★10 a.m. - Delmarva Heritage Days (March 30 and 31) - Delmarva Discovery Center, Pocomoke, Md.
★10 a.m.-1 p.m. - Soup Kitchen - Faith Christian Tabernacle Ministries, Rt. 13, Accomac - 787-1811
★7:30 p.m. - Bingo - Eastville Vol. Fire Co.

MONDAY
APRIL 1
★11 a.m. - Northampton Chap. AARP mtg. - Cheriton Rescue Squad
★1-4 p.m. - CIAO Presents Gameplay Monday: Card, Word, and Board Games - Theatre Annex, 4076 Main St., Chincoteague
★5:30 - 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
★6-8:30 p.m. - GED Class - Occohannock Elementary School, Exmore - 787-1794
★6-8:30 p.m. - ESL Class - Kiptopeke Elementary School, Cape Charles - 789-1794
★6:15 p.m. - Central Shore Lions Club mtg. - Sage Diner, Onley
★6:30 p.m. - Cub Scout Pack 300 mtg. - Grace UMC, Parksley
★6:30-8:30 p.m. - Free English for Speakers of Other Languages Class - Metompkin Elementary School, Parksley - 789-1761
★7 p.m. - Celebrate Recovery mtg. - Onancock Baptist Church - food served at 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
APRIL 3
★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
★10:30 a.m.-noon - Riverside Shore Hospice Caregivers’ Support Group mtg. - Onley UMC, 25642 E. Main St. - 789-5000
★11 a.m.-1 p.m. - Soup Kitchen - Corner Stone Seventh Day Adventist Church, 3431 Main St., Exmore
★11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. - Debedeavon Toastmasters’ mtg. - NASA/Wallops Base - Call Owl Hooks at 824-1941 for base access.
★noon - Lenten Noontime Service - Smith Chapel UMC, Quinby
★noon - AA mtg. - Onancock UMC, 75 Market St.
★5-7 p.m. - Soup Kitchen and Clothes Closet - Grace and Truth Ministries, Onancock - 789-5369
★5:30-6:30 p.m. - Free Meals for the Hungry - Epworth UMC, Exmore - 442-6391
★6-7 p.m. - Prayer Line Open - St. Matthew’s Church, Onley - Call 665-7403 w/ prayer requests
★6-8:30 p.m. - GED Class - Occohannock Elementary School, Exmore - 789-1794
★6:30-8:30 p.m. - ESL Class - Kiptopeke Elementary School, Cape Charles - 789-1794
★6:30-8:30 p.m. - Free English for Speakers of Other Languages Class - Metompkin Elementary School, Parksley - 789-1761
★7 p.m. - Bingo - St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church, Onley - doors open at 5:30 p.m.
★7 p.m. - AA and Al-Anon mtgs. - Franktown UMC
★7:30 p.m. - Bingo - Painter VFC

TUESDAY
APRIL 2
★8:30 a.m.-noon - Veterans’ Employment Representative Avail. - Accomack Cty. Dept. of Social Services - no appt. needed
★9 a.m. - Al-Anon mtg. - Refuge Inn, Chincoteague
★10 a.m. - Zumba Class - Franktown UMC
★10 a.m. - Bingo - Accomack Senior Village, Onancock
★10:30 a.m. - Duplicate Bridge - Island House, Wachapreague - 787-2432
★10:30 a.m. - STEAM: Kindness Crafts - Pocomoke Public Library
★5:30 p.m. - Onancock Business & Civic Assn. mtg. - Naomi Makemie Presbyterian Church, Onancock
★6 p.m. - Rachel Leah Ministries - 787-2486 (call for location)
★6 p.m. - Bingo - Pocomoke Elks, next to YMCA
★6 p.m. - Accomack Cty. Democratic Committee mtg. - E.S. Chamber of Commerce, Melfa
★6:30 p.m. - GED Class - ESCC, Class A-51, Melfa
★6:30 p.m. - Addiction Support Group mtg. - Anointed Word of Deliverance COGIC, Melfa - 757-350-5039
★6:30 p.m. - Vietnam Veterans’ E.S. Chapter 614 mtg. - Chapter Bldg., 25534 Main St., Onley
★7 p.m. - Northampton Cty. Democratic Committee mtg. - Northampton Cty. Social Services Bldg., Eastville
★7:15 p.m. - Al-Anon. mtg. - Trinity UMC, Cape Charles - 6:30 p.m. - Disabled American Veterans’ mtg. - Chapter Bldg., 25534 Main St., Onley
★7:30 p.m. - Central Masonic Lodge mtg.
★7:30 p.m. - Bingo - Cheriton VFC - smoke free

THURSDAY
APRIL 4
★10:30 a.m. - Story Time - Cape Charles Memorial Library
★2 p.m. - Book of the Month Club mtg.: “The Nightingale” - Pocomoke Public Library
★3 p.m. - Lifestyle Challenge - E.S. Public Library, Accomac
★5:30 p.m. - Shore Losers mtg. - Drummondtown Baptist Church, Accomac - $1/wk.
★5:30 p.m. - TOPS VA-550 mtg. - Zion Baptist Church, Parksley - 787-7099
★6-8:30 p.m. - GED Class - ESCC, Class A-51, Melfa
★6:30 p.m. - Kiwanis Club mtg. - St. Andrew’s Catholic, Chincoteague
★6:30 p.m. - Al-Anon. mtg. - Trinity UMC, Cape Charles
★6:30 p.m. - American Legion Post 101 mtg. - Chapter Bldg., 25534 Main St., Onley
★7 p.m. - Republican Party mtg. - Little Italy, Nassawadox
★7 p.m. - Celebrate Recovery Group mtg. - Chincoteague Church of God
★7 p.m. - NA and AA mtg. - Painter Garrison Bldg., Main St., Onley
★7-8 p.m. - Debedeavon Toastmasters’ mtg. - Market St. UMC, Onancock
Help Wanted

Dental Assistant
Eastern Shore of VA: Dentist seeking part-time Dental Assistant. Monday-Thursday. If interested, candidates should email resumes to HR Director at resumes@morrison-dentalgroup.com

Easter to Thanksgiving - Elta’s Channel Side Restaurant, Chincoteague, is interested in hiring experienced servers, bus people, and hostess positions. Beautiful location. Good food. Good employment opportunity. 757-336-5644//Attn: Karen//leave a message

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9-1-1 Communications Officer
The Eastern Shore of Virginia 9-1-1 Commission is now accepting applications for 9-1-1 Communications Officers for immediate part-time openings, with a focus on individuals potentially interested in future full-time advancement. The qualified applicant will work rotating shifts, including weekdays, weekends, and holidays, as well as fill in shifts as needed. Communications Officers are responsible for answering 9-1-1 calls, verifying the callback number and address of the emergency, determining the nature of the emergency and transferring the call or dispatching the appropriate emergency response unit as required, as well as other associated duties.

Minimum qualifications are a high school diploma or equivalent, including some experience in keyboarding or typing. Applicants must be able to speak clearly and distinctly, understand and follow detailed directions, act quickly and effectively during emergencies, and operate complex telecommunications equipment. Desirable qualifications include two years experience in law enforcement, fire, or emergency medical services, and/or public safety dispatching. Applicants selected for employment will be subject to a background investigation and drug screening.

Applications may be obtained at the Eastern Shore of Virginia 9-1-1 Communications Center, 23201 Front St., P.O. Box 337, Accomac, Va. 23301 or by visiting www.esva911.org. Applications are due by 3 p.m., April 12th, 2019. The ESVA 9-1-1 Commission is an equal opportunity employer.

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Help Wanted (Cont’d)

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The Nature Conservancy is seeking applications for a spring/summer Coastal Conservation Technician to assist science and conservation staff with programs at the Virginia Coast Reserve. The 10-week, 35-hour/week position will begin in May/June 2019 and is based on a Wednesday through Sunday schedule. The technician will assist with public outreach about Virginia Coast Reserve barrier islands, stewardship of beach nesting birds on barrier islands, marine habitat restoration, education and outreach events and preserve management. Basic qualifications include high school diploma and experience working outdoors. To see complete details for this position and to apply, visit www.nature.org/careers, click Current Job Opportunities, search jobs by the position title and/or location, then click Apply Now to submit an online application by 11:59 p.m. on April 14, 2019. The Nature Conservancy is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Help Wanted

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Clayton Homes of Delmar, DE. $20/hr. for qualified apps. 302-846-9100.

FULL-TIME CDL PUMP TRUCK DRIVER – Apply in person at Boggs Water & Sewage, 28367 Railroad Avenue, Melfa.

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‘93 26-FT. Bayliner – 175 h.p. Mercury, fish finder, New Bimini top, port & starbord pontoon & trailer & new cover. PRICED REDUCED: $5,000 OBO. Call Don at 757-787-2595.

1999 10’ EAGLE CENTER CONSOLE - Fiberglass, ’04 Loadrite trailer, 02 90 hp Yamaha w/150 hrs., VHF, depth finder, all fishing gear, 3 elec. winches, internal bilge pump & gas tank, $4,000. 757-336-5526 or 410-404-6066 (ask for Bob).

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’72 16’ FT. BOSTON WHALER - 60 h.p. Mercury motor, just overhauled, teak console & bench, all motor, just overhauled. Reduced $400. Call www.ltbaycharters.com

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Misc. - For Sale

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TRUSTEE’S SALE OF 5107 CANTON ROAD, TANGIER, VA 23440. In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated April 27, 2006, in the original principal amount of $52,000.00, recorded in the Clerk’s Office, Circuit Court for Accomack County, Virginia as Instrument No. 20060277. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Accomack County, 23316 Courthouse Ave., Accomac, VA on April 29, 2019, at 9:30 AM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF REAL ESTATE SITUATE ON TANGIER ISLAND, ACCOMACK COUNTY, VIRGINIA, BOUNDED GENERALLY ON THE NORTH, BY THE LAND FORMERLY OWNED BY FRANK CROCKETT, DECEASED, AND BY LAND FORMERLY OWNED BY MARY LANDON, DECEASED; ON THE EAST, BY A CERTAIN GUT; ON THE SOUTH, BY THE LAND FORMERLY OWNED BY ALBERT E. CROCKETT, DECEASED, AND BY LAND CONVEYED FROM CHARLES Landon and NONA LANDON TO HAROLD B. Landon and BONNIE L. Landon; AND ON THE WEST, BY A CERTAIN ROAD. TOGETHER WITH ALL BUILDINGS, PRIVILEGES, APPURTENANCES AND RIGHTS OF WAY THEREUNTO BELONGING OR IN ANYWISE APPERTAINING, AND SUBJECT TO ANY EASEMENTS OF RECORD, LESS AND EXCEPT THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY CONVEYED IN THE DEED RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 20060277 IN DB 894 PG 127 TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder’s deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser’s deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee’s Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a $50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee’s attorney. Additional terms to be announced at the sale. A form copy of the Trustee’s memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwwsales.com. This is a confirmation from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 2101 Wilson Blvd., Suite 1004, Arlington, VA 22201. For more information contact: BW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852. 301-961-6555, website: www.bwwsales.com. VA-337690-1.

LEGAL ADS

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Northampton County Wetlands Board will meet Wednesday, April 17, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. in the Board Chambers located at 16404 Courthouse Road in Eastville, VA, for the purpose of considering the following wetlands/coastal primary sand dunes matter under public hearing and to conduct regular business. The Board will assemble at 9:00 a.m. to conduct a site visit.

A.) VMRC 2019-0280: Eyre Hall Land Trust LLC is applying for a permit to replace an existing, failing bulkhead with a new vinyl bulkhead. The existing bulkhead is approximately 270 feet in length. The replacement bulkhead will be approximately 250 feet in length in order to preserve the wetlands at the northern end of the bulkhead. The new bulkhead will have one 30-foot-long return wall which will be located at the bulkhead’s northern end. The replacement bulkhead will be placed 2 feet channelward of the existing bulkhead. The applicant also wishes to place a rip rap toe scour protector in front of the new bulkhead. The toe scoop will be approximately 6 feet wide and 3 feet high. The applicant also wishes to reconstruct the existing pier by adding a 20’ ramp that will lead to a 20’ x 16’ floating section which will be attached to a 32’ x 8’ floating “L” head. The access portion of the pier will be re-decked in the places where it is needed. The primary purpose of this project is to replace the failing structure and to rebuild the pier. The property is located at 3139 Eyre Hall Drive in Cheriton. It is further described as Tax Map #76-A-3.

B.) VMRC 2019-0316: The Ballard Fish and Oyster Company is applying for a permit to construct an approximately 170’ x 8’ open-pile wharf, a new 1,200 square foot covered work platform, and a new 92’ long low vinyl bulkhead. They are also applying to dredge an approximate 15,513 square feet area which includes an approximate 576 square foot area in the non-vegetated wetlands. The primary purpose of this project is to expand the company’s commercial fish production capacity to provide for the ever-increasing demand for fresh, quality shellfish. The secondary purpose of this project is to improve navigation and to stabilize the existing shoal area. The property is located at 1596 Townfield Drive in Cape Charles. It is further described as Tax Map #83-7-A-3.

C.) VMRC 2019-0448: Ballard Brothers Fish and Oyster Company is applying for a permit to install an approximately 45 foot long rip rap addition to their existing rip rap revetment. They need the rip rap addition because there has been additional erosion at the site which has created unsafe and hazardous conditions for campers. The rip rap addition will be placed on the north end of the existing revetment. The rip rap addition will tie into the tombolo that is forming from a recently constructed breakwater. No vegetated wetlands will be impacted. The primary purpose of this project is to correct unsafe conditions for humans and structures. The secondary purpose of this project is for erosion control. The property is located at the Cherrystone Campground near the bait and tackle shop. It is further described as Tax Map #83-A-2.

Anyone interested in the above matter should attend the scheduled public hearing. The application may be viewed in the Planning, Permitting, and Enforcement Office located at 16404 Courthouse Road in Eastville, VA. Written comments can be submitted to the Planning, Permitting, and Enforcement Office P.O. Box 536, Eastville, VA 23347.

Handicapped Assistance Available: Please call (757) 678-0440 extension 516 at least 48 hours in advance.

Marshall Cox Sr., Chairman
Wetlands Board

PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with the applicable provisions of Title 33.2, of the Code of Virginia of 1950 as amended, the Northampton County Board of Supervisors, upon its own motion, hereby gives notice of its intent to abandon approximately 995 feet of State Route 1117 as follows:

That portion of State Route 1117 which is to be abandoned, in its entirety is all that strip of road approximately 995 ft. long, from its intersection with State Route 1108 to its intersection with State Route 642.

This portion of State Route 1117 will be posted in accordance with the Code of Virginia; if you wish to view a map of the subject area, it can be seen in the County Administrator’s Office, 16404 Courthouse Road, Eastville, Virginia 23347, during regular business hours.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

Case No. CL19000262-00
Accomack County Circuit Court, P.O. Box 126, 23316 Courthouse Avenue, Accomac, VA 23310

TANIA SENATUS
v. YVES JUNIOR PASSE

The object of this suit is to:

OBTAIN A DIVORCE.

It is ORDERED that YVES JUNIOR PASSE appear at the above-named court and protect his interests on or before MAY 22, 2019.

March 27, 2019
Samuel H. Cooper Jr., Clerk
**Notice of Public Hearings**

The Cape Charles Town Planning Commission will hold public hearings on Tuesday April 2, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Cape Charles Civic Center located at 500 Tazewell Avenue to receive public comment on the following:

- i) A Conditional Use Permit application to allow an accessory dwelling unit at 649 Randolph Avenue (tax map# 83A3-1-422); an application for a Conditional Use Permit to allow residential above first floor commercial in the Commercial-1 district at 209 Mason Avenue (tax map# 83A3-1-638). The Planning Commission will hold a meeting immediately following the public hearing to consider the requests. The applications are available for public review in the Town Planner’s Office, located at 2 Plum Street, during regular business hours. Please contact Town Planner Zach Ponds at 757-331-2036, or by email at planner@capecharles.org if you have any questions or require additional information. Anyone interested in attending and needing special assistance please contact the Town at least forty-eight hours before the hearing.

**Chesapeake Bay Bridge & Tunnel District Project No. 2054.2099, Northbound CNC-LUS Relocation**

The Chesapeake Bay Bridge & Tunnel District (CBBT) is accepting sealed bids for a CNC-LUS Relocation project. The CBBT has nine Communication Node Cabins (CNC) and Lighting Unit Substations (LUS) on platforms suspended off the bent caps on the northbound spans. The work generally consists of relocating the CNC-LUS equipment from the west side platforms to the east side Emergency Pull Offs (EPO) systems. For more information, please see/download the complete project specifications on our website at the following location: www.ccbt.com/request-for-proposals/

All bids will be received no later than 2:00 p.m. on May 1, 2019, in the office of the Director of Maintenance, CBBT, 32386 Lankford Highway, Cape Charles, Virginia 23310. Attention: Mr. Timothy R. Holloway, at which time the bids will be opened. The meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. on April 02, 2019 at the CBBT Administration Building, 32386 Lankford Hwy, Cape Charles, VA 23310. Interested parties can download the bid documents or contact Mr. Timothy R. Holloway (757) 331-2960 to obtain the bid documents and toll free passage.

**Notice of Public Hearings**

The Cape Charles Board of Zoning Appeals will hold public hearings on Tuesday April 9, 2019 at 10:00 am in the Cape Charles Civic Center, located at 500 Tazewell Avenue, to receive public comment on the following:

- An application for a variance from setback requirements for a proposed single-family dwelling at lots 82A and 83A Strawberry Street (tax map# 83A1-1-82A and 83A1-1-83A). The Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a meeting immediately following the public hearing to consider the requests. The applications are available for public review in the Town Planner’s Office, located at 2 Plum Street, during regular business hours. Please contact Town Planner Zach Ponds at 757-331-2036, or by email at planner@capecharles.org if you have any questions or require additional information. Anyone interested in attending and needing special assistance please contact the Town at least forty-eight hours before the hearing.

**Notice of Public Hearings**

The Cape Charles Town Council will hold public hearings on Thursday, April 11, 2019 at 6:30 pm in the Cape Charles Civic Center located at 500 Tazewell Avenue to receive comment on the following:

- i) A Conditional Use Permit application to allow an accessory dwelling unit at 649 Randolph Avenue (tax map# 83A3-1-422);
- ii) A Conditional Use Permit application to allow residential above first floor commercial in the Commercial-1 district at 209 Mason Avenue (tax map# 83A3-1-638);
- iii) Renewal of a cable franchise agreement with Chesapeake Bay Communications.

The Conditional Use Permit applications are available for public review on www.capecharles.org under Agendas and Minutes/Town Council, and in the Town Planner’s Office, located at 2 Plum Street, during regular business hours. Please contact Town Planner Zach Ponds at 757-331-2036, or by email at planner@capecharles.org if you have any questions or require additional information. The Town Council will hold a meeting immediately following the public hearing to consider the requests.

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**SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE’S SALE**

7036 Long Point Rd., Exmore, VA 23350

(County of Northampton)

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of $143,000.00 (with interest), from Carroll M. Taylor, Jr., dated August 17, 2017 and recorded in the Clerk’s Office of the Circuit Court of the County of Northampton, Virginia in Instrument No. 070002067 (modified by Modification Agreement dated October 1, 2009, recorded in Instrument No. 090002424); default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured and at the request of the holder (RLK Mortgage Corporation - VA f/k/a SLM Mortgage Corporation – VA), of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the entrance of the Circuit Court for the County of Northampton, 5229 The Hornes, Eastville, Virginia, 23347-0036, on April 1, 2019 at 9:15 o’clock a.m., the property briefly described as follows:

**Parcel I:** All that certain tract or parcel of land situate in Oceohannock Neck, Franktown District, Northampton County, Virginia, bounded as follows: On the Northeast by Virginia State Route 711; On the Southeast by the lands now or formerly of Carroll Matthews Taylor; and on the Southwest and Northwest by other lands now or formerly of the devisees of the said William S. Prettyman, Said Lot is Lot 5 on subdivision Plat known as Silver Beach East,

**Parcel II:** All that certain lot or parcel of land, shown as Lot 6 on a certain plat entitled “Plat of a survey of a Subdivision Near Silver Beach, Northampton County, VA, known as SILVER BEACH EAST, the Property of William S. Prettyman, Surveyed and Subdivided at his Request”, dated September 1982 and made by John E. Chubb, C.L.S., which is recorded in the Clerk’s Office for the Circuit Court of Northampton County, Virginia in Plat Book 12 at pages 36 and 37. Reference to said plat is hereby made for a more particular description of the real estate hereby conveyed.

Said Lot 6 is conveyed subject to the restriction that there will be no mobile homes or trailers on the property other than one used as temporary housing while the main home is being constructed, for a period not exceeding one (1) year.

**This Conveyance is Made Expressly Subject to the easements, restrictions and reservations contained in duly recorded deeds, plats and other instruments constituting constructive notice in the chain of title to the property hereby conveyed, which have not expired by limitation of time or otherwise become ineffectual.**

**Tax Map No.:** 0018B-01-00-0000005 and 0018B-01-00-0000006

**TERMS OF SALE: CASH.** A deposit of 10% of the sales price, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with settlement within fifteen (15) days from the date of sale. **(TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE.)** Additional terms may be announced at the time of sale. **PURSUANT TO THE FEDERAL FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, I ADVISE YOU THAT THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT THE INDEBTEDNESS REFERRED TO HEREIN AND ANY INFORMATION WE WILL OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.**

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I first heard about sea nettles when my family moved to the Eastern Shore when I was almost 10 years old. I was warned to look out for the jellyfish when swimming or wading in the nearby waters to avoid getting stung.

I was reminded of that advisory last week when I was out gathering news and someone mentioned there were deadnettles in my yard.

I pictured the lawn full of the clear jelly slime left belly up. I reasoned that they swam into the newly formed ponds about my property caused by all the rain we had. They must have gotten stuck in the field. I grimaced at the thought of trying to clean up what would be comparable to the fish kill I once saw at Quinby Harbor.

Would they sting me while I gathered them? Ugh.

But I was wrong. That’s not what is blanketing the place. I was instead being told about the plant with the purple flowers that seem to be spreading everywhere in both Accomack and Northampton counties. They are purple deadnettles with the scientific name of Lamium purpureum or Greek for “the devouring purple monster.”

As a member of the mint family, the deadnettles are supposed to be medicinal. But if you pick a couple, as I did so I could take a photo up close, you can catch the fragrance, which in my opinion stinks. I’m NOT recommending that it be consumed although several websites did just that.

The website www.ediblewildfood.com said the leaves can be put in salads or added to smoothies.

Another site, www.naturallivingideas.com, recommended putting the leaves in soup and making tea with them. “Generally, you can use it just like you would any other green. The plant can also be finely minced and used as a garnish like you would an herb … Purple deadnettle is highly nutritious. It’s abundant in vitamins, particularly Vitamin C, along with iron and fiber, while the oil in its seeds is packed with powerful antioxidants.”

The site suggested the leaves be placed on wounds or cuts to stop bleeding. “Research published in 2007 in the Hacettepe University Journal of the Faculty of Pharmacy in Turkey, found it to be effective against the E. coli bacteria and others too. Its anti-inflammatory properties were documented in 2008 research in the Journal of Ethnopharmacology.”

In the 17th century, “Culpeper’s Complete Herbal: A Book of Natural Remedies for Ancient Ills,” listed the leaves as making the “head merry, drives away melancholy, quickens the spirits, is good against quartan agues, stancheth bleeding at mouth and nose, if it be stamped and applied to the nape of the neck; the herb also bruised, and with some salt and vinegar, and hog grease, laid upon a hard tumour or swelling, or that vulgarly called the king’s evil, do help to dissolve or discuss them; and being in like manner applied, doth much allay the pains, and give ease to the gout, sciatica, and other pains of the joints and sinews. It is also very effectual to heal green wounds, and old ulcers; also to stay their fretting, gnawing and spreading. It draweth forth splinters, and such like things gotten into the flesh, and is very good against bruises and burnings.”

So, my yard is filled with the wonder drug that also is also supposed to be loved by bees. But, in my yard, the bees prefer cherry blossoms, just like me. Yippee!
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