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There's a New Sheriff in Town

W. Todd Wessells, accompanied by his wife and sons, takes the oath of office, administered by Circuit Judge W. Revell Lewis III, to become Accomack County's new sheriff. Wessells began his law enforcement career at the Accomack County Sheriff's Office in 1993 as a correctional officer and transferred to the patrol division in 1994. He steadily advanced through the ranks, holding the rank of captain at the time of his election as sheriff.

Photo by Carol Vaughn.

SUPERVISORS GORDY AND CHESSER DEPART ACCOMACK BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Laura Belle Gordy, who represented District 7 for more than 30 years, and Grayson Chesser, who served District 3 for 13 years, did not run for re-election in 2019

By Carol Vaughn

Their colleagues on the Accomack County Board of Supervisors bid farewell to Supervisors Laura Belle Gordy and Grayson Chesser at the Dec. 18 board meeting.

Gordy and Chesser did not run for another term in office in the November election.

Gordy, who represented District 7, served on the board of supervisors since 1988, including as chairwoman five times.

She also was on the hospital board when plans were finalized to build the new hospital in Accomack County.

Supervisor Ron Wolff said of Gordy at her last meeting, "There wasn't a meeting that she didn't show up with a pin on her lapel."

Supervisor Paul Muhly called her "a gracious lady, a lady of principle."

Chairman Donald L. Hart Jr. said he first met Gordy when he was two and she was working at a Keller bank.

"She was class then, and she is still class...I will miss you," he said.

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New Bay Creek Owners Plan to Revitalize Community

New owners of resort community want to highlight Eastern Shore amenities and shift focus from retirees to young families

By Stefanie Jackson

Bay Creek in Cape Charles, once known as a golfing community for retirees, is under new ownership and management, and it's undergoing a transformation the new owners hope will breathe new life into its community, attracting younger families and economic vitality, all while preserving the natural surroundings and Cape Charles' small-town charm.

"Virginia Beach is a great place. Ocean City is a great place. But it's not this," said Matt Hagler, vice president of clubs and resorts for Preserve

Communities, the real estate development company that recently purchased Bay Creek.

Many Northampton citizens have long expressed a desire to expand the local tourist economy without ruining the county's natural, rural character and close-knit community.

Preserve Communities aims to do just that by allowing Bay Creek to remain a private club but enhancing it to appeal to a broader clientele, such as younger families looking to purchase a summer home.

Hagler envisions a potential client as perhaps a busy lawyer from Northern Virginia with a wife and children who will be out of school for the summer and need a place to stay where there are safe with fun activities for the whole family.

He paints a picture of mom staying at the Bay Creek summer home during the week with the kids as they learn how to camp and kayak, and dad driving down on a Thursday or Friday for the weekend.

Bay Creek will continue to offer world-class golf, with all 18 holes of the Arnold Palmer course and the front nine holes of the Jack Nicklaus course remaining.

The Jack Nicklaus golf course was downsized to make better use of the natural surroundings.

"Beach is always king," and the Bay Creek property boasts 1.8 miles of white sand beach, Hagler said.

The future of Bay Creek also means integration with the town of Cape Charles, connecting the private com-

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munity to dining, shopping, and entertainment options, with a golf cart path starting at Palmer Drive and ending at Peach Street.

Developers of other areas have spent \$10 million trying to create what exists in Cape Charles, Hagler said.

It's "like a Norman Rockwell painting come to life."

He isn't just a white-collar executive with no prior knowledge of the area. Hagler started this project knowing about the Eastern Shore and its "deep, ingrained culture."

He's originally from the Baltimore, Md., area, and in his youth, his family would often vacation on the Shore and visit destinations like Fisherman Island.

Hagler said, "I never realized as a kid" how "unbelievably rare and just cool this peninsula is."

Now he's ready to invite others to experience the "treasure trove" that is the Eastern Shore of Virginia, including its farmers and watermen, from the barrier islands to Cape Charles'

"mind-blowing sunsets."

The 1,700-acre Bay Creek property is approved for up to 30,000 units, but Preserve Communities "won't develop anywhere near that," Hagler said.

The overall goal isn't to "maximize real estate," but to "maximize a lifestyle."

Preserve Communities seeks to adapt Bay Creek to the new definition of quality. That once meant luxury items like white linen tablecloths and chandeliers, but now it's about "creating unique, authentic experiences," such as kayaking, camping, fishing for speckled trout, and dining farm-to-table style, Hagler said.

To maintain the Bay Creek atmosphere and experience, amenities such as the Coach House Tavern will remain available to members only, but the resort will continue its current relationship with the town, which allows local law enforcement officers to use the gym.

There is also a plan to build nature trails on the Bay Creek property, outside the gated community, which will be open to the public.

Bay Creek homeowners are permitted to rent their properties to visitors,

whose stays will include temporary club memberships that automatically activate at check-in and deactivate at checkout.

But don't plan on booking a Bay Creek vacation on Airbnb just yet. Preserve Communities still has to work out the details with Bay Creek homeowners about how to offer and manage the rentals while maintaining a high standard of quality.

Bay Creek's development stagnated after the "crash of 2008 took everything out," Hagler said. It never recovered, despite former owner Sinclair Communications – a radio broadcasting company based in Norfolk, Va. – funding the project for the last decade.

Preserve Communities is ready to "breathe life back into" Bay Creek and is putting its money where its mouth is. The company has "spared no expense" landscaping the property and plans to invest \$2 million in marketing, Hagler said.

Hagler wants to make the new Bay Creek a place where people can recon-



Above, the Coach House Tavern is one of many Bay Creek amenities that will be revamped as part of Preserve Communities' revitalization of the property. Photo by Stefanie Jackson.

nect – with their spouses, kids, themselves, and nature, he said.

His experience includes developing 20 other properties similar to Bay Creek. Hagler is at the forefront of the new Preserve Communities project, along with coworker Bobby Masters, vice president of lifestyle communities.

Hagler hopes his efforts to promote Bay Creek will reverberate through the town of Cape Charles and the entire Eastern Shore.

"It's one of the coolest places in the country."



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State Water Board Approves Permits for 45 Poultry Houses

Groundwater permits limit water withdrawal and require well monitoring, conservation, and investigating the use of the surface aquifer as an alternative water source

By Carol Vaughn

The State Water Control Board in December approved groundwater withdrawal permits for 45 poultry operations in Accomack County.

Each application was evaluated "individually and collectively" by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality "to consider the potential effects of pumping over 50 years on the Eastern Shore aquifer system," according to a press release from DEQ.

The permits all put specific limits on water withdrawal, as well as requiring well monitoring and conservation plans.

Special conditions requiring investigation of using the surface aquifer as an alternative to the Yorktown aquifer had been included for 26 farms. The State Water Control Board at its December meeting also added that condition to the remaining permits, according to the release.

A spokesman for Delmarva Poultry Industry commented on the board's action.

"The chicken community recognizes the important role the permitting process plays in allowing DEQ to assess impacts of withdrawals and to ensure sustainability of groundwater resources while keeping them available for use," said spokesman James Fisher.

"Despite the increased cost and regulatory burden on farmers the permits and special conditions will add, we're glad to see the permits approved so these chicken growers can remain a valuable part of Delmarva's \$3.4 billion chicken economy," Fisher said.

Peggy Sanner, Virginia assistant director and senior attorney for the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, also commented on the board's action, saying, "We applaud the DEQ for its work on these permits, and the board for taking

an important additional step that will facilitate assessment of the capacity and quality of the Columbia aquifer to serve as a groundwater source."

"Recognizing concerns that the contemplated large-scale water withdrawals from these facilities could put at risk the water supplies needed by others for domestic and other uses, the Board required all such permits (not just 26, as proposed by DEQ) include the requirement that the poultry farmer conduct an 'alternative source investigation,' providing site-specific data to DEQ," Sanner said.

Consent special orders were issued in 2018 for 56 poultry operations in Accomack, but after metering results were evaluated, two were judged not to require a permit, Scott Kudlas, director of DEQ's Office of Water Supply, said in a meeting at Nandua High School in April.

Three public hearings about the permits were held on the Eastern Shore in June.

Groundwater withdrawal permits are required for any facility that withdraws more than 300,000 gallons a month.

Permits may include monthly and annual limits, requirements for metering and reporting, a mitigation plan for adverse impacts, a water conservation and management plan, and special conditions, Kudlas said in April.

The special condition added to the permits the board approved in December is in accordance with the Ground Water Management Act of 1992, which says the State Water Control Board may require anyone withdrawing groundwater for any purpose anywhere in Virginia to provide information about the withdrawal and the use of the withdrawal, Kudlas said in a Dec. 20 email to the Post.

The special condition requires the user to "provide pump test and water quality data from a test or production well screened in the surficial aquifer on the facility site as well as conclusions on the capability of the surficial aquifer to supply all or part of the water needs for the facility," according to Kudlas.

Northampton County Considers One-Cent Sales Tax for Schools

Revenue would go to fund school repair, construction and related debt

By Stefanie Jackson

Northampton supervisors are considering raising the local sales tax by one cent, collecting up to \$1.4 million a year to repair and rebuild public schools.

"A lot of that sales tax would be paid or generated by people who are moving through here and stop for meals ... as opposed to just raising property taxes all the time," said Chairman Spencer Murray.

"This would be a significant piece of new revenue for the county, even though it would just have to go to the schools."

"We just borrowed \$28 million" to fix Northampton High School "and we know that our elementary schools are going to have to have work as well," he said.

Northampton would be following the lead of Halifax County, a small county in southern Virginia with population similar to Accomack.

Halifax County recently decided to implement an additional 1% sales tax for capital improvements to its public schools after supervisors learned it

would cost \$88 million to repair Halifax County High School, according to a report on the WSL 10 website.

A brand-new high school would cost Halifax County \$100 million.

Earlier this year, the Virginia General Assembly introduced House Bill 1634 to authorize Halifax County to impose the additional sales tax. It passed in the Senate and the House, and Gov. Ralph Northam approved the bill March 19.

About 71% of Halifax County voters passed a referendum for the 1% sales tax this November.

Supervisor Oliver Bennett asked if the money is guaranteed to local public schools, considering they are not receiving the amount of funding from the Virginia Lottery that was originally intended for them, he said.

County Administrator Charlie Kolkowski assured supervisors the money would be generated by local sales taxes would go directly to Northampton County, to be used solely for school repair, construction, and related debt.

Del. Rob Bloxom brought the Halifax referendum to the attention of Northamp-

ton administrators and supervisors.

If Northampton decides to follow suit with Halifax County, the effort would follow a similar timeline, with a bill introduced to the General Assembly in 2020 and a referendum presented to Northampton voters next November.

In another matter, Northampton supervisors passed their 2020 legislative agenda, a list of the top 20 items they would like Bloxom and Sen. Lynwood Lewis to prioritize during next year's General Assembly.

Number one was a request for state legislators to support funding for public roads but to oppose legislation that would give counties the responsibility to construct and maintain existing and new secondary roads.

Northampton supervisors want counties to have equal authority with cities and towns to charge taxes such as cigarette and meals taxes. They also want state parks and campgrounds to collect transient occupancy taxes like privately owned campgrounds.

Northampton supervisors oppose legislation that would eliminate local business taxes such as the machinery and tools tax.

They support the full restoration of state funding for the Compensa-

tion Board and constitutional officers, including the county treasurer, commissioner of revenue, sheriff, clerk of courts, and commonwealth attorney.

Northampton supervisors also support full restoration of funding for the Virginia Department of Education's Standards of Quality, which mandate the ratios of teachers and administrators to students in public schools.

Other highlights included requests to eliminate unfunded mandates found in the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act, one of which requires soil and water conservation assessments for farmlands.

The other requires localities to develop notification programs ensuring septic systems are cleaned out every five years, but supervisors believe this responsibility should belong to the Virginia Department of Health.

Northampton supervisors also support the advancement of technology for providing long-distance health education, administration, and healthcare.

At Supervisor Robert Duer's request, support for second amendment rights was added, and the resolution passed unanimously.



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NORTHAMPTON SUPERVISORS GET A 4-YEAR RUNDOWN OF FINANCIAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Borrowing \$25 million for middle and high school renovations tops the projects list; tax revenue is up, and household income in Northampton is growing at a faster rate than at the state or the nation level

By Stefanie Jackson

At the last Northampton supervisors meeting for retiring members Chairman Spencer Murray and Robert Duer, Director of Finance John Chandler reviewed the county's financial achievements over their last four-year term.

"Certainly, the high school-middle school enhancement project is going to be something that we can all be proud of in years to come," Chandler said.

Northampton supervisors recently authorized borrowing \$25 million for renovations and new construction at Northampton High School, which is also home to Northampton Middle School.

The decision was number one on Chandler's list of Northampton's top financial accomplishments since 2015.

"That's a can that's been kicked

down the road for many, many years," said Supervisor John Coker of the high school project.

Northampton school division had sought repair and reconstruction of the high school since at least 2007, when a study titled "Another Brick in the Wall" was published, in which structural engineering firm Marshall, Speight, and Francis concluded the original 1954 section of the building was in poor condition.

Under the leadership of Northampton supervisors, a committee was formed of school and county representatives. The committee hired architectural firm Waller, Todd, and Sadler, to provide a second opinion on the physical condition of the school and reached a consensus on the work that needed to be done.

Chandler told supervisors he hopes they attend the ribbon-cutting when the high school project is complete.

Northampton continues to recover from the Great Recession, with the average yearly unemployment rate dropping from 6.1% in 2015 to 5.4% in 2018.

The numbers for 2019 looked promising, with Northampton County's un-

employment rate at 3.2% as of October 2019.

Over an eight-year period from 2010 to 2018, the median household income in Northampton increased 20%, from \$34,501 to \$41,468, outpacing both Virginia and the U.S., where median household income growth was 15.8% and 14.8%, respectively.

From 2014 to 2018, personal income in Northampton grew from an average of \$40,546 to \$49,313 per person. Total personal income grew from around \$488 million to about \$578 million, or an increase of roughly \$90 million in a four-year period.

Since 2015, real estate tax revenues have increased \$1.5 million, or 10.6%, and property tax revenues have increased \$2.3 million, or 13.9%, indicating that citizens own more property, are paying more of the taxes they owe, or both.

The collection of personal property tax has become more successful in the last four years, from about 85.5% to 91.5%, an increase around 7 percentage points. Real estate tax collection increased one percentage point, from 96% to 97%.

"All those keep tax rates down for

all of us," Chandler said.

The real estate tax rate of \$0.83 per \$100 of assessed value has remained the same for the last four years, in part because more taxes owed were collected.

Some real estate tax bills were higher because property values increased, supervisors noted.

Farmers received some tax relief when supervisors lowered the farm equipment tax from \$1.43 to \$1.20 per \$100 of assessed value, a 16% decrease.

Chandler's numbers also appeared to indicate tourism growth, with revenues from transient occupancy taxes rising from about \$259,000 in 2015 to nearly \$469,000 in 2019, an increase of 81%.

During the same period, sales tax revenue grew from approximately \$1.1 million to nearly \$1.35 million, an increase of more than \$250,000, or about 24%.

Northampton's general fund revenue grew an average of \$1 million per year since 2015, from \$24.7 million to \$28.8 million, or a total increase of \$4.1 million.

Northampton's rainy day fund, known formally as its undesignated



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fund balance, grew nearly 44% in four years, from about \$3.5 million to nearly \$11.5 million.

Other highlights from the last four years included the demolition of the 1914 jail, the construction of the new EMS garage in Machipongo, and the dredging of the Willis Wharf harbor.

A new Royal Farms, which opened near Kiptopeke State Park, generates as much tax revenue as 10 half-million-dollar homes, Coker said.

Northampton supervisors replaced the unpopular 2015 zoning changes, oversaw the restructuring of commissions including the Eastern Shore of Virginia Tourism Commission and the ANTDC (Accomack-Northampton Transportation District Commission), and presided over the Cape Charles rail yard going up for sale.

They saw the hiring of Director of Finance John Chandler, County Administrator Charlie Kolakowski, and the Berkeley Group consulting firm that is getting Northampton's comprehen-

sive plan on track, to be completed by next summer.

Northampton supervisors supported the redesign of the county's official website.

The county received a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for assessing the presence or absence of contaminants at former commercial or industrial sites that could be redeveloped for future economic growth.

In Eastville, Northampton supervisors facilitated downtown renovations and adjusted the voting district boundary line. In Exmore, they were responsible for arranging the replacement of substandard housing on Occohannock Neck Road.

The presentation was wrapped up by thanking Murray and Duer for their service on multiple committees.

"A lot of people think we just sit up here, this is the only time we spend on being a supervisor," Coker said.

"Well, I got news for you. There's a lot of other stuff we do."

Accomack Will Petition To Join HRSD

By Carol Vaughn

The Accomack County Board of Supervisors at its Dec. 18 meeting unanimously approved petitioning the 2nd Circuit Court to become part of the Hampton Roads Sanitation District.

Accomack County Administrator Michael Mason called the petition "the next step" in advancing a regional sewer project on the Eastern Shore, in a process that has been going on for around two years.

Both Shore counties as well as incorporated towns are being asked to petition the court to become part of the district.

So far, "No towns to date have declared intention not to be included," Mason told the board of supervisors.

Shore officials are working with the Hampton Roads Sanitation District on the regional wastewater project, which would leverage excess capacity at Onancock's treatment facility.

The Onancock facility currently treats about 230,000 gallons a day, but has a capacity of 750,000 gallons a day.

Supervisor Robert Crockett made the motion to approve the petition, saying, "This is one of the best, one of the largest possible, infrastructure projects"

in the region.

He noted the plan to run a sewer line from Nassawadox to Accomac is the first of several planned phases to provide sewer service on the Eastern Shore.

The initial phase, if approved, will run sewage transmission lines from Nassawadox to Accomac, at a cost of \$24 to \$25 million, Crockett said at a September meeting.

Future phases could extend sewer service south to Cape Charles and north to Chincoteague, he said.

Supervisor Ron Wolff seconded the motion, which was approved 9-0.

If the two counties and towns on the Eastern Shore agree to become part of the sanitation district, the HRSD could take on the \$24 million sewer line construction project and also operate the system.

The Hampton Roads Sanitation District is a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, similar to the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel, and is governed by an eight-member commission appointed by the governor.

The district has around 1.7 million customers, or about 20% of Virginians, Ted Henifin, general manager of the HRSD, said at a meeting last summer.



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27414 Gargatha Landing Road
For \$43,000
- From Joseph Carney
To Dianna M. Kinsey and Tiffany L. Combs
Trails End Lot 57, Unit 3, Horntown
For \$16,000
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To Elizabeth F. and Junius Spencer Morgan III
15052 Blenheim Way, Melfa
For \$385,000
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To Lisa Anne and Ronald Joseph Perkins
6201 Ocean Blvd, Chincoteague
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25297 Lankford Highway, Onley
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Northampton County

- From Matthew Hamilton and I-Ling Chen
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27526 Allure Way, Cape Charles
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Lot 7,.21 acre, Hare Valley, near Exmore
For \$800
- From Benjamin Mears IV
To Chad Harrison
5521 Willow Oak Road, Lot 5, Eastville
For \$125,000
- From Anne Tankard, trustee
To Bayside Eastern Shore LLC
Parcel, 147 acres, Nassawadox
For \$450,000

• From Bay Loft LLC
To Rose Lynn LLC
Unit 4, Condominium Plan, Cape Charles
For \$190,000

- From Marc and Haley Marshall
To Amber Crockett
4133 Sunnyside Road, Cheriton
For \$140,000
- From Hollis Hall
To Frank and Andrea Giardina
Lot F, Cape Charles
For \$44,000

• From Wayne, Deborah, and Sonya Hall
To Frank and Andrea Giardina
Lot 195 and part of Lot 194, Cape Charles
For \$315,000

- From Beverly Layton
To Parnell Satchell
Lot 1, near Eastville
For \$60,000

• From Elizabeth Noble
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Parcel, 1/2 acre, near Cedar Grove
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Lot 60, Block B, Cape Charles
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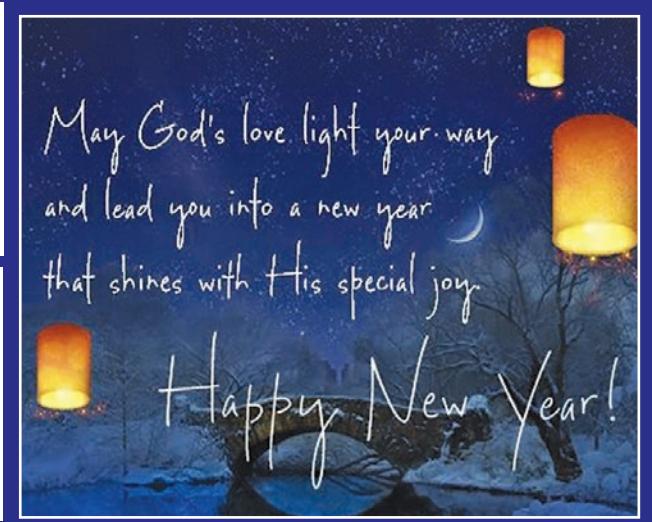


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Local Minister Organizing Rally and March Against Gun Violence

Minister who presided over funerals of three young gun victims within a year will hold rally and march in Onancock

By Carol Vaughn

A march and rally to stop gun violence on the Eastern Shore is set for Sunday, Dec. 29, at 3 p.m. in Onancock.

The "Stop the Violence" walk will start at the former hospice building in Onancock and will end at the Onancock gazebo.

A young minister, Elder Quintavion Washington, 25, of House of Refuge Deliverance Center in Temperanceville, is spearheading the effort, in partnership with an organization called M.A.S.K. and the National Youth Week USA State your CASE program.

Washington recently conducted his third funeral service in a year for a young man who died as result of gun violence.

The funeral was for Tayvion Laquan Smith, who died of his injuries after deputies responding to a report of shots fired early Dec. 13 found him in

an Onancock residence suffering from an apparent gunshot wound.

Washington felt the need to address the topic of gun violence, as well as other forms of violence, in a public way, leading to planning the event in Onancock.

"I've never had this many 'likes' and 'shares' on Facebook...That already tells me that people are behind this," he said.

Washington, who was raised in the church and has been preaching for 16 years, veered off the right path at one point, and credits the intervention and support of a handful of relatives and mentors with encouraging him to get back on track.

"The purpose for this rally is simply to give back to our community," Washington said, adding, "I know where some of these young people are; I've been there myself — I had a rocky start at a young age; I was arrested and locked up before, so I know how it is to feel like all hope is lost."

Young people in a similar situation "need somebody to say, 'You know what — I'm going to get out here and roll up

my sleeves. I'm going to show you that I love you, I care about you, and I'm fighting for you,'" he said.

Washington said he knows improvement won't happen overnight, but said, "Slow progress is better than no progress...If I can prevent at least one person from making the wrong decision, then that's going to stimulate to another person."

Several speakers — including four mothers of young people who died as result of gun violence — are lined up to address the marchers at the Dec. 29 event.

"All these women lost kids," Washington said.

He hopes the event will be "a com-

munity thing," crossing racial and other dividing lines.

In addition to the march, Washington's intention is to create an ongoing organization to address violence, in partnership with existing groups.

"I'm already working with different individuals" to form a board to oversee the effort and determine "what is it we need to do to reach our younger generation," he said.

"My job now is to, when we come together, make them think that this is not just another get-together," Washington said, adding, "This is something that is actually going to have an effect on somebody."



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Community College Begins Move Into New Academic Building

Submitted Article

Eastern Shore Community College is transitioning to its brand-new academic building. The construction, which began in Oct. 2017, is complete and final touches are underway.

Movers began the transfer Monday, Dec. 16, and the remaining work will be accomplished over the holiday break. The old academic building closed Dec. 23.

The new building will officially open Monday, Jan. 13, in conjunction with the 2020 spring semester. However, limited access to the business office, student services, and online bookstore support will be available to the public beginning Monday, Jan. 6. The business office will be open Jan. 6 from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. for the spring class payment deadline. Support staff for the new ESCC online bookstore will be

on hand Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 6 and 7, and the following week, Monday, Jan. 13 through Thursday, Jan. 16. Visitors are asked to report to the welcome desk at the main front entrance of the building. From there, they will be directed to the available resources.

New parking areas will be available behind and to the south of the new building, in addition to the existing parking resources in front of and behind Workforce Development Services. These are accessible from the existing main college entrance from Lankford Highway, and also from the south entrance that turns in to the ESVA Chamber of Commerce offices and the Accomack County Industrial Park.

ESCC is providing timely updates on the transition from its website at <https://es.vccs.edu/>, and also on social media channels including Facebook.



Inside Eastern Shore Community College's new academic building in November shortly before completion. The college has begun relocating into the new building just in time for the spring 2020 semester.

~Gordy and Chesser~

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Gordy was first elected to the board in 1988 and served two terms.

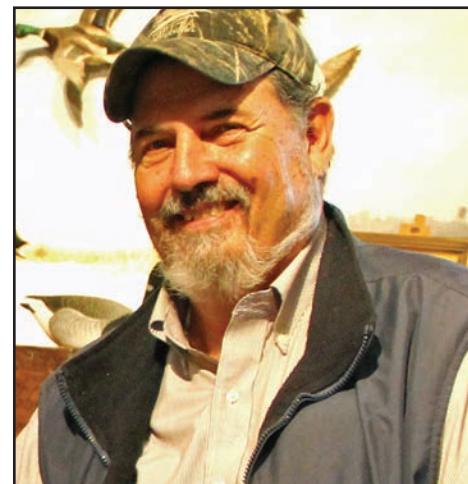
After she was defeated by 17 votes in 1995, she was again elected in 2000 and has served on the board since then.

Additionally, Gordy served on the Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission, the Accomack Social Services Board, the Eastern Shore Area Agency on Aging Community Action Board, Eastern Shore of Virginia Tourism Commission for which she was chairwoman for five years, the Solid Waste Management Committee, the Accomack Parks and Recreation Commission, the Eastern Shore Public Library Board of Trustees, the Accomack County Agriculture and Forestal Committee, the Eastern Shore Community College Board, and the Eastern Shore Health Advisory Board.

She was chairwoman of the hospital charity ball for two years and a member of the Executive Finance and Long-Range Planning Committee as chairwoman of Public Relations for Riverside Shore Memorial



Longtime board of supervisors members Laura Belle Gordy (left) and Grayson Chesser attended their last meetings in December. File photos.



Hospital Board of Trustees. Gordy volunteered as manager of the hospital's gift shop for more than 15 years and was hospital auxiliary president.

She has served on committees of the Virginia Association of Counties and was appointed by the governor to serve on the Delmarva Advisory Council, the Virginia Marine Resources Commission (six years), and the Chesapeake Bay Governor's Board. She also was appointed a secretary of the Commonwealth Adviso-

ry Board and Regional Economic Development Advisory Council.

She was president of the Woman's Club of Accomack County and has been a member of Temperanceville Chapter 88 Order of the Eastern Star (past worthy matron), Onancock Emblem Club 195, Friends of the Onancock School, Exmore Moose, Delmarva Firemen's Ladies' Auxiliary (past president), Virginia Federation of Business Professional Women's Club (past president), and the Virginia Federation of Business

and Professional Women's Board of Trustees (president).

Chesser, 72, who represented District 3, served 13 years on the board of supervisors.

He served as the supervisors' liaison to the school board, chairman of the county Deer Dog Committee, member of the Eastern Shore Groundwater Committee, the Agri-Forestal Committee, the Joint Land-Use Study Committee, and is a former member of the Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission.

His colleagues recalled his penchant for storytelling and Supervisor Reneta Major called him "a true gentleman," while Supervisor Harrison Phillips called Chesser "quick-witted."

Supervisor Robert Crockett said Chesser's storytelling reminded him of Abraham Lincoln, who also was known for telling stories to make his point.

"You don't leave as associates; you leave as friends," he said of the two departing officials.

In January, Howard "Jackie" Phillips will take the District 7 seat and Vanessa K. Johnson will represent District 3.



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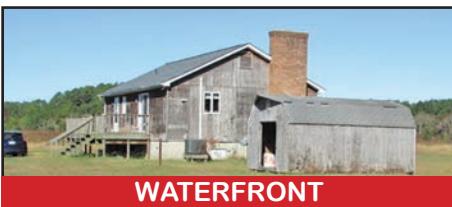


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OBITUARIES

Diana H. Annunziata

Mrs. Diana H. Annunziata, of Newburg, Md., a wife, mother, grandmother and dear friend, died Dec. 12, 2019, at the age of 75 years.

Born in Newport News, Va., she was one of three children of Katherine Birch Hickman and Louie Hickman.

Diana was raised on the Eastern Shore of Virginia. She attended and graduated from Central High School, class of 1962.

After graduation, Diana, along with a few girlfriends moved to Washington, D.C. Diana worked at the Washington Star Newspaper, a daily afternoon paper published in D.C., as well as the FBI. It was during those years when she met Paul Annunziata.

Diana and Paul were a great cou-



Mrs. Annunziata

ple. They complemented each other and eventually got married in 1967 at the Hollies Baptist Church in Keller, the place she considered home, back on the Eastern Shore. They bought a home in Ft. Washington, Md., a quiet suburb close to the District where work was plentiful and life was good. That was home for the next 35 years where they raised their daughters, Andrea and Michelle.

Diana was fun and feisty. She always loved to love on her children and stayed involved in their lives. She worked off and on, mostly at Clinton Computer, but still maintained her life using her love language-giving...it seemed to suit her servant heart! She gave to her husband and to her children as she volunteered with many activities. She was sweet and tender and rooted her children in church life.

After the death of her beloved husband, Paul, in 2003, Diana moved back to the Eastern Shore to once again give of herself to care for her aging mother. During the next decade, her mother had died and Diana's

health had issues popping up too fast for her to handle, and she moved back to Maryland, purchasing a home in Newburg, Md., in 2016.

Diana loved playing solitaire on her computer. She got excited to shop and give gifts to family and friends...once again the language of her love.

Diana was the devoted mother of Andrea L. Wilson and her husband, Paul Wilson, of Papua, New Guinea, and Michelle Teasley, of Newburg, Md.; loving sister of Randy Davis Hickman and his wife, Ann Hickman, of Melfa; and sweetest Grammy of Sarah, Jimmy, Caleb, Phoebe and Joshua.

In addition to her beloved husband, Paul, Diana was also predeceased by her parents and her brother, the late Louie Dean Hickman Jr.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Diana may be directed to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 15829, Arlington, VA 22215.

Franklin Allen Holland

Mr. Franklin Allen Holland, 96, of Greenbackville, surrounded by his loving family and talking with Jesus, as he often did, especially in his final years, passed away on Saturday, Dec. 21, 2019, at his Captain's Cove home. He was born at home on Aug. 4, 1923, in Beaver Dam, Md., just south of Pocomoke City. He was the last surviving of five sons born to the late Marion S. and Margaret Tull Holland.

He had farming in his heart, even up until the time of his death. He was devoted to his God and his Savior Jesus Christ. He was also an avid hunter and fisherman and was good at all that he did. A faithful member of Beaver Dam Presbyterian Church for 78 years, he served as an adult Sunday school teacher for over 20 years and as an elder for several terms. He had been a member of the Atlantic Ruritan Club for 30 years, having served two terms as president, and a member of the Virginia Farm Bureau. His greatest love was for his family.

Franklin is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 76 years, Audrey

Silverthorne Holland; one daughter, Diana Holland McAllister Young, of Pocomoke City; two sons, James Franklin Holland and his wife Barbara, of New Church, and Dale Allen Holland and his wife Sandra, of Greenbackville; eight grandchildren, Mike McAllister (Patrick O'Brien) of Waxahachie, Texas, Brian McAllister (Katherine McAllister) of Bishopville, Md., Richard Holland (Anna Holland) of Stockton, Md., Shana Holland Farlow (John Farlow) of Stockton, Jennifer Holland of Stockton, Danna Czesak (Mark Czesak) of Wilmington, N.C., Andrew Holland of Stockton, and Nathan Holland of Stockton; ten great-grandchildren, Keegan, Kaylin, Cayman, Kai, Riley, Hailey, Chase, Brendon, Liam, and Addyson; two sister-in-laws, Gladys Holland and Miriam Holland, both of Pocomoke City, and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by four brothers, Marion Lee, William T., Everett D., and Harry K. Holland; two son-in-laws, Bill McAllister and Paul Young; and two sister-in-laws, Una Mae Holland and Dorothy Mae Holland.

Family and friends will gather at the Beaver Dam Presbyterian Church, 345 Makemie Road, Pocomoke City, MD, from 10 to 11 a.m., for a visitation on Friday, Dec. 27, 2019, and the funeral service will begin at 11 a.m. The Rev. Lance Ness will officiate. A private interment will follow in the Pitts Creek Presbyterian Cemetery in Pocomoke City.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Beaver Dam Presbyterian Church, c/o Jane Banks, P.O. Box 213, Pocomoke City, MD 21851

Arrangements are in the care of Holloway Funeral Home, P.A., 107 Vine Street, Pocomoke City, MD 21851. To send condolences to the family, please visit www.hollowayfh.com

Pauline Widgeon Lewis

Mrs. Pauline Widgeon Lewis, 81, wife of Vernon A. Lewis and a resident of Cheriton, passed away Thursday, Dec. 19, 2019, at Heritage Hall Healthcare in Nassawadox. A native of Eastville, she was the daughter of the late William Thomas Widgeon and the late Katherine Eder Widgeon. She was retired from Bayshore Concrete, a mem-



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ber of Cheriton Baptist Church, and loved gardening, fishing, cake decorating, and rehabilitating injured animals.

In addition to her loving husband, she is survived by a son, Gregory Hardesty, of Cheriton; a brother, Randolph Widgeon, of Willis Wharf; a sister, Fannie Belote, of Quinby; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A graveside service was conducted Monday, Dec. 23, 2019, at Cape Charles Cemetery with the Rev. Dr. Charles Peterson officiating. Memorials may be made to Cheriton Baptist Church, P.O. Box 227, Cheriton, VA 23316.

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

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Mrs. Lewis

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

Patricia Smith

Mrs. Patricia Denise Pruitt Smith, 68, wife of Francis P. "Pat" Smith and a resident of Exmore, passed away Saturday, Dec. 21, 2019, at her residence. A native of Wachapreague, she was the daughter of the late Thomas Coe Pruitt and the late LaBelle Sturgis Pruitt Tyndall. She was a homemaker, attended Exmore Baptist Church, and was a former member of the Exmore Baptist Church Young Women's Circle.

In addition to her loving husband, she is survived by two brothers, Thomas Pruitt and his wife, Brenda Lee, of Melfa, and Keith Pruitt, of Exmore; two nephews; and three nieces. She was predeceased by a brother,



Mrs. Smith

Tony Pruitt.

A graveside service was conducted Thursday, Dec. 26, 2019, at Belle Haven Cemetery with the Rev. Jonathan Carpenter officiating.

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

Arrangements were made by Doughty Funeral Home in Exmore.

Bennie Lee Tatum

Mr. Bennie Lee Tatum died Friday, Dec. 20, 2019, in Onley, with his family by his side.

Born Jan. 27, 1951, he was the son of the late Gatha Rean Lynch Tatum and Lee Atwell Tatum. He retired from ANEC, in 2013, after 27 years on the job as a lineman and serviceman. He was an avid hunter and skilled gunsmith.

Mr. Tatum is survived by his loving and devoted wife, Mary Kerr Tatum; four children and



Mr. Tatum

their spouses, Angela (Todd) Winder, Heather (Jay) Diem, Jennifer (Daniel) Harris, and Ryan (JoAnn) Jefferson; seven grandchildren, Alex, Hailey, Madison, Sarah, Luke, Scarlett and Lily; one great-grandchild, Aaron; a brother, John (Sandy) Tatum; a special niece, Lisa (Charles) Wood; a special cousin, Terry NeSmith; several cousins, nieces and nephews; and beloved partner-in-crime, Wayne Willett.

Mr. Tatum lived with integrity. He loved well and was well loved, especially by his wife, children, and grandchildren.

A graveside service was held Sunday, Dec. 22, 2019, at Fairview Lawn Cemetery in Onancock.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 (www.stjude.org/donate).

Memory tributes may be shared with the family at www.williamsfuneralhomes.com or mailed to P.O. Box 423, Onley, VA 23418.

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Intruder at Shore Saw & Mower Turns Out To Be 4-Legged and Furry



A deer that apparently attempted to leap through a window Sunday, Dec. 22, left this mess at Shore Saw & Mower in Painter. Submitted image.

By Carol Vaughn

An apparent break-in at a Painter business turned out to be the deed of a furry intruder.

Jeff Kelley went to his business, Shore Saw & Mower on Route 13, Sunday morning, Dec. 22, to feed his pet bearded dragon and use the computer.

When he arrived, he found a chaotic scene inside, including lots of broken glass and blood and a broken sign.

Fearing the business — which sells and repairs small engines, lawnmowers, chainsaws, and other handheld power equipment — had been the scene of a crime, Kelley called his wife and asked her to come take photographs.

They also alerted the Accomack County Sheriff's Office.

Rita Kelley arrived first.

"There was glass everywhere," she said.

By the time she got there, Jeff Kelley had found another piece of evidence — tufts of deer hair amid the wreckage — which revealed the

true story.

Apparently a deer, spooked by who-knows-what in the night, had attempted to leap into the building through a thick, double-paned window — and was stopped only by the security bars on the window.

They also found a single hoofprint near the window — "his launch position," Rita Kelley called it.

There was no sign of the animal itself.

She has two theories about the incident, which happened three days before Christmas.

Either Santa Claus needed a chainsaw to leave for some Eastern Shoreman — and sent Rudolph to Shore Saw to fetch one — or a deer wanted revenge on the Shore's many hunters, and needed a chainsaw to cut down "all these...deer stands," Kelley said.

According to the trail it left, the unfortunate deer after its encounter with the Shore Saw window apparently headed in the direction of a nearby veterinary office, according to Kelley.

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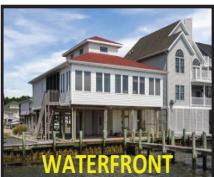
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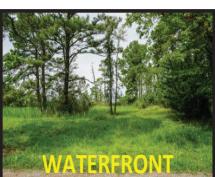
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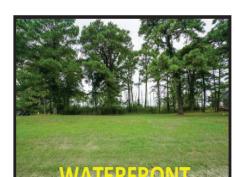
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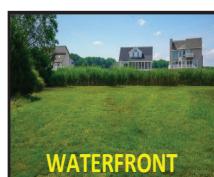
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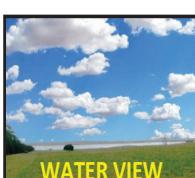


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Local Favorite Tops New York Times Best Songs of 2019 List

Angelica Garcia, with her song "Jicama," finds herself in the company of acclaimed recording artists Lizzo, Khalid, the late Leonard Cohen, Black Keys, and Blake Shelton

By Carol Vaughn

Angelica Garcia's song, "Jicama," is among 54 songs listed in the New York Times Best Songs of 2019.

Garcia, who formerly lived on the Eastern Shore, is listed along with artists including the Black Keys, Bruce Hornsby and Blake Shelton, among others.

Garcia's song, "Jicama," comes in at number 10 of 25 titles on music critic Jon Pareles' list of top songs of the year. The Dec. 11 article also includes pop music critic Jon Caramanica's list of 24 top songs.

"I'm very honored to be in the top 10," Garcia said, adding, "It was a great surprise to see my name against such accomplished artists."

Garcia is the daughter of Angelica

Garcia-Randle and the step-daughter of the Rev. Cameron Randle, past rector of St. James and St. George's Episcopal churches on the Shore.

The Latinx singer was born in Los Angeles and now lives in Richmond.

"I love the Eastern Shore and am grateful for the years I spent there," Garcia said, adding, "I miss my friends and the ESVA community. Living in Accomac was very special to me."

Garcia lists among her musical influences Lucinda Williams, Jack White, Neil Young, Willie Nelson, Radiohead, J.J. Cale, and Mississippi John Hurt, according to her professional Facebook page.

Her song's title refers to a root vegetable native to Mexico and Central and South America, which now is used in cuisines worldwide.

Garcia wrote about the meaning of "Jicama" on her website, www.angelicagarciamusic.net

"This song is about not being seen for having a dual identity. When you don't feel seen, you don't feel accepted

for who you are. In my case, I'm American, but I am also Mexican and Salvadoran because of my family blood," Garcia said, adding, "Though people often don't know where to put me, I proudly wear both sides of my identity. The U.S. is a country made up of people from other countries. This song and video are a love letter to kids who grew up embracing two worlds just like me."

Pareles in the Times article says of the song, "Garcia proclaims her bicultural heritage — 'wearing my roots and flying this flag' — over a snowballing, polyrhythmic buildup that melds Mexican rhythms and electronic savvy."

Additionally, Garcia performed at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., Dec. 22 as part of the Kennedy Center's free daily performance series.

She has an album due to release in February and also is looking forward to an upcoming tour in Europe.

A video of Garcia performing "Jicama" can be viewed on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&v=E0xmezeYSoI>



Angelica Garcia

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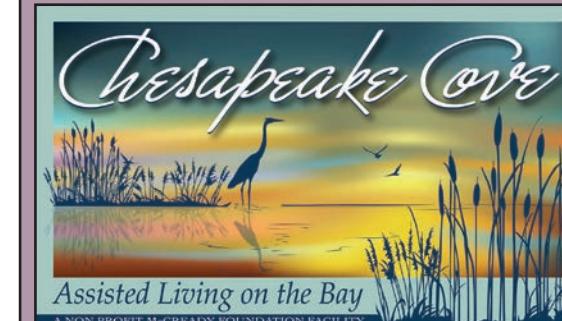
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Photos, clockwise, starting above:
Valerie Starling as Dream Clara
with Jordan Jones as Prince.



A party scene from "The Nutcracker."
Cadence Campbell dances the lead role of Clara.

Dancers performing the flower dance fill the stage.

Lindsey Smith as Russian Trepak.

Virginia Will See Menhaden Moratorium Unless Quota Adopted

U.S. Secretary of Commerce gives commonwealth until June to implement 51,000-ton cap on menhaden fishery

By Carol Vaughn

Virginia's menhaden fishery could be shut down in June if it does not comply with federal quotas, according to the Secretary of Commerce.

Virginia is out of compliance with Amendment 3 of the Interstate Fishery Management Plan, according to the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission.

The commission received notice Dec. 19 that Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross agreed with the commission's finding, according to a press release.

Virginia has failed to implement the 51,000-ton fishery cap, according to the release.

Ross said a moratorium on menhaden fishing in Virginia waters will take

effect June 17, 2020, if the cap is not implemented.

The action is related to provisions of the 1993 Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Cooperative Management Act, according to the release.

"I am grateful for the Secretary's support of the Commission's fisheries management process and, in particular, our efforts to manage Atlantic menhaden, an important forage species, in a precautionary manner," said Commission Chairman Patrick C. Keleher, of Maine.

A letter from NOAA Fisheries about the determination Virginia is not in compliance with the management plan said the measure is necessary for the conservation of the menhaden resource.

Menhaden are a small, oily fish that Canadian-owned company Omega Protein uses to make pet food, human supplements, and to feed farm-raised salmon, according to the Chesapeake

Bay Foundation.

They also are filter feeders that help to clean the bay and feed popular recreational fishing species like striped bass, according to the foundation.

It is the only fish species in Virginia managed by the General Assembly, according to the foundation.

"The best available information shows that menhaden in the Chesapeake Bay are an important component of the overall health of the stock, and further that their role as forage for predator species in the Chesapeake Bay is critical to the marine environment," the letter said.

The June date was set to give Virginia "the time necessary for its legislature to bring these regulations back into compliance," it said.

A scientist with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation called the action "the largest conservation victory" in a 20-year effort by conservationists, con-

servation organizations and anglers to protect the fishery.

"This is a huge, huge victory to make sure we have a healthier fishery," said Chris Moore, senior regional ecosystem scientist for the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, in a press release.

Virginia Secretary of Natural Resources Matthew J. Strickler thanked Secretary Ross and Chris Oliver, assistant administrator NOAA Fisheries, for taking action "to protect the Chesapeake Bay and the livelihoods of all those who depend on it, including the workers at Omega Protein."

"We believe strongly that a science-based approach that accounts for all fisheries in the Chesapeake Bay ecosystem is appropriate, and we look forward to working with the General Assembly to apply such an approach to the menhaden fishery," Strickler said in an emailed statement to the Post.

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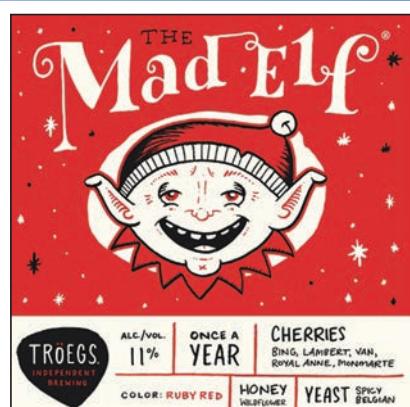
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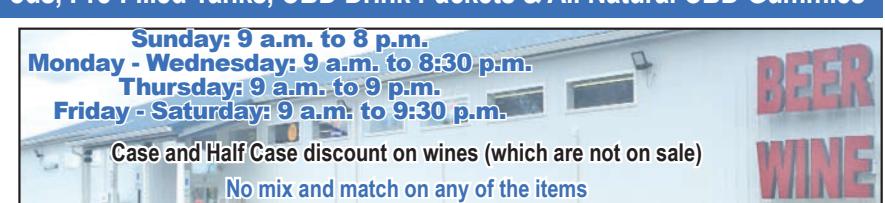


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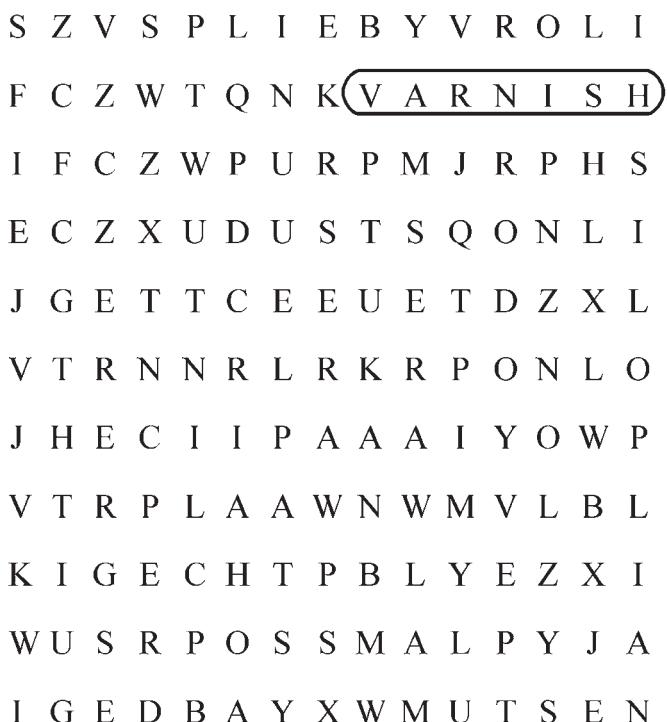
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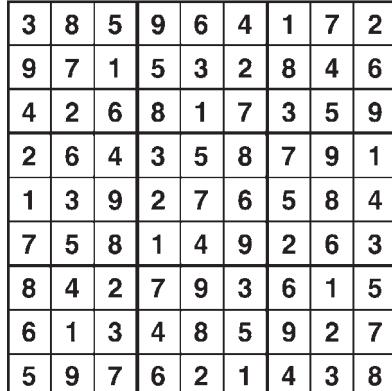
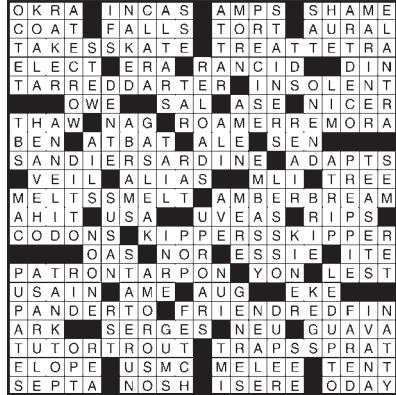
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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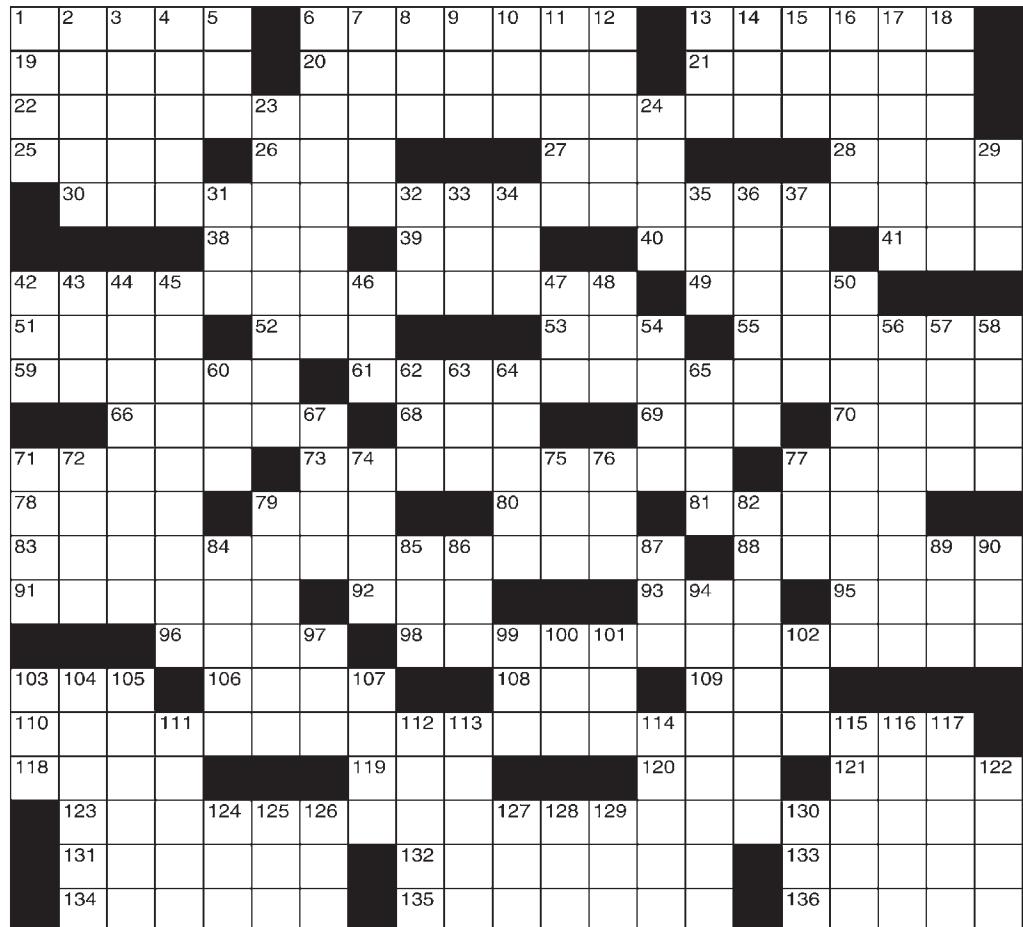
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Bulldogs Raise The ‘Woof’ at Firebirds’ Home Game



Dontarius Jones converts in transition for Laurel. Photo by Matthew Yoder.



Keith Grinnage connects on a jump shot in the paint for the Firebirds. Photo by Matthew Yoder.

12/19/19 - BASKETBALL
LAUREL 71
ARCADIA 68

By Matthew Yoder

It's difficult to capture the essence of a hotly contested game without addressing the factor whistles played in determining the outcome. A questionable dribbling call with seven seconds remaining negated Arcadia's chances to set up for a final shot. However, whistles alone did not lead to Arcadia's 71-68 loss at home against Laurel, Del., last Thursday night.

The Firebirds have effectively weakened their opponents early this season by shooting well behind the arc. Against Laurel, they struggled in this regard, and at times layups further plagued their chances to climb out of an early hole they dug for themselves. From the outset, the intensity from both sides was undeniable. The crowd was equally alive and very much engaged. Both teams contributed to a frenetic pace early.

Tair Bibbins stepped into good looks for Arcadia, but his shots just rimmed out. Laurel's fortunes were not so. Robert Malone connected on a 3-point shot to open the scoring for the Bulldogs. That was followed by a steal and layup from Javier White, and an emphatic steal and dunk from Dontarius Jones. Jones roared with pride and the competitive tone was set. The Bulldogs opened on a 7-0 run and coach Rodney Armstrong brought his

Firebirds into a timeout.

Lethon Williams slowed Laurel's start with a rebound put back, but White responded with a 3 for Laurel. Arcadia's 3-point attempts routinely rattled out until Kamron Downing spotted Kylen Wharton in the corner for a successful make. The Bulldogs were relentless in the quarter, however, scoring on the fast break with layups from Kylse Wilson or 3's off the inbound to Bricen Sanders.

Even after an apparent block from Bibbins in transition on Wilson, Arcadia could not catch a break. Bibbins was called for the foul, and if not for a couple of layups from Wharton the start would have been a complete runaway for Laurel. The Bulldogs ended the quarter up 26-12.

Arcadia gathered its composure in the second quarter. Wharton continued his strong play, William Scarborough finally broke through with a 3-point basket, and Keith Grinnage asserted himself as a strong post option for the Firebirds. Grinnage made baskets off rebounds and spotted up defenders with great accuracy. Wilson and Jones continued to pace the Bulldogs, but the Firebirds effectively cut into the lead, drawing to within 9, 38-29, at

the half.

The game tightened even more in the third quarter. Grinnage continued to impress, and though they played with an undersized lineup, the Firebirds crashed the boards and drew hard fouls against the Bulldogs. Arcadia was very effective in converting its freethrows and pushed the tempo to its benefit. Williams continued his strong play with layups, tip-ins, and makes from the charity stripe. A 3-point attempt from Scarborough just rattled out as the buzzer sounded to end the third. It would have brought the Firebirds to within 1, but as it is they managed to seriously get within striking distance.

The action in the fourth quarter was tremendously tense. Sanders opened with a layup for the Bulldogs.

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Bibbins then hit a floater down the lane, and on the following possession fed Grinnage for a turnaround jump shot. Grinnage would finish with 12 points, providing impressive play in the paint. With the shot, the Firebirds climbed to within 2 of the lead. Arcadia then went cold again from behind the arc, and Laurel pushed the pace more in transition.

The Bulldogs made a series of layups, and were now the aggressors, drawing a host of fouls. Laurel extended its lead to 8 quickly from a fast break surge but did not help itself at the free throw line. Laurel's foul shooting fell completely flat, and Arcadia responded. Williams assisted Grinnage, then Scarborough passed the ball to Wharton for a one-handed floater.

DaJuan Bailey provided an immediate spark from the Firebirds' bench with a put back, and then electrified the crowd with a bank shot 3-pointer, which brought Arcadia to within 3 with 32 seconds remaining.

Bailey provided 8 points in limited playing time, and after another

make, the Firebirds were within 1. Laurel's failure to make free throws further complicated its chances, and with 7 seconds Arcadia pushed the ball up court with a chance to win. Arcadia was called for a travel at midcourt, which sparked a decidedly raucous reaction of displeasure from the crowd. Arcadia fouled on Laurel's inbound, and Wilson finally broke the Bulldogs drought from the line.

With only our seconds left, Scarborough moved the ball up court, heaving a 3 that rattled out, sending Arcadia to its first loss of the season, albeit one in which the Firebirds fought hard to the end against a formidable opponent. In addition to Grinnage, two other Firebirds finished with double figures in points. Williams led with 17 points, and Wharton added a solid 14. The Bulldogs ended with four players in double figures. Wilson was the high scorer for the game, finishing with 19 and was backed by White with 18, Jones with 13, and Sanders with 12.

The Firebirds next compete in the Governor's Challenge tournament in Salisbury, Md., starting December 28.

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Eastern Shore Wrestlers Take Down Parkside Invitational

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WRESTLING

By Brennan Waldorf

The 2019 portion of the wrestling season concluded last Saturday, when teams traveled north to Salisbury, Md., to participate in the 51st Annual Parkside Holiday Tournament. Both varsity and junior varsity wrestlers took to the mats in the two-day round-robin tournament. The varsity portion was a mentally and physically grueling two-day event, where wrestlers from Nandua and Arcadia went head to head against 10 other teams. Some wrestlers had as many as ten matches over the course of the tournament. The varsity portion of the tournament was won by the host team Parkside with 352 points, followed by Colonel Richardson with 265. Nandua's varsity team fell in fifth place with

226 points and Arcadia's placed ninth with 110 points. The JV portion was a single-day round-robin tourney with wrestlers from Nandua, Arcadia, and Northampton participating.

Varsity standouts for the Shore include Nandua's Colin Ford who was 9-0 in the 106-pound division, taking first overall. David Gastelum from Nandua also went a perfect 9-0, taking the crown at 160 pounds.

Other medalist included Angel Vasquez (AHS) who went 8-1 and took runner-up at 113 pounds, Ben Gutierrez (NAN) finished third at 113 pounds, Ronaldo Lopez (AHS) placed fourth at 126 pounds, and Osberto Perez (AHS) took fourth place at 132 pounds.

Dlyan Ross (NAN) finished fourth at 138 pounds, Cameron Mears(NAN) placed fourth at 152 pounds, and Hunter Rippon (NAN) took fourth at 220 pounds.

In the single-day JV portion, which did not keep a team score, medalist include Jose Beltran-Gramajo's (AHS) taking first in the 107-111-pound division, Tanner Feltes's (NHS) took the crown in the 137-138-pound division, Rico Hall (NAN) finished first in the 145-148-pound weight class, and Brantley Smith (NAN) was runner-up in the 114-120-pound division.

The wrestling season will continue after the new year with Nandua traveling to John A. Holmes High School Jan. 4 for a match. Northampton will travel to Mathews, Va., Jan. 4 to participate in the Mathews Invitational. Arcadia won't see action on the mats again until the Fred Diem/Scott Miles Round Robin Tournament in Eastville, Jan. 11-12.



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NANDUA MIDDLE STUDENT INVITED TO PLAY 2020 YOUTH PRO BOWL IN CELEBRATION

Nazere Blake, a sixth grade student at Nandua Middle School, has been invited to play in the 2020 Youth Pro Bowl in Celebration, Fla., January 22-26. While there, he and the rest of the Youth Pro Bowl team will also attend the NFL Pro Bowl in Orlando. Nazere has been playing football and basketball for six years. He is on Nandua Middle School's sixth grade basketball team and is an A/B honor roll student and BETA club member. He has played American Youth Football in a travel league in Maryland for the last two years. He also played in his first All American game in May in Virginia Beach, Va., for the Diamond Sports Group, where he won MVP for his team. "This would be a great experience for him," said his mother, Helena Blake, of Onancock. "Most kids from this area don't get this type of experience or exposure. I'm excited and blessed for this opportunity for him to showcase his talents and attend the NFL Pro Bowl" and show that ESVA has great student athletes. If interested in donating or being a sponsor you can email Nazereb23@gmail.com. Lanab1978@gmail.com or call 757-709-8759. There is also a donation link on Facebook. Photo by Helena Blake.

EARLY DEADLINE for New Year!
All advertising, announcements, and submitted content must be in no later than Monday by noon for the January 3 edition.

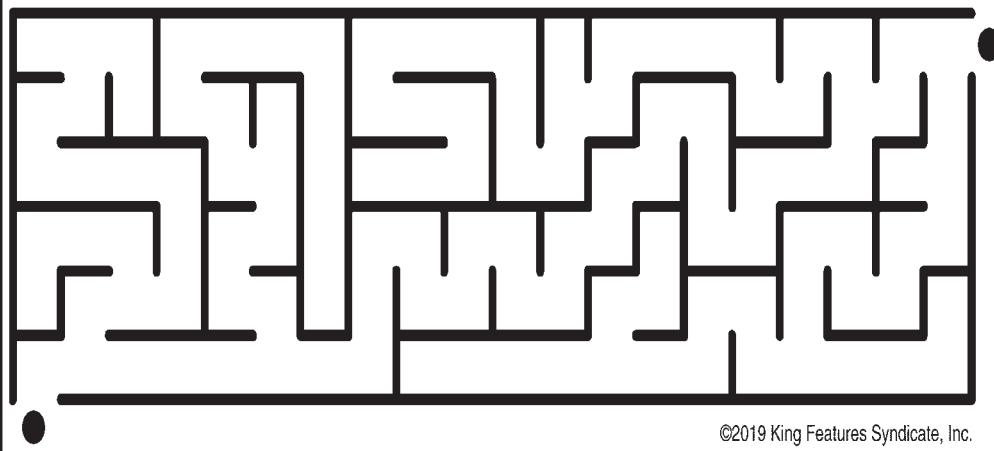


Accawmacke Elementary Girls Are on the Run

Twenty-one girls trained for the Girls on the Run 5K in Newport News, Va. December 15. It was the first time an Eastern Shore school participated in Girls on the Run program. Their coaches Lee Cline, Miranda Holland, Lauren Mears, and Abigail Holland worked twice a week to not only be able to have the girls physically run the 5K, but also worked on lessons to create "star power" in each girl. Accawmacke participants are pictured above. Submitted Photo.

Kids' Puzzle

Kids' Maze



Northampton Classrooms Open Their Doors to Christmas Cheer



Northampton high school and middle school teachers participated in a holiday door-decorating contest. Above, from left to right, are winning entries by Charity Thomas and Meghan Fraley and an honorable mention by Billy Davis. Below, left, is the judges' favorite, by Marc Lee and Cheryl Fenderson. Below, right, is a winning entry by Brad Ford. Honorable mentions not pictured went to Sandra Chandler, Carolyn Handwerk, and Reuben Quanbeck. Submitted photos.



Church News

Craddockville

The Fifth Sunday Potluck is Sunday, Dec. 29, after church, at Craddockville UMC. The theme is sharing each family's edible Christmas and New Year traditions.

Men's Bible Study will begin in 2020. For more information, contact Revel Walker at 710-6410.

Ladies Advent Bible Study will resume Thursday, Jan. 2, at 7 p.m.

Pungoteague

Kick off for Vision 20/20 will be held during Sunday morning service Sunday, Jan. 5, at 10:30 a.m., at Pungoteague Community Church. The service will include information on the new building and the ministries for the new year.

The Youth Group meetings will be Fridays, Jan. 10 and 24, from 6 to 9 p.m., at Pungoteague Community

Church social hall. These meetings are for ages 9 to 16.

The women's fellowship meetings will be Thursdays, Jan. 2, 16, and 30, at 6 p.m., at the Huether home.

The men's fellowship meetings will be Thursdays, Jan. 2, 16, and 30, at 6 p.m., at the church social hall.

The food pantry will be open Wednesday, Jan. 8, from 6 to 8 p.m., and Saturday, Jan. 11, from 8 to 10 a.m.

Bible study will be every Tuesday, at 6 p.m., at the pastor's house.

The church will also support the youth attending the Tidewater Chrysalis Flight Jan. 18 through 20.

Temperanceville

Watch Night Service will be Tuesday, Dec. 31, at 10 p.m., at Jerusalem Baptist Church, 10011 Jerusalem Road. The theme will be letting go of the old and bringing in the new. Pastor Richard Holland will deliver the message.



Christian Businessmen Pose in Wachapreague

The Eastern Shore Christian Businessmen's Association posed for a group photo at its meeting last month in Wachapreague. Blake Johnson was the guest speaker and spoke about how his faith pushes him to help those in need and serve his community. Johnson helped raise \$106,000 for the Navy Seal Foundation at a fundraiser at his business. Johnson is a Navy veteran.

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COMBINED NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about February 1st, 2020, the Town of Parksley, VA, will submit a request to the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title I of the Community Development Act of 1974 as amended, to undertake a project known as the Parksley Downtown Revitalization Project for the purpose of improving commercial building facades, constructing park improvements and branding/marketing in the downtown of the Town of Parksley in Accomack County, VA.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Town has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at Town Office located at 18444 Dunn Ave., Parksley, VA 23421 and may be examined or copied weekdays 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to the office of the undersigned. All comments received by the close of business on January 11th, 2020, will be considered by the Town prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Commenters should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Town certifies to DHCD that Wayne Marshall in his capacity as Mayor consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. DHCD'S approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the Town to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

DHCD will consider objections to its release of funds and the Town's certification received by close of business only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer or other officer of the Town approved by DHCD; (b) the ERR has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the project have committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by DHCD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to DHCD at:

Director

Virginia Department of Housing & Community Development
600 E. Main St., Suite 300 Richmond, Virginia 23219-2430
(804) 371-7061 [TTP 371-7089 / FAX 371-7093]

Potential objectors should contact DHCD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Wayne Marshall, Mayor, Town of Parksley



Broadwater Academy Gives Back This Holiday

A spirit of giving is in the air at Broadwater Academy. Throughout this holiday season, students have participated in several projects that have been geared toward giving back to local organizations.

There were two significant projects during the holiday season. These included a coat/hat/scarf drive sponsored by the pre-K program and a pajama drive sponsored by the Upper School Interact Club. They provided coats for at least 65 adults and children who were in need. The upper school knitting club also gave over 30 handmade knit hats and scarves to the effort. They also provided the United Way of the Eastern Shore with over 170 pairs of pajamas, which will go to children through the Pajama Program. Other service projects throughout the holiday season included making Christmas cards for active duty military members and making ornaments and Christmas cards for those in local nursing homes.

Pictured above are Broadwater pre-K students wearing coats they collected in their annual coat drive.

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Community Notes

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The Mary N. Smith Alumni Association will hold a special work session Saturday, Jan. 4, at 9 a.m., at the Mary N. Smith Cultural Enrichment Center. For more information, call 757-710-2290 or email mnsgrants15@gmail.com

Belle Haven

The Freezing for a Reason Polar Duck Dip will be Saturday, Jan. 25, with sign-in beginning at 11 a.m., at Camp Occohannock on the Bay. Contestants' pictures and judging will begin at 11:30 a.m. and the parade to the waterfront follows at 11:45 a.m. The duck dip will start at noon and lunch will follow (donations accepted). Registration is \$20 and includes lunch and a shirt. Register before Jan. 16. For more information, call 442-7836 or go to www.ootbay.org

Cape Charles

The 6th Annual Dropping of the Crab Pot will be Tuesday, Dec. 31, at 10 p.m., on Mason Avenue. There will be live music by the Sonic Ukes at 9 p.m. Hot cocoa and cookies will be available.

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The Cape Charles Memorial Library Annual Dinner with Friends

Looking for Volunteer Tax Preparers

The Eastern Shore Area Agency on Aging/Community Action Agency is seeking volunteers to assist with its free tax preparation services. For questions, contact Marsha Bunting at 442-9652 ext. 21 or via email at mbunting@esaaaaca.org

will be Saturday, Feb. 8, from 6 to 9 p.m., at The Oyster Farm Seafood Eatery. Executive Director of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel Jeff Holland will be the keynote speaker. He will give an update on the construction of the new Thimble Shoals Tunnel. The cost is \$60 for Friends members and \$65 for nonmembers. Reservations must be made by Jan. 25. For more information, call 695-4192.

Chincoteague

The Pony Island Horseshoe Drop and Costume Promenade will be Tuesday, Dec. 31, at 10:30 p.m., at Robert Reed Downtown Park. There will be a fashion parade of crazy, fun costumes just before the lighted horseshoe drops and rings in the new year.

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Fee Free Day will be Monday, Jan. 20, from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., at Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge.

Kiptopeke

First Day Hikes will take place Wednesday, Jan. 1, at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m., at Kiptopeke State Park. Bring in the New Year by taking a guided hike at the park. Explore the outdoors

and enjoy nature with friends and family. During the one-hour hikes, a park interpreter will guide guests through the upland maritime forest, along Chesapeake Bay coastal dunes, and across open meadows of reclaimed farmland. Along the way, hikers will find a freshwater pond, wildlife viewing blinds, and several bay overlooks from which park guests can observe deer, fox, turkey, and other wildlife. Guests may also enjoy the trails on their own. Parking fees are waived for the day. Find out about the photo contest and New Year Challenge at <https://vasp.fun/2020firsthike>

Onancock

The Stop the Violence Walk will be Sunday, Dec. 29, at 3 p.m., starting at the Onancock hospice building and ending at the town gazebo. The event is sponsored by the Rev. Quintavion Washington. For more information, email qwstoptheviolence@gmail.com

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The Eastern Shore Bird Club will offer a presentation, "50 Years of Migratory Bird Protection at the Virginia Coast Reserve," Tuesday, Jan. 7, at 7:30 p.m., at Commonwealth Senior Living at Eastern Shore, 23610 North St. Guest speaker Alex Wilke, coastal scientist with The Nature Conservancy's Virginia Coast Reserve, will discuss building population resiliency of Virginia's nesting shorebirds. For more information, contact Thor Gormley at 757-377-3513.

Oyster

Join faculty researchers, station staff, and graduate students of the Virginia Coast Reserve Long Term Ecological Research (LTER) program for a laboratory open house and research highlights Tuesday, Jan. 7, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., at UVA's Coastal Research Center. Refreshments will be served. For directions or more information, call 331-1246.

Women and Children's Bible Study

A new community Bible study will begin Wednesday, Jan. 22, on the books of Galatians and Colossians. Women of all ages and Bible knowledge are welcome. Class will be held most Wednesdays through May 2020. The cost is \$35/adult and \$10/child for the entire curriculum. The workbook is provided.

The location will be Harvest Baptist Church, 29945 Dixon Road, Salisbury, Md. (This class is not affiliated with Harvest Baptist Church).

Contact Linda Frey for questions: (410) 422-8773, or register and pay online at Salisbury.CBSclass.org

The Eastern Shore Post will be closed 1/1, 1/2, and 1/3. We will be checking emails so that we can still bring you the Post on Jan. 3.

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DEC. 27**

- ★8 a.m. - Breakfast at the VFW - VFW Post 2296, Tasley - donations accepted
- ★noon - AA mtg. - Onancock UMC, 75 Market St.
- ★7 p.m. - AA mtg. - Christ Episcopal Church, 16304 Courthouse Rd., Eastville
- ★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
DEC. 28**

- ★10 a.m.-1 p.m. - Soup Kitchen - Faith Christian Tabernacle Ministries, Rt. 13, Accomac - 787-1811
- ★2-4 p.m. - Empowering Girls' Group - ESTACI, Exmore - 757-656-3460
- ★7:30 p.m. - Bingo - Eastville Vol. Fire Co.

**MONDAY
DEC. 30**

- ★1-4 p.m. - CIAO Presents Gameplay Monday: Card, Word, and Board Games - Theatre Annex, 4076 Main St., Chincoteague
- ★5:30 p.m. - AA mtg. - Onancock UMC, 75 Market St.
- ★5:30-6:30 p.m. - Al-Anon mtg. - Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Onancock
- ★6 p.m. - Bingo - Elks Lodge, Tasley
- ★6-8:30 p.m. - GED Class - Cape Charles Rescue
- ★6-9 p.m. - GED Class - Arcadia High School, Oak Hall
- ★6:30 p.m. - Cub Scout Pack 300 mtg. - Grace UMC, Parksley
- ★6:30-8:30 p.m. - Free English for Speakers of Other Languages - Metompkin Elementary School, Parksley - 789-1761
- ★7 p.m. - Celebrate Recovery mtg. - Onancock Baptist Church - food served at 6 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY
JAN. 1**

Happy New Year from the Eastern Shore Post!

ATTENTION: ALL NORTHAMPTON COUNTY CITIZENS

The County's Administrative Offices located at 16404 Courthouse Road, Eastville, Virginia, will be **closed to all business** on Wednesday, January 15, 2020, **between 12:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.** for active intruder training.

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County Administration
Facilities Management
Human Resources
Parks & Recreation
Public Utilities

The Voter Registration Office will remain open during this time.

We appreciate your cooperation.

POST TIMES

Dec. 27-Jan. 2

**SUNDAY
DEC. 29**

- ★11 a.m. - Meditation Group - Train Station, Onley
- ★12:30 p.m. - Bingo - Vietnam Veterans' Bldg., Main St., Onley
- ★4 p.m. - Life Recovery of E.S. mtg. - Rock Church, Melfa
- ★7 p.m. - AA mtg. - Christ Episcopal Church, 16304 Courthouse Rd., Eastville

**TUESDAY
DEC. 31**

- ★9 a.m. - Al-Anon mtg. - Refuge Inn, Chincoteague
- ★10 a.m. - Zumba - Franktown UMC
- ★10 a.m. - Bingo - Accomack Senior Village, Onancock - 787-3900
- ★10:30 a.m. - Duplicate Bridge - Island House, Wachapreague - 787-2432
- ★6 p.m. - Rachel Leah Ministries - 787-2486 (call for location)
- ★6 p.m. - Bingo - Pocomoke Elks, next to YMCA
- ★6-8 p.m. - Free English for Speakers of Other Languages - Pungoteague Elementary - 789-1761
- ★6-8:30 p.m. - GED Class - ESCC, Class A-51, Melfa
- ★7:30 p.m. - Bingo - Cheriton VFC - smoke free
- ★7:30 p.m. - AA mtg. - Atlantic UMC

**THURSDAY
JAN. 2**

- ★10:30 a.m. - Story Time - Cape Charles Memorial Library
- ★5:30 p.m. - Shore Losers mtg. - Drummondton Baptist Church, Accomac - \$1/wk.
- ★5:30 p.m. - TOPS VA-550 mtg. - Zion Baptist Church, Parksley - 757-665-5405
- ★6-8 p.m. - Free English for Speakers of Other Languages - Pungoteague Elementary - 789-1761
- ★6-8:30 p.m. - GED Class - ESCC, Class A-51, Melfa
- ★6:30 p.m. - Kiwanis Club mtg. - St. Andrew's Catholic Church, Chincoteague
- ★6:30 p.m. - American Legion Post 101 mtg. - Chapter Bldg., 25534 Main St., Onley
- ★6:30 p.m. - Al-Anon. mtg. - Trinity UMC, Cape Charles
- ★7 p.m. - Republican Party mtg. - Little Italy, Nassawadox
- ★7 p.m. - Celebrate Recovery Group mtg. - Chincoteague Church of God, 5252 Woodland Dr.
- ★7 p.m. - NA mtg. - Painter Garrison UMC
- ★7-8 p.m. - Debedeavon Toastmasters' mtg. - Market St. UMC, Onancock
- ★8 p.m. - AA mtg. - Christ UMC, 6253 Church St., Chincoteague

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Help Wanted

ACCOMACK COUNTY Virginia

Convenience Center Attendants

P/T position

Rate: \$ 10.76 hourly

The County of Accomack is seeking applications for part-time positions for Convenience Center Attendant, in the Public Works Department.

Description: The position is responsible for operating and maintaining the convenience center facilities and assisting customers as needed. *Applicants must be able to work weekends and holidays. Attendants may be assigned to any location within the County.*

Qualifications: A high school diploma or GED is preferred; A valid driver's license and satisfactory completion of a background check and drug screening prior to employment are required. A job description and application instructions can be obtained from the County's website: <http://www.co.accomack.va.us/residents/job-opportunities>.

First consideration will be given to applications received prior to 4:30 p.m. on Friday, January 3, 2020.

The County of Accomack is committed to an inclusive and diverse workforce.

Request for Bids for Elk's Lodge Restrooms

Looking for bids for the construction of a new restroom facility or remodeling of the current restrooms at the Onancock Elk's Lodge located at 22454 Front Street, Accomac, VA 23301.

To receive bid requirements, prospective bidders should call the lodge at 757-787-7750 or email Elks1766@verizon.net. Bids will be accepted until 1/31/20.

USDA Farm Service Agency is accepting applications for one temporary full-time Program Technician at their county office located in Accomac, Virginia. Application (FSA-675), resume, or any other written format including SSN, country of citizenship, education, and work experience along with supplemental KSA statements are mandatory. Applications must be received in the County Office by 4:30 PM January 6, 2020. Instructions are contained in the vacancy announcement which can be obtained by calling 757-787-0918.

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Correctional Officer

Job will require shift work, nights, weekends and some holidays. Qualifications: over the age of 21 and have obtained high school diploma or GED. Certifications must be obtained within one year of employment.

Applications may be obtained from the Sheriff's Office, 5211 The Hornes, Eastville, Va. 23347 or the Eastern Shore Regional Jail Office located at 5245 The Hornes, Eastville, Va. 23347, or online at www.co.northampton.va.us

Deadline for applications: December 27, 2019.

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Help Wanted (Cont'd)

WHOLESALE NURSERY PRODUCTION MANAGER

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Sheriff's Office applications may be obtained from the Eastern Shore Regional Jail, 5245 The Hornes Eastville, Virginia 23347, or online at https://www.co.northampton.va.us/government/jobs_opportunities/job_openings. Completed applications should be returned in person to the Jail.

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These are full-time positions with benefits. If you are a mission driven person looking to make a difference, email an application to dhr@esrh.org before Noon on January 10, 2020. Resumes may accompany the application but will not be considered if sent alone. Applications can be obtained from www.esrh.org.

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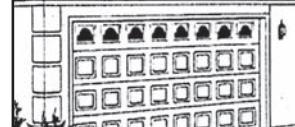
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VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF ACCOMACK

Case No. CL19-870

REGINALD ANDRE ROZIER-ALLEN,
Plaintiff,

v.

STEPHANIE BROWN ROZIER-ALLEN
a/k/a STEPHANIE PATRICIA ROZIER-ALLEN,
Defendant

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

WHEREAS the object of this suit is to obtain a divorce from Defendant, Stephanie Brown Rozier-Allen a/k/a Stephanie Patricia Rozier-Allen, on the grounds of separation in excess of one year; and

WHEREAS it appears from the Affidavit for Order of Publication that diligence has been used by or on behalf of the Plaintiff, Reginald Andre Rozier-Allen, to ascertain Defendant's place of residence, and that Plaintiff has been unsuccessful in such attempts, it is therefore ORDERED that defendant appear to protect his interests on or before this Court on February 17, 2020.

It is further ORDERED that this Order of Publication be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Eastern Shore Post, P.O. Box 517, Onley, Virginia 23418.

Arisleydi J. Rodriguez, Dep. Clerk

I ask for this:

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NOTICE OF OYSTER PLANTING GROUND APPLICATION

Daniel Scott Long, (2019088) has applied for approximately 4 acres of oyster planting ground in Old Plantation Creek situated in Northampton City/County. The application is located at Lat/Long: N37-14.2236 / W75-59.4453
To view a map of the application, use this web link to search the application by number (2019088): https://webapps.mrc.virginia.gov/public/oystergrounds/search_applications.php or contact the VMRC Engineering/Surveying Department at 757-247-2230.

Send written comments or concerns to:
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Surveying Department, 380 Fenwick Road,
Fort Monroe, VA 23651-1064

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

THE ACCOMACK COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2020, AT 10 A.M., IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CHAMBERS, ROOM 104, 23296 COURTHOUSE AVENUE, ACCOMAC, VIRGINIA**, TO AFFORD INTERESTED PERSONS THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD OR TO PRESENT WRITTEN COMMENTS CONCERNING THE FOLLOWING:

A. SUSE-000068-2019 Mt. Nebo Meats, Inc.

A public hearing initiated by Mt. Nebo Meats, Inc. to request a Special Use Permit pursuant to Accomack County Code Section 106-53 (7) to prepare and smoke meats on premise and then package said smoked meats for sale at offsite retail locations. The property is located at Tax Map #91-A-104, 26553 Mount Nebo Road, Onancock, VA and is located in the Agricultural District.

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

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VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF ACCOMACK

THE COUNTY OF ACCOMACK, VIRGINIA

Plaintiff
CIVIL CASE NO. 19-543

vs.

The heirs and devisees of MARY M. BAGWELL HARRIETT SKINNER SHORE HEALTH SERVICES, INC.

Defendants

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

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

All that parcel of land near Savageville, Lee District, Accomack County, Virginia, being 0.292 acre, more or less, and designated as tax map number 09200A000006000.

standing in the name of Mary M. Bagwell, pursuant to Section 58.1-3967 of the Code of Virginia.

And an affidavit having been filed that due diligence has been used to ascertain the names and location of all of the heirs, devisees and successors in the title of Mary M. Bagwell; that there are or may be other persons having an interest in the real estate forming the subject matter of this suit whose names and last post office addresses are unknown, namely, the unknown heirs, devisees and successors in title of Mary M. Bagwell; and that due diligence has been used to ascertain the location of Harriett Skinner, whose last known post office address is 144 Spanish Trail, Apartment D, Hampton, VA 23669.

It is ORDERED that this Order be published once a week for two successive weeks in the Eastern Shore Post and that the parties named herein appear on or before January 30, 2020, at 9:30 a.m., in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for the County of Accomack, Virginia, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this suit.

ENTER: This 20th day of December, 2019
Arisleydi J. Rodriguez, Dep. Clerk

I ask for this:
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P.O. Box 1410
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TRUSTEE SALE 518 Madison Ave, Cape Charles, VA 23310 Northampton County

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of \$40,500.00, dated **October 18, 2007**, recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the **Northampton County, Virginia**, in **Document No. 070002624**, default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the entrance to the **front entrance of the Northampton County Courthouse, 5229 The Hornes, Eastville, on January 6, 2020, at 10:30 AM**, the property described in said deed, located at the above address and briefly described as:

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Northampton County Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, January 7, 2020, at 7:00 p.m., in the Board Chambers located at 16404 Courthouse Road in Eastville, Virginia. The purpose is to conduct regular business and review applications to forward recommendations to the Board of Supervisors.

A. SUP 2019-11: The Lewin Family LLC is applying for a minor special use permit to build a 2,400 square foot wood shop. The property is currently zoned A/RB and is further described as Tax Map 92-A-45. The property is currently in an AFD.

B. SUP 2019-12: The Tidewater Realty & Security Corporation is applying for a major special use permit for an Event Venue on their property. The property is currently zoned A/RB and is further described as Tax Map 75-4-A.

The Board of Supervisors shall also conduct public hearings on Tuesday, January 14, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., in the Board Chambers. The applications will be on file and open to public inspection in the office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and in the Office of Planning, Permitting, and Enforcement located at 16404 Courthouse Road, Eastville, VA.

Anyone wishing to comment on the above item is invited to attend the meetings and make their comments known. Written comments can be submitted to the Office of Planning, Permitting, and Enforcement//P.O. Box 538//Eastville, VA 23347.

Handicapped assistance available: Please telephone (757) 678-0440 at least 48 hours in advance.

Notice of Public Hearings

The Cape Charles Town Planning Commission will hold public hearings on Tuesday, January 7, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., in the Town Civic Center at 500 Tazewell Avenue, Cape Charles, to receive comment on the following:

- 1) Proposed text amendments to zoning ordinance Article IV, Section 4.5 and 4.6
- 2) An application for a conditional use permit to allow an accessory dwelling unit at 333 Madison Avenue (tax map #83A1-183 & #83A1-186)
- 3) An application for a conditional use permit to allow an accessory dwelling unit at 636 Carousel Place (tax map #90-16-118)

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.

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF ACCOMACK

THE TOWN OF CHINCOTEAGUE, VIRGINIA

Plaintiff
CIVIL CASE NO. 19-115

vs.

PAUL WALSNOVICH

Defendants

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

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

All that certain tract of land in the Town of Chincoteague, Virginia, designated as Tax Map Number 030A4A000009300.

standing in the name of Paul Walsnovich, pursuant to Section 58.1-3965 et seq. of the Code of Virginia.

And an affidavit having been filed that due diligence has been used to ascertain the names and location of all of the heirs, devisees and successors in the title of John Walsnovich, Michael Walsnovich, William Walsnovich and Mary Walsnovich Harris; that William R. Walsnovich is a non-resident of Virginia, whose last known post office address is 339 5th Street, Beaver, Pennsylvania 15009; that Judy Gurtner is a non-resident of Virginia, whose last known post office address is 230 Iola Street, Glenshaw, Pennsylvania 15116; that Deb Greiner is a non-resident of Virginia, whose last known post office address is 403 Lincolnshire Drive, Cranberry Township, Pennsylvania 16066; that due diligence has been used to ascertain the location of George Harris, Mary Ann Shipley, Georgina Banks, Audrey Wingard, Adrian Stone and Samuel Harris whose last post office addresses are unknown; and that there are or may be other persons having an interest in the real estate forming the subject matter of this suit, whose names and last post office addresses are unknown, namely the unknown heirs, devisees and successors in the title of John Walsnovich, Michael Walsnovich, William Walsnovich and of Mary Walsnovich Harris.

It is ORDERED that this Order be published once a week for two successive weeks in the Eastern Shore Post and that the parties named herein appear on or before the 16th day of January, 2020, at 9:00 a.m., in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for the County of Accomack, Virginia, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this suit.

ENTER: This 16th day of December, 2019
Arisleydi J. Rodriguez, Dep. Clerk

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Public Notice

The Northampton County Wetlands Board will meet Wednesday, January 15, 2020, at 9:45 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 matters under public hearing and to conduct regular business. The Board will assemble at 8:00 a.m. to conduct site visits.

VMRC 2019-1747: **George C Walker III** has applied for the following proposed project to repair an existing rip rap revetment that is collapsing due to tidal waves and backwash. Rip rap will be added and installed as a triangular wedge over and against the existing seawall within the Wetlands Board jurisdiction. The property is located on Nassawadox Creek at 7258 Walker Lane in Franktown, VA and is further described as Tax Map # 19-A-16.

VMRC 2019-2103: **Ballard Brothers Fish Company (Cherrystone Campground)** has applied for the following proposed project to permit construction of the portion of the 130 foot proposed replacement Pier 4 with enlarged T-Head that falls within the Wetlands Board jurisdiction. The property is located on the Chesapeake Bay at 15111 Townfield Drive (Cherrystone Campground) and is further described as Tax Map 83-A-2.

VMRC 2019-0448: **Ballard Brothers Fish Company (Cherrystone Campground)** has applied for the following proposed project to extend the rip-rap revetment on the north end within the Wetlands Board jurisdiction. The property is located on the Chesapeake Bay at 15111 Townfield Drive (Cherrystone Campground) and is further described as Tax Map 83-A-2.

Anyone interested in the above matters should attend the scheduled public hearing. The applications may be viewed in the Planning, Permitting, and Enforcement Office located at 16404 Courthouse Road in Eastville, VA. Written comments can be submitted to the Planning, Permitting, and Enforcement Office P.O. Box 538, Eastville, VA 23347.

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

Marshall Cox, Chairman
Wetlands Board

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

THE ACCOMACK COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2020, AT 7:30 P.M., IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' CHAMBERS, ROOM 104, 23296 COURTHOUSE AVENUE, ACCOMAC, VIRGINIA**, TO AFFORD INTERESTED PERSONS THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD OR TO PRESENT WRITTEN COMMENTS CONCERNING THE FOLLOWING:

- (1) Draft Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) for the five-year period beginning July 1, 2020. A CIP is a long-range planning tool used to schedule anticipated capital projects and coordinate how they will be funded.

Public hearing related materials may be reviewed at the Accomack County Planning Department, 23296 Courthouse Avenue, Accomac, Virginia.

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THE ME I NEVER KNEW

By Cheryl Nowak Sterling

It's been quite a while since I've had the honor of sharing a few words on this page. In fact, it's been years.

Now, I could expound upon all the things I've been up to (or, grammatically, "to which I've been up"), but that would only be advisable if I thought anyone would give a hoot.

I could mention my rather new marriage, but then you probably assumed that much from my byline.

I could brag about our six cute grandchildren, but then many of you probably have a few of those yourselves.

I could regale you with a litany of my aches and pains, but then you probably have a few of those as well.

Or I could rave about the wonders of Medicare (not Medicare for All, cuz that would take all the fun out of turning 65).

Salvation Army Thanks Donors, Volunteers

Dear Editor:

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

Nationally, the Salvation Army offers help and hope to thousands of people from the victims of disaster, addiction, and homelessness to youth, families, and senior citizens. The local chapters work with local churches, Northampton Social Ministries, and community organizations and agencies in identifying residents that need short-term assistance to provide them help and hope. During the Christmas season the Northampton Unit coordinated with Northampton Coun-

I've been strongly advised by those around me to avoid discussions of politics and religion, though my opinions are wholeheartedly yours for the asking.

Instead, I will share a bit of a conundrum.

In our contented retirement dotation, my husband and I have established a flexible daily routine, which includes a late afternoon chess game when it's too cold and/or dark to venture outside.

It is one of the highlights of my day, though I lose much, much more often than I win — and it has been so for years.

I have attempted all sorts of analysis to revamp my strategy or lack thereof. And I have come up with but one possibility, which I tentatively present herewith: I am hard-wired to refrain from intentionally inflicting discom-

fort on anyone, even if it's deserved. I can no more "steal" your parking spot or ask you to clean my kitty litter when I'm away than I can insult your baby or criticize your grandmother. Heck, I even feel bad if you have to wait for my car to pass while you are sitting in your vehicle.

Consequently, I instinctively find it counterintuitive to plot to capture my husband's chess pieces. It seems so mean. After all, I know how much he particularly values those cute little horses. I find myself simply trying to stay out of his way. Meanwhile, he is ferociously stalking my lowliest pawn before nonchalantly wiping him off the board with no remorse.

I need to develop more heartlessness.

And yet I must unknowingly already possess plenty of it buried somewhere in my soul, at least according to a long-ago work colleague, who posted on Facebook that I, the "brunnett (sic) bimbo," am largely responsible for her continu-

ing post traumatic stress syndrome as a result of my "constant cruelty and put-downs." She concludes, "I know Cheryl was just wildly jealous of me."

Now, keep in mind that this tirade was actually posted in 2014 (I have discovered it only recently), probably 25 years after I worked with her, and you will get some idea of how deep-seated this animus is. She never actually shared any part of it directly with me.

So go figure. Reconciling these two versions of myself might appear impossible, though I do deny ever consciously being cruel to her or putting her down. And I certainly never was jealous of her. Was I a bimbo? Who knows? Brunette? Definitely.

Actually, maybe I can figure it out after all. It's that "intentional" part: I don't intend what others sometimes perceive. Perhaps I need to get to know myself a whole lot better.

Or just challenge her to a game of chess.



Members of the Cape Charles and Exmore Rotary Clubs joined the Northampton County Salvation Army Unit in ringing bells at Food Lion. Pictured above are Richard and Kathleen Derr and Ad Nottingham (center).

ty Social Services, the community Toy Closet, and Angel Tree Program.

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**Richard Sterrett
Chairman, Northampton Chapter**

Excellent Article on Affordable Housing

Dear Editor:

I'd like to congratulate Stefanie

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(Jackson) on her excellent article on affordable housing. The article was very clear as it spelled out the relationships of a large number of different agencies that play a part in this ongoing effort. I think one thing that made this article so understandable was Stefanie's diligent insertion of the full name of every agency the first time it was mentioned in the article. This is a fundamental concept that largely seems lost in today's society. Because Stephanie took the time to do this without fail, throughout the article, the reader is never left wondering who that last player mentioned was or how they fit in the overall scheme of things.

Thank you for writing so professionally.

I would be more than happy for you to publish this accolade, if you feel so inclined.

Either way, thanks for your diligent reporting and excellent writing.

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