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Horntown Homicide Reported

By Linda Cicoira

A Horntown man was shot to death Thursday morning, according to Sheriff Todd Godwin.

Accomack County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) received a complaint at 12:02 a.m. When deputies arrived outside a residence on Raymond Townsend Lane in Horntown, they found Rob-

ert Franklin Baytops IV, 22, suffering from a gunshot wound. He was taken to Peninsula Regional Medical Center in Salisbury, Md., where he later died.

No arrests have been made. Anyone with information about the case is asked to call ACSO at 787-1131 or 824-5666. Tips may also be submitted at www.accomackcountysheriffsoffice.org

Woman Dies in Exmore House Fire

By Linda Cicoira

A woman, who has not yet been identified by authorities, died in a fire in Northampton County last week.

Chief Greg DeYoung of Exmore Community Fire Company said six companies were called to the scene about a quarter mile east of Concord Wharf Road at about 3:40 a.m. Jan. 27.

The house "was fully involved" and the "roof had collapsed" when about 20 firefighters arrived from Exmore, Nasawadox, Eastville, Painter, Melfa and Wachapreague. The blaze had spread to nearby woods and took about 10 minutes to control.

Firefighters, none of whom were in-

jured, stayed on the scene for about three hours, DeYoung said.

"We had a credible report from a neighbor that an elderly female was in the trailer and her vehicle was parked outside," the chief said. "Remains were found within the building and were taken to the Medical Examiner's Office for positive identification.

The cause of the fire is being investigated by State Police, DeYoung added.

Arkuie Williams of the Medical Examiner's Office said Tuesday they are still working to identify the body. "The identification process can be time-consuming based on remains and what information we have access to," he said.

FEATHERS FLY AT HEARING

By Linda Cicoira

Chicken Little would have said the sky is falling, but Vice Chairman Robert Crockett of the Accomack Board of Supervisors called it "propaganda."

At a public hearing Wednesday night, he said the environmental groups, Citizens for a Better Eastern Shore and Virginia Eastern Shorekeeper were falsely alarming people with their recent biased "agenda-driven anti-poultry rally."

The groups are concerned about pol-

lution and health risks caused by the influx of poultry houses. They also have claimed chicken growers live in poverty.

Crockett previously discounted a study that listed harmful microorganisms, contaminated air and water, asthma, bronchitis, allergic reactions, thyroid problems and liver damage associated with poultry house exposure.

He opted for jobs when he made a motion to adopt the Planning Commission's

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Field of Vision

Photo by Ralph Dodd

Ralph Dodd's nieces add even more beauty to this creekside buffer on his Eastern Shore farm. The buffer plays an important role in the clean-up of the Chesapeake Bay. Find out how on Page 38.

Bomb Threats Evacuate Schools

By Linda Cicaira

All three Northampton schools and Chincoteague Elementary were evacuated Tuesday after receiving bomb threats.

According to Northampton Superintendent Eddie Lawrence, the caller said a bomb would go off in 40 minutes.

"We evacuated all of our buildings, notified the sheriff's office ... and are bringing in K-9s from Chesapeake, Isle of Wight and Virginia Beach," Lawrence said. The incident happened at about 10 a.m.

"I'm hoping they catch this person," he said. "I hope the judge ends up throwing the book at him. People had their graduation at stake here today. We were testing in our buildings today. It's really upsetting me."

Because of the time it took for the search units to arrive, school was dismissed in Northampton.

Chincoteague Elementary School received a bomb threat at nearly 9:40 a.m. "The school was immediately evacuated according to the protocol and procedures in the crisis management plan for Accomack County Public Schools," a prepared statement said.

Chincoteague Police Department was alerted and the K-9 Unit from Worcester County, Md., went through the building, the announcement stated. A teacher work day was being held and no students were at school.

"While the building was being thoroughly searched, teachers and staff were safely evacuated and sent over to the Chincoteague Center nearby," the statement continued. "No bomb was found and the all clear from officials was given at 11:08 a.m. Teachers and staff resumed their workday."

Superintendent Chris Holland offered thanks to police, the Maryland unit, the school staff and the operational team "for responding quickly and ensuring the safety of all. The safety of our staff and teachers is our top priority."

School Board Focuses on Budget

By Ron West

The Northampton School Board continued to work out the kinks of the FY 2017 budget last week.

Superintendent Eddie Lawrence laid out a number of items he would like included in the spending package. With staff recruiting and retention high on his priority list, he urged the board to consider a 1.5 percent pay increase. The superintendent noted that the proposed state budget calls for the state to fund an additional teacher for every school system, which could result in smaller school systems having to offer competitive enticements.

In a related area, teacher mentor Karen Aita addressed the issue of teachers obtaining National Certification. Currently, four Northampton County teachers have achieved that designation. Aita said the process can take up to three years and the county has had as many as a dozen teachers complete the certification process but not all have remained in the county.

Nationally certified teachers must be recertified every five years. Lawrence urged the board to include a small stipend for teachers who have achieved National Certification.

A public hearing on the proposed school budget will be held Feb. 16 at 6:30 p.m. at Northampton High School. The board then will have approximately two weeks to finalize its recommendations for funding to the county supervisors, who will decide just how much local funding will be provided to the School Board.

The board also heard a report by Operations Director Chris Truckner and Lawrence regarding damage at Kiptopeke Elementary School as a result of deteriorating pipes in the heating system. Truckner noted that one classroom was flooded, but the maintenance staff had the matter corrected and the room back in use a few hours later. The superintendent said the problem was a result of the insulation used when the school was constructed in 1992.

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Ward Announces Candidacy for Mayor of Chincoteague

Charles "Chuck" Ward will be on the ballot for mayor of Chincoteague on May 3.

Ward said he discussed his candidacy with the current Mayor Jack Tarr prior to launching a campaign website (www.MayorChuck.com) and publicly announcing his candidacy. "I applaud Jack for his 20-plus years of service to our community. This isn't about me trying to win an election; it's about offering new ideas and a different approach to the local government process on the island."

Said Ward, "I want to get the public involved, and make sure they know what we are doing with their tax dollars. I believe that we need to protect our island's character and ensure that it remains a great place to live. We can't afford to lose what makes us unique, because once it's gone, we can never get it back."

Ward believes year-round economic development is needed on the island. "We need to initiate a concentrated, staffed effort to improve our year-round economy," he said. "We should be look-

ing at ways to provide space for NASA contractor offices and other businesses to locate on the island to generate employment for our residents. Currently, there are NASA contractors leasing space as far away as Princess Anne, Md. It would be great to have some of those jobs here, not 40 miles away."

Regarding Assateague, Ward stated, "We must maintain convenient access to the beach to protect our tourism economy. I envision the town leasing the existing parking lot area that is slated to be abandoned. The State of Maryland operates a park in the middle of the National Park on the north end, and I believe we could do something similar here. A town-managed beach area could generate a lot of revenue, provide local employment opportunities, and provide protection for Chincoteague. At the very least, if we can secure some management rights, dunes could be established and grasses planted to absorb storm impacts."

Ward wants the town to be closely involved with the design of the new

parking areas proposed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to ensure the visitor experience is not compromised. "Good design is critical," he said. "We must secure a seat at the table in the planning process."

If elected, Ward has other issues he would like to address, such as creating community dog parks on town land, building a new skateboard park to replace the one at Memorial Park, and improving pedestrian and cycling access on the island.

Ward has served on the Planning Commission and is currently a member of the Board of Zoning Appeals.

A lifelong Eastern Shore resident, Ward was raised on his family's farm in Stockton, Md. He and his wife, Tama, have been Accomack County residents for over 20 years, and have made Chincoteague their home for the last 11 years. Ward has 12 years of experience as a land use planner and as a director of planning and zoning. He has been employed by the Eastern Shore Soil and Water Conservation District



Ward

and as a private agricultural and environmental consultant on the Eastern Shore of Virginia. He is employed as an environmental scientist at NASA Wallops Flight Facility.



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TOURISTS NEVER OVERSTAY THEIR WELCOME

By Linda Cicaira

Tourism continues to climb in Accomack and Northampton counties, which jointly gained recognition as Virginia's fastest growing tourism region for the second year in row.

Eastern Shore Tourism Commission Executive Director Kerry Allison gave the latest report, for 2014, to Chincoteague officials Monday night. She said visitor spending totaled \$254 million — \$697,000 — a day and has jumped

22 percent since 2009.

"We're no longer looking at age," said Allison. "We're finding out that people share values no matter what their age."

"Consumers, they don't have time ... they want to simplify their trip. They want local ... they want to go out to the oyster farm, go out in the water and maybe go back and cook it," she continued. "They want rich local culture. They don't want an orchestrated experience."

Allison said the quaint, folksy ways

of the Eastern Shore are perfect for such activities since the residents and local business owners are naturals.

Visitors are paying \$6.6 million in lodging, meals and sales taxes. Allison reported that revenue from the transient-occupancy tax is up 43 percent and includes Chincoteague's increase in 2012 from 5 percent to 6 percent for the levy.

Jobs related to tourism have gone up 9 percent and payroll has increased 21 percent between 2009 and 2014,

Allison continued. The commission's website is being monitored, updated and used more. It has grown in visits by 696 percent since 2011. Facebook "likes" went up by 1,836 from 2013 to 2015. Allison said "sharing" helps increase awareness of the area.

Travel guide requests are up 1,001 percent.

"If someone goes through the trouble of ordering a travel guide, they are likely to visit us," Allison said. They also want accurate information, people who answer phones and emails and management of user-generated feedback.

Allison said regional collaboration is the way to go. "We're trying to cozy up to Virginia Beach, the number one tourist spot in the state," she said.

Council voted to apply for a \$5,000 grant for the Chincoteague Cultural Alliance. A spokesperson for the group said it offers 1,000 events per year which help bring tourists to the island. They include movies, Plein Air painting competitions, coffee houses, theater, and concerts.

Accomack Schools Present Draft Budget

By Linda Cicaira

Sometimes perseverance pays. But will it be enough to meet the nearly \$500,000 shortfall in Accomack Public Schools' proposed FY2017 budget?

A band of educators who work for the division have attended School Board meetings for months to ask for more money and appreciation. In December, about 800 full-time school employees were each given a \$1,000 bonus. Teachers were there to cheer. And they weren't the only ones to get the perk. Administrators, clerical staff and others also were given the stipend.

Now the School Board wants to increase teachers' salaries with a step increase of 1.34 percent plus a 4 percent raise that totals \$1,075,790. Superintendent Chris Holland had initially suggested the step hike plus 2 percent, which is about \$410,000 less.

The board's proposed budget also includes a 3.34 percent raise in classified employee pay, totaling \$208,880, and about \$79,000 for 35 administrators, as recommended by Holland.

Five more regular school buses totaling \$436,430 and a special-needs bus for \$98,136 are also in the plan, along with a \$150,000 increase for health insurance and requests for other needs.

The total increase over the current year's budget is about \$2.6 million. The school system expects to get about \$1.9 million more from the state this year because of a slight increase in enrollment and a drop in the composite index, Financial Director Beth Onley said.

Included in the school proposal is \$176,387 more than last year in local funding, based on a 53 percent formula that has been the norm in recent years. The overall school operating budget is nearly \$48.9 million and has about \$900,000 less in contingency funds.

When a public hearing on the document was held Tuesday night at Arcadia High School, about 40 people attended. The same outspoken employees were present but didn't talk publicly. They are satisfied with the plan. Some said they are saving their comments for the supervisors, who must

decide on the budget.

The only employee who spoke was T.J. Johnson, assistant principal at Nandua Middle School. He thanked the school board for listening to the community.

Activist Ronnie Thomas of Atlantic urged the School Board to give teachers the supplies they need. He said Kegotank Elementary teachers sometimes have to go elsewhere to find a copier.

The School Board will have to come up with the \$500,000 or cut the draft.



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Health Matters Virginia Dept. of Health Zika Virus Fact Sheet

What is Zika virus infection?

Zika virus infection is a viral disease spread to people through bites of infected mosquitoes. Mosquitoes become infected by feeding on infected persons. Zika virus is transmitted primarily by *Aedes aegypti* (Yellow fever mosquito). *Aedes albopictus* (Asian tiger mosquito) also can spread the virus.

Where does Zika virus occur?

Outbreaks of Zika virus infection have occurred in Africa, Southeast Asia, the Pacific Islands, Central America, South America, the Caribbean and Mexico. For a map, see <http://www.cdc.gov/zika/geo/index.html>. Because the mosquitoes that spread the virus are found around the world, it is likely that outbreaks will spread to new countries. No locally transmitted Zika cases have been reported in the continental United States, but cases have been reported in returning travelers.

Who gets Zika virus infection?

Anyone traveling to an area where Zika virus is found can become infected. Infections have been reported in travelers returning to the U.S. from affected areas.

What are the symptoms of Zika virus infections?

About 80 percent of people who are infected do not become sick. For the 20 percent who do become sick, the most common symptoms include fever, rash, joint pain, and conjunctivitis (red eyes). The illness is usually mild and the symptoms typically last

several days to a week.

How soon do symptoms occur?

Symptoms usually start 3-7 days after being bitten by an infected mosquito.

How dangerous is Zika virus infection?

During the 2015-16 outbreak of Zika virus infection in Brazil, a large increase in the number of babies born with a congenital birth defect called microcephaly was observed. Microcephaly describes a baby or child with a smaller than normal brain and head. Studies are being done to see if the increase in reports of babies with microcephaly is because of an infection with Zika virus. Other causes also are being investigated.

What special precautions should pregnant women take to prevent Zika virus?

The role of Zika virus infections during pregnancy is being studied. Out of an abundance of caution, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) advise that pregnant women avoid traveling to countries with ongoing Zika virus infections.

Zika virus is mainly spread in a person-to-mosquito-to-person cycle. An infected mosquito bites a person. That person will have Zika virus in his or her blood, especially in the first week of illness. Another mosquito bites that infected person, becomes infected and can then bite another person. People who are infected but not sick may still pass the virus on to mosquitoes that bite them.

Zika virus also can spread from mother to baby during pregnancy or birth.

What is the treatment for Zika virus infection?

There is no specific treatment for Zika virus infection. Healthcare providers primarily provide supportive care to relieve symptoms. This may include rest, fluids, and use of over-the-counter medicine. Infected people also should stay indoors or wear protective clothing and mosquito repellent for the first week after they begin to feel sick. This will help prevent mosquitoes from biting them and potentially spreading the virus to others in the community.

How can a Zika virus infection be prevented?

There is no vaccine to prevent Zika virus infection. Infections can be prevented by avoiding mosquito bites. This includes wearing long-sleeved shirts and long pants and socks, using insect repellent or permethrin-treated clothing (especially during the daytime when mosquitoes are active), using air conditioning or window/door

screens to keep mosquitoes outside, and eliminating standing water from containers in yards (including bird baths, flower pots, buckets) to stop mosquito breeding.

What should I do if I think I have Zika virus infection?

If you have symptoms of Zika virus infection and have been to an affected area in the past two weeks, contact your healthcare provider who may test your blood for Zika virus and other similar mosquito-borne illnesses.

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Court Postings

By Linda Cicaira

Accomack Grand Jury

Twenty-three-year-old Nicholas Martinez White, who is being held on a second-degree murder charge in connection with the shooting death of a 13-year-old boy last October, was indicted by an Accomack grand jury Monday on two counts of having sex with a girl between 13 and 15.

According to records filed in Accomack Circuit Court, the sex crimes were committed without the use of force between July 1 and Aug. 31, 2015. Sgt. Anthony Bright of Accomack County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) gave information about those cases to the jury.

White has been an inmate at Accomack Jail since he was arrested on Oct. 16 and charged with killing Breonya Lee Collins at the victim's Keller Pond Road home earlier in the day. A preliminary hearing on the murder charge is scheduled for April.

In another case, Brandon O'Neil West,

23, of Pungoteague Road in Pungoteague was indicted on counts of involuntary manslaughter/DUI and maiming/DUI. He was driving a 2002 Mitsubishi Lancer that was in a single-vehicle crash that caused the death of Devante Deshawn Harris, 23, of Parksley and severe injury to Ray Thomas Fitchett Jr. Trooper K. Johnson gave information to the jury about the case.

Suspected "Bloods" street gang leader Tyvon (Teddy) Lyncurtis Smith, 23, of the Parksley area was indicted on 11 counts. They included four counts of inducing another to commit perjury on May 19, June 3, between July 31, 2014, and Sept. 29, 2014, and Sept. 17, 2014; predicated a criminal act for the benefit of a mob; procuring another to commit arson on May 27, 2014; and soliciting another to kill and murder in the second degree.

State Police 1st Sgt. E. Anderson is handling the charges against Smith, or "any type of comparison."

Davion Marquise Walker, 20, of Boggs Road in Painter was indicted on counts of carnal knowledge and sodomy of a child between 13 and 15 years

old without use of force on Aug. 7, 2015. Investigator C.A. McPherson of ACSO is handling the cases.

Dezion Abbott, 24, of White's Neck Road in Parksley was indicted on a count of grand larceny from Walmart in Onley on Dec. 7, 2015. Cpl. E. Nottingham of ACSO gave information about the case to the grand jury.

Douglas Edwards, 58, of Lepley Lane in Onancock was indicted on a count of leaving the scene of an accident on Nov. 21, 2015. Trooper J. Kirk investigated.

Dewey Hall, 50, of Chicken City Road on Chincoteague was indicted on counts of assault and battery of a police officer, which is a felony, and public intoxication, a misdemeanor, on Nov. 11, 2015. Cpl. Tyler L. Greenley of Chincoteague Police Department was the alleged victim and gave information to the jury.

Eric Moore, 40, of Shore Lodge in Onley was indicted on a felony DWI, a fourth charge in 10 years, and driving on a revoked license on Nov. 15, 2015. Deputy J.T. Sharp of ACSO investigated.

Paul Albert Nock, 46, of Highland Park Drive on Chincoteague was indicted on a count of assault and battery of a household member, his mother, Mary Nock, on Nov. 26, 2015. Sgt. T.B. Hickman of CPD investigated.

Jarvis D'Von Scarborough, 25, of Keller Pond Road in Painter was indicted on a count of eluding police on Oct. 21, 2015. Agent J. Marsh of Eastern Shore Drug Task Force investigated.

Jeremi Smith, 20, of Keller Pond Road in Keller was indicted on a count of possession with intent to distribute between a half-ounce and five pounds of marijuana on Aug. 26, 2015. Sharp investigated.

Terrell Thomas, 27, of Fleming Road in New Church was indicted on a count of eluding police on Dec. 11, 2015. Johnson testified to the grand jury.

Derrick Crockett, 41, of Lankford Highway in Parksley was indicted on counts of burglary of a dwelling house belonging to David Jensen, felony destruction of Jensen's property, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana and carrying a concealed weapon (a knife) in September 2015. Sharp investigated.

Terrance Ronkeis Logan, no age or address available, was indicted on a count of credit-card fraud on July 6, 2015. Cpl. E. Nottingham of ACSO investigated.

Damien Howard, no age or address available, was indicted on a count of child endangerment between Oct. 4 and 14, 2015. Officer Robbie Fisher of CPD investigated.

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Accomack Circuit Court

A Painter woman pleaded guilty last week in Accomack Circuit Court to child neglect and abuse of a 6-year-old girl who was raped and sodomized while in her custody.

Kate L. Giddens, 27, of Shellbridge Road entered the plea in a bargaining agreement that called for her to serve 30 days in jail and make restitution of nearly \$3,000. The incident occurred between Feb. 1 and Dec. 30, 2013.

The charge states the crime was "in a manner so gross, wanton and culpable as to show a reckless disregard for human life."

John H. Lewis, 37, of Virginia Drive in West Bradenton, Fla., was sentenced in December to 44 years in prison for the sex crimes involving the child. He was given 22 years on each count, to run consecutively, with half the time suspended, leaving 22 years to serve. He pleaded no contest to the charges.

In another case, Christopher Michael Gingrich, 21, of Whitehorse Drive in Berlin, Md., pleaded guilty to possessing heroin and illegal drug paraphernalia on Jan. 23, 2015.

Nicholas Daniel Kennedy, 28, of Tarr Lane on Chincoteague pleaded guilty to possessing cocaine on June 12, 2014.

Toria Javon Upshur, 29, of Old Towne Neck Road in Eastville pleaded guilty to possession of a firearm by a felon on April 21, 2015.

Gingrich, Kennedy and Upshur were allowed to remain free on existing bond until short-form presentence reports can be filed.

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COMMUNITY NOTES

Exmore Council Given Proposed Town Budget

By Ron West

Exmore Town Manager Robert Duer presented Town Council with a proposed FY 2017 town budget Monday.

The \$1.79 million spending package allows for a continuation of current services as well as the new well system.

Public Utilities Director Taylor Dukes reported that the new well should be operational on time. He stated that upgrades to the wastewater facility need to be completed prior to adding more collection lines. Once corrections are made to the facility and additional lines have been connected, wastewater fees probably need to be increased to help cover the improvement costs, Dukes said.

Council reviewed a recommendation by Duer to reduce the current Business Professional Occupational License fee as a way to assist new businesses. He suggested that council set a flat fee for the first two years. Council agreed to conduct a public hearing on the proposal at 6:45 p.m. at their session March 7.

EASTVILLE PREPARES FOR MINUTEMEN

By Ron West

The year is 1776. Colonial militias already have stood toe to toe with British Red Coats at Lexington, Concord, and Bunker Hill (Breeds Hill). Blood had been spilled on both sides and communities throughout the 13 colonies were training their fledging militias to fight for their independence from Great Britain. The Eastern Shore was no exception.

On Feb. 3, 1776, members of the militia from north of what is currently Easton, Md., received orders from the Council of Safety in Annapolis to defend against the British. With Hampton Roads the gateway to Virginia and Maryland, it was certain the British would sail up the bay. Colonial troops from Chester Hill (currently Centreville) Md., headed out on a forced march of 180 miles to warn militias as far south as Northampton County.

Fast forward 240 years. Six marchers are recreating the march from Centreville to the Northampton Courthouse in Eastville. Having left Centreville on Wednesday, they expect to arrive in Eastville Tuesday, Feb. 9. A ceremony is scheduled to take place that day on the Courthouse Green at 1 p.m. The public is invited.

Cheriton Seeks To Clean Up, Dry Out

By Ron West

Cheriton Town Council focused its attention at its meeting last Thursday on how to address overflowing ditches and dilapidated housing.

Citing a particular abandoned structure in town, Councilwoman Mary Mears noted that the broken windows in the unoccupied dwelling pose a risk to children who might venture inside. Mayor Joe Habel and council agreed to board up the structure and seek to identify and locate the owner. Council agreed to issue a request for proposal (RFP) to retain a company to demolish the structure if the deficiencies are not corrected by the owner.

Recent storms have left water that overwhelmed ditches and drains in various parts of the town. Councilman Barry Downing reported that Virginia Department of Transportation workers found that one drain and culvert that passes under a street was plugged to the point that they could not clear it to allow stormwater to pass through it.

A similar issue near the privately owned town Post Office parking lot needs to be corrected. The owner does not live in the area. Council agreed to seek a resolution with the property owner to correct the unsafe conditions.

Councilman Wesley Travis spoke of problems that have arisen because chickens are roaming freely in some parts of the town, which is not allowed

by the Town Code.

A second animal issue raised involves the feral cat population. Mears reported that donations have been made to help neuter cats that are humanely trapped. Habel said he would seek to have additional traps placed in the town.

Mears also reported that the Visionary Committee has proposed that the town develop brochures providing information on Cheriton and have them placed in the Welcome Center at the north end of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel. Mears said the cost of having them displayed at the Welcome Center would run approximately \$150. Council agreed unanimously to move forward with the proposal.

An additional recommendation from the committee was to produce a DVD offering a historical prospective of the town, including interviews with a number of longtime residents who give firsthand knowledge of what it was like to live in the town when it was a bustling community. The DVDs would be offered at a nominal fee. Council agreed to proceed with the project as well as set up a TV in the Town Office to loop a display of the DVD material.

Council discussed requesting an RFP regarding broadband access to the town. Habel said there are three Internet providers that offer service in the community. Council agreed to generate an ad for the RFP.

Council also agreed to collect information regarding the town's demographics for the purpose of developing a HAZMAT Mitigation policy to inform the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in the event of a disaster.

Chincoteague Councilmen Announce Intentions

By Linda Cicaira

During Chincoteague's Town Council session Monday, two Chincoteague councilmen announced plans to run for re-election. A third said he won't be seeking another term.

Town elections will be held May 3, when, according to county Registrar Patricia White, three of six council seats and the mayor's post will be up for grabs.

Councilman J. Arthur Leonard was the first to mention his re-election interest. He was elected to a first four-year term in 2012. Councilman Gene W. Taylor came in at the same time and held a sign up to let every know he will be going for a second run.

Councilman John N. Jester Jr., who has held his seat for two terms, said, "I'm not running. My wife would kill me."

After the meeting, Mayor Jack Tarr continued to say he had not decided if he will run for a third term. Tarr has until March 1 to make up his mind. Former Accomack Supervisor

Wanda Thornton has already announced her intention to seek the mayor's post. She's a former councilwoman.

White said no one has filed for election at this time.

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Council accepted a bid Monday night of more than \$180,000 from Branscome to upgrade water lines to increase water pressure on the island.

The town also wants to get septic to the commercial district on Maddox Boulevard, Planning Commission Chairman Ray Rosenberger explained later. The idea is to "see if it is feasible. We want to do some studies" and learn "how we can pay for it," Rosenberger said.

Planning Commissioner Spiro Papadopoulos asked council to make the Wastewater Committee a subcommittee of the Planning Commission. They agreed and established that three residents and two real-estate holders should serve. The change allows the committee to meet more frequently.



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ONANCOCK: Within easy walking distance to downtown discover the potential in this 3BR/1BA Ranch needing remodeling. With some TLC someone will have a great starter, retirement or investment property. MLS#42816 \$110,000 Bill Chandler 757-787-1305



WACHAPREAGUE: Beautiful views of Bradford Bay greet all who enter this 3BR/2.5BA Cape Cod on 1.16 acres. Open kitchen, economical gas-pack heat/air system, attached 2-car garage and rear deck for evening cookouts. MLS#38629 \$220,000 Susan Rippon 757-999-8888



PAINTER: 400+ feet of waterfront luxury on Nandua Creek. Gourmet eat-in kitchen, family room with fireplace, office, 3BRs and a master bath that has to be seen. An exceptional property. MLS#41077 \$599,000 Phyllis Ward 757-442-3199



MEARS: On 49 acres with abundant wildlife is this ample stucco Contemporary with 4BR/2BA & 3708 sq. ft. Spacious rooms & open floor plan make this a great home for family or possibly a hunt club. Two deep ponds complement the home site. MLS#41368 \$325,000 Jean DiDaniele 757-709-2292



BLOXOM: Ranch with 2BR/1BA features 1288 sq. ft. of living space and guest bedroom. In need of new plumbing & septic system home is priced to sell. MLS#42353 \$79,900 Terry Bowling 757-710-0914



PARKSLEY: Enjoy country living in this 3BR/1.5BA, maintenance free, Farmhouse just outside town limits. Features include replacement/customized windows, finished pine floors, new kitchen, attractive staircase & rear porch overlooking shady yard. MLS#34533 \$129,000 John Morgan 757-787-1999



ONANCOCK: Looking to downsize? This Farmhouse may be perfect: 2BR/1.5BA close to boat ramp or a short drive to all downtown amenities. With almost an acre there's room to park your boat, create outdoor living space or gardens. MLS#42117 \$89,999 Keith Koerner 757-999-4670



ONANCOCK: Restored 4BR/3BA in town Colonial, front porch & back deck allows room to expand your living space to the outdoors. Take advantage of walking, biking or driving your golf cart to all town amenities. MLS#41577 \$219,000 George or Patty Ferguson 757-710-4770



KELLER: Spacious Victorian with 3BR/1BA. New roof, well and septic system, walk-up attic and pine floors. Enjoy time with family or friends on the classic open front porch or take a short ride to public boat ramps. MLS#42409 \$59,000 George or Patty Ferguson 757-710-4770



BELLE HAVEN: Enjoy spectacular sunsets from this 2BR/2.5BA Contemporary on 2.33 waterfront acres. Decks overlooking Occoanhook Creek allow you to expand the living space to the outdoors. Private dock, sandy beach & bulkhead add to the value. MLS#41946 \$438,240 Liz Walters 757-710-2114



CAPE CHARLES: Easy living in this 3BR/2BA home at Kiptopeke Condos. Well maintained home features new appliances and gas log fireplace, all close to Kiptopeke state park. MLS#42016 \$159,900 Keith Koerner 757-999-4670



BAY CREEK: Bahama Model 3BR/3BA Contemporary offers 2869 sq ft and Chesapeake Bay views. Reverse floor plan w/kitchen & living room on 2nd floor. Golf cart to all of the amenities. MLS#42761 \$449,000 Dave Griffith 757-647-2649/Randy Carlson 757-678-6395



CAPE CHARLES: This 4BR/2BA Duplex could be quite the investment. Both sides are set up as 2BR/1BA and income producing. The beach is only 3 blocks away. Fenced back yard accessed through back door. MLS#42049 \$125,000 Kathy Weiner 757-646-3199



ONLEY: Spacious 4BR/2BA Contemporary w/3600 sq ft on 1.82 acres. 1st floor MBR/MBA, oak kitchen w/center island, 2 1/2 baths, tiled sun room & all season pool w/6 person spa attached. MLS#42175 \$399,900 Dave Griffith 757-647-2649/Randy Carlson 757-678-6395



CAPE CHARLES: High quality workmanship is evident throughout this 3BR/2BA Contemporary w/1680 sq ft on 1 acre. Only used as a 2nd home & extremely easy to maintain. 2nd level ready to finish. Detached garage/workshop. MLS#42482 \$265,000 Jason Renstein 757-620-1532



JAMESVILLE: Peace and serenity found all around this 4BR/2.5BA waterfront compound on 35 acres. Brick hearth in family room, views of the Bay from the sunroom, fully floored walk-up attic & Florida heat pump. MLS#38678 \$669,999 Dave Griffith 757-647-2649/Randy Carlson 757-678-6395



CAPE CHARLES: Older 4-Square home just 5 blocks from the beach. This 4BR/1BA offers 1800 sq ft and includes an extra lot with plenty of space for boat storage, gardens or another home. Stroll through town and enjoy the eclectic shops. MLS#36816 \$315,000 Trina Veber 757-442-0797



NANCOCK GARDENS: Waterfront 3BR/1.5BA Ranch on 1/3 acre and overlooking a small creek. New tilt-in double pane windows, bathrooms, carpeting & appliances. Dock will support jet skis or outboards. MLS#42346 \$237,000 Randy Carlson 757-678-6395/Dave Griffith 757-647-2649



CHINCOTEAGUE: Beautiful views from this 2BR/1BA waterfront Condo w/ boat dock, open deck & views of Assateague Island & Lighthouse. Enjoy the island life by fishing kayaking or sitting back and relaxing. MLS#41358 \$179,900 Anita Merritt 757-894-0108/Gladys Baczek 757-894-0098



CHINCOTEAGUE: Custom built 2BR/2.5BA Duplex in private setting Pine floors, ceramic tile & Berber carpet. Kit w/center aisle, whirlpool appliances & eat in breakfast nook. Sc porch adds living space. Walking distance to town shopping, dining, waterfront park. MLS#41709 \$259,000 Cindy Gillett 757-990-2526



CHINCOTEAGUE: Spacious 3BR/2.5BA home w/extra spacious lot & commercial garage. Upstairs master bedroom addition with full bathroom and walk in closets. I.g. back deck, nice kitchen with lots of cabinets. MLS#41800 \$218,000 Anita Merritt 757-894-0108



CAPT. COVE: 3BR/2BA home features open floor plan w/vaulted ceiling. The master is tucked away at the back of the house with a large walk-in closet and an over-sized shower in the master bathroom. Very nice covered front porch, back deck and a detached shed. MLS#42796 \$149,999 Shawn Jennings 757-894-2249



TRAILS END: 2000 Coachman model w/ new addition. Perfect quiet location and enjoy all the amenities that Trails End offers. New drain field put in 2013. Close to Capt. Cove, Wallops Island, NASA & Chincoteague. MLS#42593 \$37,500 Judy Williamson 757-894-2488



CHINCOTEAGUE: 2ND floor unit providing waterfront views of Ed Creek. Queen BR efficiency w/newly remodeled eat in kitchenette. Quiet area that provides kayak/canoeing, bird watching, Swimming pool, exercise area, meeting room w/kitchen, pier, BBQ/picnic area. MLS#39293 \$89,800 Cindy Gillett 757-990-2526



CHINCOTEAGUE: Located in a quiet area and full of original details. 4BR/1.5BA Cape Cod w/original trim, wood floors and large kitchen adds to the vintage feel. New vinyl windows, vinyl fence, hot & cold shower, concrete driveway, 3 car detached garage. MLS#41188 \$227,600 Shawn Jennings 757-894-2249



CHINCOTEAGUE: 3BR/3BA canal home in Oyster Bay. Quiet cul-de-sac court w/large waterfront screened in porch off MBR & sun deck. 1st level offers recreational room/play room/full bathroom. Spacious KIT & DR. Open floor & fully furnished. Established vacation rental. MLS#42099 \$379,000 Anita Merritt 757-894-0108/Gladys Baczek 757-894-0098

Obituaries

Former Grocery Store Owner Dies

Mrs. Kathryn White Ewell, better known as **Kassy**, 90, of Cheriton, wife of the late James D. Ewell, passed away Monday, Jan. 25, 2016, at Shore LifeCare at Parksley.

A native of Chincoteague, she was the daughter of the late James E. and Sally Holloway White. The Ewells owned Ewell's Grocery in Cape Charles for over 25 years and worked side by side until they retired to Machipongo Shores.

Mrs. Ewell is survived by her daughter, Dee Pierce (and husband, Graham) of Pilot, Va.; sister, Jeanette Phipps of Chincoteague; sister-in-law, Marianne White of Chincoteague; and several much loved nieces and nephews.

A life celebration will be held at a later date.

Memorial donations may be made to Christ U.M. Church, 6253 Church St., Chincoteague Island, VA 23336. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.doughtyfuneralhome.com

Arrangements were made by Doughty Funeral Home in Exmore.

Quinby Resident Dies at Home

Kathy Powers Betts, 66, of Quinby passed away Monday, Jan. 25, 2016, at her residence.

A native of Quinby, she was the daughter of the late William E. and Pauline Bell Powers. She was a former member of Quinby Wesleyan Church.

She is survived by her sons, Roland Stevens Jr. of Quinby, Joseph Mark Stevens of California, and Elvis Presley Stevens of Quinby; brother, Edwin Dale Powers of Quinby; sister, Patty Williams of Concord Wharf; and granddaughters, Ashley Stevens and Skyler Stevens, both of Atlantic.

A graveside service was conducted Friday, Jan. 29, at Hollies Baptist Church Cemetery by Rev. Rob Kelly.

Online condolences may be offered at www.doughtyfuneralhome.com

Arrangements were made by Doughty Funeral Home in Exmore.

Former Shirt Factory Seamstress Dies

Ms. Shirley Dale Simpson, 67, of Parksley passed away Wednesday, Jan. 27, 2016, at her residence.

Born in Nassawadox, she was the daughter of the late John Milton Simpson Sr. and Hilda Chesser Simpson. Ms. Simpson worked as a seamstress at Exmore Shirt Factory, as well as R&G Shirt Factory in Parksley. She was a licensed truck driver and security guard for Perdue, Holly Farms and Tysons.

Ms. Simpson is survived by her sons, Gregory Taylor Jr. and wife Angel of Hallwood, Kevin Taylor and Teresa Annis of Bloxom, and Harley Brooks Lewis Jr. and wife Melissa of Powellville, Md.; sister, Sharon Simpson and husband Wayne of Withams; grandchildren, Joshua Taylor, Brook Taylor and Katelyn Linton; and special friends, Amber Bull and Michelle Hinman. She was preceded in death by a brother, John Simpson Jr.; and three sisters, Nancy Isdell, Ailene Simpson and Mickey Simpson.

A graveside service was conducted Monday, Feb. 1, at Groton's Cemetery in Hallwood by Rev. Rob Kelly.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. To sign the guest book online, visit www.thorntonfuneralhome.net

Arrangements were made by Thornton Funeral Home in Parksley.

One-Time Curator of Kerr Place Passes Away

Mrs. Susan Bourne Hennessy Patterson, 82, of Willards, Md., formerly of Onancock, wife of the late Robert Arthur Patterson, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 27, 2016, at Chesapeake Manor in Willards.

Born in New York, she was the daughter of the late John Cullen Hennessy and Elise Dassori Hennessy. She was a teacher and a curator for the Historical Society at Kerr Place. She was a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church, where she previously served in the choir, and was



Mrs. Patterson

later a member of Rock Church, as well as Women's Aglow.

Mrs. Patterson is survived by her sons, Robert C. Patterson and his wife, Connie of Assawoman and their daughter, Rebecca Staub and her son, Thomas Staub, and Brian Patterson and wife, Beverly of Onancock and their children, Elise, Don and Zach; daughters, Elise Evans and husband, Greg of Hebron, Md., and their children, Jordan, Kaitlin, Megan and Liam, and Susan Patterson of Washington, D.C.; brother, Rick Hennessy and wife, Lee; and cousins, Elise Caputo and Davis Dassori.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, Jan. 31, from Thornton Funeral Home in Parksley by Rev. Paul Nolz officiating. Interment was in Fairview Lawn Cemetery in Onancock.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 225 North Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60601.

Social Services Retiree Passes Away

Mr. John Woodland "Woodie" Rew, 91, of Onancock, husband of the late Katherine Northam "Kitty" Rew, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 27, 2016, at Chesapeake Caregivers in Trappe, Md.

A son of the late Rufus and Hazel Allen Rew, he served in the U.S. Army Air Corps. He remained a proud veteran throughout his life, an active member of Accomack VFW Post 2296 in Tasley and American Legion Post 91 in Cambridge, Md.

Mr. Rew's first job was working for the family business, a marine supply and grocery store in Deep Creek. He was a sales associate with Oceanway Distributors, and later retired from Accomack County Social Services Department. He was very dedicated to his church and community. In addition to being a longtime member of Market Street U.M. Church, in June of this year, he would have been a 60-year member of Onancock Volunteer Fire Department, holding many positions and volunteering numerous hours at the Onancock VFD Carnival, throughout the years. Mr. Rew coached the Fire-



Mr. Rew

men's team for Accomack County Little League, was known for refinishing antique furniture for many years, and was a diehard Yankees and Redskins fan. He spent many hours during his retirement years with longtime friends at the Onancock Wharf Liar's Bench. In November of 2014, Mr. Rew moved to be with his daughter and son-in-law in Maryland, and they provided loving care to him since that time.

He is survived by his daughter, Karen R. Windsor (and husband, Carson) of East New Market, Md.; and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by two sisters, Alma Bundick, and Mabel Weir; and a brother, Earl "Buddy" Rew.

Funeral services were conducted from the chapel of Williams-Onancock Funeral Home Saturday, Jan. 30, by Rev. J. Barton Weakley and Rev. Albert L. Crockett. Interment with fireman rites and military honors followed at Fairview Lawn Cemetery in Onancock.

Memorial donations may be made to Onancock VFD, c/o David Mason, 24311 Bailey Neck Dr., Onancock, VA 23417; or Market Street U.M. Church, 75 Market St., Onancock, VA 23417. Memory tributes may be offered at www.williamsfuneralhomes.com

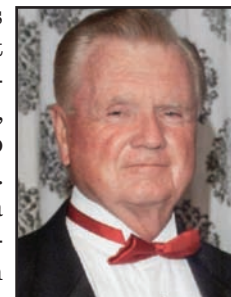
Bank Retiree Dies at Chincoteague Home

Mr. Ronald Lee Halbert, 72, of Chincoteague Island, died peacefully Thursday, Jan. 28, 2016, at his home.

Born in Norfolk, Va., he was the son of the late Edwin and Margaret (White) Halbert. He retired from SunTrust Bank and Cardinal Bank.

Mr. Halbert was a member of Christ U.M. Church, Saltwater Ramblers, and Kiwanis Club of Chincoteague. He was formerly a member of Fairlington U.M. Church and The Lions Club in Alexandria, Va.

Mr. Halbert enjoyed coaching and playing softball on various teams. He loved playing music in several different bands. He also loved baseball, especially his Boston Red Sox. He spent a lot of his time enjoying the waters of Chincoteague while beaching, fishing, and



Mr. Halbert

boating with his family.

Mr. Halbert is survived by his loving spouse of 28 years, Dana E. Halbert of Chincoteague Island; daughter, Wendy Knarr (and husband, Michael) of Westminster, Md.; stepson, Jason Endicott (and wife, Elsa) of Alexandria; grandchildren, Holly and Ryan Knarr of Westminster and Desmond Endicott of Alexandria; sister, Jane Terhaar (and husband, Thomas) of Shrewsbury, Mass.; nephew, Brian Terhaar of Lyndonville, Vt.; sisters-in-law, Susan Kees (and husband, Jerry Bell) of New Port Richey, Fla., and Cheryl Slover of Woodbridge, Va.; nieces, Christine LaChance (and husband, Jay) of Maine and Erica Ackley and husband, Donald) of Fort Worth, Texas; great-nephews, Jack and Will McLaren of Shrewsbury; and several great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins. He was predeceased by a niece, Jennifer McLaren.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, Feb. 2, at Christ U.M. Church, Chincoteague Island, by Rev. Travis DeLoach. A graveside service was held at National Memorial Park in Falls Church, Va., Wednesday, Feb. 3.

Memorial donations may be made to Kiwanis Club of Chincoteague, P.O. Box 23, Chincoteague Island, VA 23336. Condolences may be made online at www.salyerfh.com

Arrangements were made by Salyer Funeral Home, Chincoteague Island.

Harborton Man Passes Away at RSMH

Mr. Philip Dean Smith, 54, of Harborton passed away Thursday, Jan. 28, 2016, at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital in Nassawadox.

Born in Nassawadox, he was the son of Caren Green Martin and the late Olon Summerville Smith. Mr. Smith was previously a contractor for Northrop Grumman and was the Washington Redskins' biggest fan. He was a great son, father, brother, and friend to all.

Other than his mother, survivors include his daughter, Taylor Smith (and boyfriend, Jesse West) of Mears; sister, Tanya Lewis of Cashville; brother, Kendall Martin (and wife, Suzanne) of Fredericksburg, Va.; brother-in-law, Mike Lewis; grandchildren, Landon Shipley and Jayden West; and nieces and nephews, Brandon and Janet Buckner and Luke and Smith Martin. He was pre-

ceded in death by two stepfathers, Gerry Martin and Smickey Martin.

A memorial service will be conducted Sunday, Feb. 7, at 2 p.m. at Thornton Funeral Home in Parksley by Rev. Bobby Huether.

Tangier VMRC Retiree Passes Away

Mr. Timothy Curley "Tim" Marshall, 71, husband of Lana Jean Shores Marshall and a lifelong resident of Tangier, passed away at his residence Saturday, Jan. 30, 2016, surrounded by his loving family.

A son of the late Homer Cooley Marshall and Margaret Virginia Parks Marshall "Dace" Dize, and stepson of the late Franklin Record Dize, Mr. Marshall retired from the Virginia Marine Resources Commission and was a former Tangier police officer. He was a devoted member of New Testament Church, having served as a deacon; enjoyed wood-working, and was especially proud of his work in co-founding with Ralph Green the Word of Life Basketball Marathon on Tangier Island.

In addition to his wife, survivors include his daughters, Beverly Marshall Parks (and husband Edward) of Tangier and Billie Jo "Sis" Palmer Steed of Prince George, Va.; sisters, Arlene "Fern" Parks and Marsha Franklin McCready (and husband, Danny Ray), all of Tangier; grandchildren, Lindsay Photakos (and husband, Steve), Schyler Parks, Timothy Palmer, Drew Parks, Forrest Steed, and Lance Parks; great-grandchildren, Mason and Camden Photakos; sisters-in-law, Wanda Lynn Marshall and Mona Eskridge Marshall, who was also a caregiver; several nieces and nephews; and additional caregivers, Nancy Crockett and Fern Tyler. He was predeceased by two brothers, Teddy Ross Marshall, and William Terry "Aub" Marshall; and a brother-in-law, William M. "Bill" Parks.

Funeral services were conducted from New Testament Church Thursday, Feb. 4, by Elder Jerry F. Pruitt, Robert D. Crockett, and William A. Pruitt. Interment was in New Testament Church Cemetery, followed by a



Mr. Marshall

reception at Tangier Combined School.

Memorial contributions may be made to New Testament Church, c/o Danny McCready, P.O. Box 3, Tangier, VA 23440. Memory tributes may be shared at www.williamsfuneralhomes.com

Arrangements were made by Williams Funeral Homes, Parksley and Onancock.

Retired Heavy Equipment Operator Passes Away

Mr. Sylvanus James Nutter, 88, of Keller, husband of Claire T. Nutter, passed away Saturday, Jan. 30, 2016, at his residence.

A native of Keller, he was the son of the late Marl M. and Mary Phillips Nutter. He was a U.S. Navy veteran, merchant marine, retired heavy equipment operator, member of Operating Engineers Local 542 in Philadelphia, Pa., for 62 years, member of Richmond-Salomon Masonic Lodge 3 AF&AM, past worthy patron of Onley Chapter 82 Order of the Eastern Star and former mayor of Keller.

In addition to his loving wife, survivors include his son, James Allen Nutter (and wife, Kathy) of Buena Vista, Colo.; daughters, Marie Elena Cardace (and husband, Jeffrey) of Melbourne, Fla., and Carole Anne Elliott of Keller; grandchildren, Jamie Nutter, Joseph Nutter, Jeannie Nutter, Stephanie Lauren Fox, Brett Allen Elliott, and Christopher Nutter; and great-grandchildren, Wesley Donald, Hayden, Emilee Ann and Aarik. He was predeceased by his sister, Mary Virginia Begley.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, Feb. 3, at Doughty Funeral Home by Rev. Jack D. Pruitt. Interment was in Belle Haven Cemetery.

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

Retired Hospital Security Chief Dies

Mr. Charles Daniel "Sonny" Moore, 71, of Tasley passed away Sunday, Jan. 31, 2016, at his home.

Born in Onancock, he was a son of the late Daniel Earl Moore and Sarah Kathryn Lake Murray. Mr. Moore retired as chief of security from Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital in Nassawadox and was a member of Tasley Volunteer Fire Department and the Accomack-Northampton Antique Car Club.

He had a great passion for antique cars, spending a majority of his time in the garage working on his collection. Mr. Moore never met a stranger, and there was never a time he didn't greet you with a smile and a handshake.

Survivors include his sister, Kay Belote (and husband, Cleve) of Chatham, Va.; brothers, Michael Parker (and wife, Virgie) of Cope, S.C., and Patrick Parker of Franklin, Va.; eight nieces; five nephews; and extended family members, Claude and Stella Smith of Williston, S.C., and Kenny and Deborah Midgett of Parksley. He was predeceased by a sister, Linda Scott Moore Coddington; and a brother, Ervin "Butch" Sayers.

Graveside services were conducted Thursday, Feb. 4, at Fairview Lawn Cemetery by Mr. George Fulk.

Memorial contributions may be made to Tasley Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 68, Tasley, VA 23441. Memory tributes may be shared with at www.williamsfuneralhomes.com

Arrangements were made by Williams-Onancock Funeral Home.

Former ARC Home Resident Dies

Mr. Richard "Ricky" James Wilson, 69, a former resident of Cape Charles and the ARC home in Belle Haven, died peacefully at Heritage Hall in Nassawadox Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2016.

Born in Nassawadox, he was the son of the late William P. and Edith Elizabeth Watkinson Wilson. He was a member of Exmore Baptist Church and its PTL class which he faithfully attended every Sunday. He loved traveling the halls of Heritage Hall in his wheelchair with his signature hat on and was loved by all the staff there.

Mr. Wilson was survived by his aunts, Kathleen May Jones and Mary Mears; and several cousins. He was predeceased by a sister, Patricia Wilson.

A graveside service was conducted Thursday, Feb. 4, at Cape Charles Cemetery by Rev. Jonathan Carpenter.

Memorial donations may be made to Exmore Baptist Church, 11624 Occohannock Rd., Exmore, VA 23350; or the Heritage Hall Activity Fund, P.O. Box 176, Nassawadox, VA 23413. Condolences may be offered at foxandjamesfh.com

Arrangements were made by Fox and James Funeral Home, Eastville.

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Charlie Carlson Wins Logo Contest

Charlie Carlson of Cape Charles, a graduate student studying oceanography at Old Dominion University, was named the winner of the logo contest sponsored by the Eastern Shore Association of REALTORS® by providing the inspiration for the association's newly adopted logo (below).



Carlson

The contest was open to the general public and required that the logo include the REALTOR® "R" and imagery indicative of the Eastern Shore of Virginia.

Carlson was awarded \$250 for his effort.



Karen Aita and Reuben Quanbeck Quanbeck, Aita Earn National Recognition

Reuben Quanbeck, AP history teacher at Northampton High School,



- a daughter, born to Nancy Cabrara and Fredy Escalante of Parksley Jan. 21
- a daughter, born to Tabitha Mears and Christopher Geiser of Onancock Jan. 24
- a son, born to Sharie Fields of Onancock Jan. 24
- a son, born to Antoinette West and Daylon Jones of Painter Jan. 26

recently earned National Board Certification (NBC).

The certification process requires a computer-based assessment demonstrating knowledge of pedagogy and content knowledge, portfolio analysis of student work samples and video recordings of classroom teaching, and evidence of collaboration with school and community.

Karen Aita, division teacher mentor and NBC candidate support provider, certified in the area of English Language Arts/Early Adolescence in 2005, just renewed her NBC, which will extend for 10 years.



DeShera Williams To Wed Terrance Edwards

Cora Staten and Carnell Williams Sr. announce the upcoming wedding of their daughter, DeShera Williams, to Terrance Edwards, son of James and Pamela Baker of Cheriton. The prospective bride is a 2004 graduate of Northampton High School and a 2008 graduate of Virginia State University. She is a pre-K Teacher at Larrymore Elementary in Norfolk, Va. The prospective groom is a 2003 graduate of Northampton High School. He is employed at Soil & Material Engineering, Inc. in Raleigh, N.C., as a CEI Inspector. The couple resides in Chesapeake, Va. The wedding will be held March 26, 2016, at 3 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Capeville, followed by a reception, by reception only, at Eastern Shore Yacht & Country Club in Melfa.

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Foodbank Thrift Store Permanently Closing Feb. 26

The Eastern Shore branch of the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia will be closing the doors of its thrift store in Tasley on Feb. 26.

Focus is being redirected to the organization's core mission of eliminating hunger in the community.

The foodbank has seen an increase in food distributed over the past three years. Last year, the Eastern Shore branch distributed over 1.2 million pounds of food to individuals in need.

"In order to best serve the Eastern Shore community, it was determined by the Board of Directors that focusing more significantly on food distribution is the best course of action for the immediate future," said board President Paul G. Finch. "Input from Eastern Shore task force members and various committees weighed in on this difficult decision."

"As we look toward the future, our top priority is to implement a viable strategy to reduce and eliminate hunger across our service area," said Ruth Jones Nichols, chief executive officer. "Over the next several months, we will look at how to best position the branch office and our organization as a whole to best meet the needs of our clients. We will gather

feedback from Eastern Shore community members to help inform future decisions."

With food at the forefront of the decision, capital improvements will be made to the space previously utilized for the thrift store. Top priorities for repair or replacement include expanding food storage areas, making them more efficient and safer; replacing the inefficient and aging heating, ventilation and air conditioning system; increasing volunteer production space; and resurfacing the warehouse floor. Food safety and handling, efficiency, personnel and client safety are at the heart of the renovations that will begin next month.

"Food safety is paramount when it comes to storing and distributing the quantity of food that passes through our doors daily," said Renee Figurelle, chief operating officer at the foodbank. "These necessary repairs will allow us to provide an increased amount of higher quality, nutritious food to residents of the Eastern Shore and allow greater opportunities for volunteers to help with production and food distribution."

"Even though the closing of the thrift store will be difficult, it will allow us to better serve the community by focusing on getting more food out to those in

need," said Charmin Horton, Eastern Shore branch manager. "We are excited about the renovations as they will allow for members of the community to be engaged with more hands-on volunteer opportunities such as packing Backpack bags and USDA food boxes. We will continue to provide referral information for families and the general public."

The foodbank will be liquidating thrift store stock and will work with other thrift stores in our service area. Anyone looking to donate clothing or looking for affordable clothing to purchase can visit Light House Ministries Thrift at 25523 East Main St. in Onley, Hospice Thrift Store at 165 Market St. in Onancock or other local stores across the area.

The Eastern Shore branch of the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia recently had a food safety audit performed by the American Institute of Baking (AIB), an organization committed to protecting the safety of the food supply chain. Members of the Feeding America™ network of food banks are required to pass this global 'gold standard' food safety rating.

Eastern Shore Foodbank received a rating score of 885/1000.

Northampton Planners Give Boost to Solar Energy Project

By Ron West

The Northampton Planning Commission reviewed a request for a special-use permit (SUP) from Hecate Energy to establish a solar energy facility at 15446 Seaside Rd. near Eastville.

The 20-megawatt project would occupy approximately 185 acres and could generate enough energy to power 3,280 homes. Hecate spokesperson Preston Scholtz presented graphics showing how the solar arrays would appear on the property. The solar panels would be able to adjust themselves to track the sun, drawing as much power as possible from it. Scholtz stated that if the project is approved by the county, construction could begin in the spring and might be completed and operational by October.

Speaking for Hecate Energy, Patti Shorr stated that the project would create approximately 50-60 short-term construction jobs. She said there also would be a need for individuals to maintain the vegetation under and around the panels. The project would have a vegetative buffer around it which also would require some maintenance.

Power from the facility would be fed into the local grid controlled by Old Dominion Power, which provides pow-

er to the Eastern Shore via A&N Electric Cooperative.

Eastville area businessman and resident Tom Zieger raised concerns over the project, including its effect on nearby property values, buffers to shield it from neighboring property owners, and any possible cost to the county for road construction or repairs. In addition, Zieger expressed opposition to any tax relief that might be given to the company by the county.

Bridgetown resident Dave Kabler spoke in support of the project, noting the importance of using alternative sources of energy in order to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels.

Sue Mastel likewise supported the project, noting that her home uses solar power as a source of energy and sees it as a way to reduce reliance on other energy sources.

Eastville resident Everett Watson spoke in support of the project.

During the discussion by the Planning Commission, Commissioner Dave Fauber spoke in opposition to the location of the project. He noted that the Comprehensive Plan opposes the placement of commercial projects in the county's aquifer recharge area and suggested that other sites would

be better suited. Fauber cited the value and limited amount of agricultural land in Northampton County and said it should not be used for this project.

On a vote of 5-1 (Fauber voting

against), the planners agreed to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that it approve the SUP. The supervisors will conduct a public hearing on the project at their session Feb. 9.

Community Emergency Response Training

A Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training program is available to Shore residents beginning Tuesday, Feb. 16.

CERT training prepares citizens and communities to take a more active role in emergency preparedness. CERT participants are trained and maintained as part of a neighborhood or workplace response team. CERT training can give you the basic skills needed immediately following a major disaster, when emergency services may not be available and when residents may have to rely on each other for life-saving and life-sustaining needs.

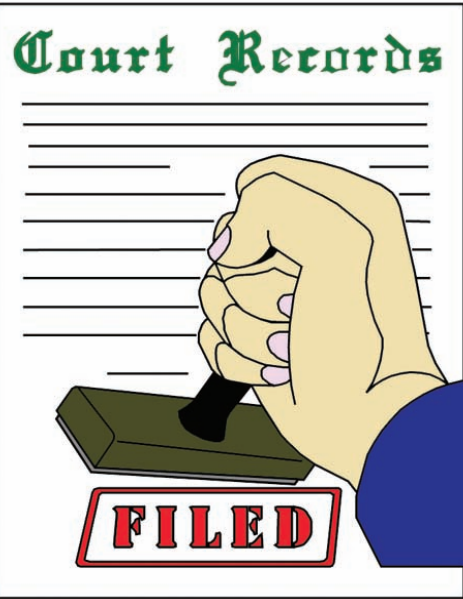
Citizens will learn how to provide help for their family and neighbors in emergency situations — whether caused by terrorism, technological disasters or severe weather. Participants will learn about disaster preparedness and response, basic fire safety, first aid, search-and-rescue techniques, and terrorism preparedness.

Students will have chances to win door prizes and at the conclusion of the class, all students will receive a backpack filled with emergency supplies.

The 20.5-hour free program consists of both lecture and practical exercises. The class will be held Tuesday and Thursday evenings, Feb. 16, 18, 23, and 25, from 6 until 10, and on Tuesday, March 1, from 5:30 until 10 p.m. Participants must attend all sessions to receive credit. They will be held at the Eastern Shore Regional Fire Training Center, 28598 Beacon Rd. in Melfa.

Class size is limited to 30 people. If fewer than 10 people are registered, the class will be canceled. Register online at <http://eastern-shore-cert.eventbrite.com> or call J.J. Justis at (757) 302-4267.

The CERT program is funded through a grant administered by the Virginia Department of Emergency Management and donations from local business and community partners.



Court Records

Property Transactions

- From Thomas and Cherron Davis To Dan and Qi Luu 85.50 acres, Massey/Brittingham Farm, New Church

- For \$3 million
- From Daniel and Renee Whealton To Zachary and Lindsay Jester Lot 6, Watts Bay Estates, Section 2, Atlantic For \$85,000
- From Darlene and Donald Jewell To Carol and Francis Wajda 115 Saratoga Pl. in Bay Creek For \$250,000
- From Martin Trevan To Daniel and Dawn Dail 117 Randolph Ave. in Cape Charles For \$320,000
- From Bruce and Martha Parks To William and June Crockett Lot 44, Colonial Village, Onley For \$25,000
- From Fannie Mae To Francis King 1396 Ellis St., Greenbackville For \$36,219
- From Calvert Seybolt and Nathaniel Welch, trustees To Horace Kelley III Property on Route 712, Sanford For \$115,000
- From Cheryl Aylor

- To Joseph Johnson, revocable trust Section 5, Lot 71, Captain's Cove For \$85,000
- From Kevin McDaniel To Elizabeth Benson Lot 1439, Section 3, Captain's Cove For \$45,000
- From Brian Wittenberg To Elizabeth Benson Lot 919, Section 1, Captain's Cove For \$40,000
- From Brian Wittenberg To Elizabeth Benson Lot 1400, Section 3, Captain's Cove For \$35,000
- From Jason Lambertson To Ann Wilson 38013 Davy Jones Blvd., Greenbackville For \$117,100
- From Richard and Michelle Schutter To Cristopher and Linda Berneburg 3250 Colona St., Chincoteague For \$138,000
- From Edna Thompson To Thomas and Kimberly Fraley 3432 Main St., Chincoteague For \$325,000
- From Barbara Lusby To Mark and Barbara Lusby

- 10166 Atlantic Rd., Atlantic For \$25,000
- From Kathleen Gurany To John and Denice Rice Lot 231, Unit 1, Trails End For \$15,000
- From Michael Murphy To Dorothy Lambert 8159 Marsh Point Ln., Chincoteague For \$219,500
- From Greenback, LLC To Katherine Kiss 38503 State Line Rd., Greenbackville For \$48,500
- From Jerry Morsell To Darrell Miner Lot 145, Unit 2, Trails End For \$8,600
- From Aaron Townsend & Lisa Rippard To Emory Clyde and David Wenbert 5219 North Main St., Chincoteague For \$130,000
- From Michael and Cherry Gonder To Michael and Michelle Enriquez 3288 Navigator Dr., Greenbackville For \$135,000
- From Elizabeth Smith To Jwami and Louida Comes 32534 Seaside Rd., Melfa For \$94,900
- From Dorothy Daugherty and family revocable trust To Norman and Donna Ferreira Lot 113, Unit 3, Trails End For \$10,500
- From Mortgage Equity Conversion Asset Trust To Richard and Minnie Murray Lot 19, Bradford Acres, Quinby For \$80,000
- From Elsie Giddens To Chestnut Village, LLC Lot 1, Real Estate Situate, near Onley For \$85,000

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CAPITAL LETTERS

By Del. Rob Bloxom



Proposed legislation is flying through the committee system and onto the floor of the Capitol to be voted on.

If passed, the bills will proceed to the Senate for the process to start over. The long days are productive but tiring. The pace will continue as we approach "crossover," where each chamber, the House and the Senate, must finish all the bills presented on its side. This is a crazy pace and one must ask if there is really that much wrong with our great state that we need to consider over 3,000 pieces of legislation.

The deadline forces us to make a decision and vote. We would be well served if Washington would follow our example.

Most of the bills of note, such as the

\$5,000 land oyster leasing bill, were defeated quickly. We still have bills that need to be fixed or killed that could negatively affect the 100th District. I will work with the patron of the bill to fix the legislation that could do us harm, or will rally my friends to defeat the bill. A lot of legislation passes or dies because of friendships and the trust of their judgment on issues that may not be familiar.

The last topic of great interest to people in the district is the concealed weapon reciprocity agreement that our attorney general would not sign with 25 other states as had been done in the past. There is legislation that would fix this problem and I am hopeful that it will get resolved so that reciprocity agreement is able to be restored. I will be relieved when the governor signs the bills.

I encourage you to keep in touch with me and my office over the coming months. You can email me at delrbloxom@house.virginia.gov or call me in Richmond at 804-698-1000.

~ Chickens ~ (Continued From Front Page)

recommendation to require five acres per house and a limit of 12 houses a parcel.

The other supervisors unanimously agreed, but before that vote, there was booing and yelling from those who were offended by Crockett's claims and want more stringent regulations.

The chicken farmers and other poultry workers stood to show their strength.

Dave Lovell of Onancock has 11 houses and four employees. "We're all doing pretty well financially," he said. "We've made great strides in the last few years."

"We have been able to live a pretty comfortable life," said Calvin Washington of Mappsville. His parents were poultry workers and now he and his wife are. "When I started in 1980, I didn't even own a bicycle," he continued. "I went there for a summer job... moved up in the company to make a pretty good salary."

The new regulations include a 500-foot setback from existing dwellings and 600 feet on sides with tunnel fans, with no reduction allowances. The old setback requirement was 300 feet from existing dwellings and 400 feet on tunnel ends.

Both sides said the changes were a compromise.

Those in opposition wanted the setbacks from property lines, not structures.

Retiree James Davis worried about property values and his health. "A lot of impacting issues are not really being looked at," he said, claiming they are being overshadowed by "the monetary issues. When they start to have problems, it's too later They are there. Everybody can't up and leave and sell their property for less than they paid for it."

After the meeting, Shorekeeper Jay Ford said he was extremely disappointed with Crockett's "purposefully divisive statements." Ford said Shorekeepers "has been and remains committed to working with the entire community to develop a sustainable framework that allows our natural resources and (the) poultry industry to coexist successfully."

Tyson Foods and Perdue Farms employ about 3,200 people in Accomack and have a payroll of about \$87 million. In 2013, the market value of Accomack poultry was \$114 million.

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FEB. 5**

★noon - **AA mtg.** - UMC, Onancock
★6 p.m. - **Celebrate Recovery Group mtg.** - Family Life Center, Onancock - Meal: \$6/

single or \$10/family

★6-7 p.m. - **Domestic Violence Prevention Prgm.** - ESTACI, 3100 Main St., Exmore - 709-5113
★7 p.m. - **Life Teach Series** - Rachel/Leah Covenant Ministries Center - 787-2486
★7:30 p.m. - **Bingo (doors open at 6:30 p.m.)** - Exmore Moose Lodge, Belle Haven

**SATURDAY
FEB. 6**

★9 a.m. - **Zumba Class** - Chincoteague YMCA - \$5 - 336-3535

★9:30 a.m. - **E.S. Cancer Support Group** - Sage Diner, Onley - 787-3401 or 787-3982
★9:30 a.m. - **Mary N. Smith Alumni Assn. mtg.** - Mary N. Smith High School, Accomac
★10 a.m. - **Overeaters Anon. mtg.** - Christ UMC, Chincoteague
★7:30 p.m. - **Bingo** - Eastville VFC

**POST TIMES
Feb. 5-11**

**SUNDAY
FEB. 7**

★2 p.m. - **Bingo** - VFW Post 2296, Tasley
★7 p.m. - **AA mtg.** - Christ Episcopal Church, Eastville

**MONDAY
FEB. 8**

★11 a.m. - **Children's Story Hour** - library, Nassawadox
★noon - **AA mtg.** - St. Peter's Catholic Church, 25236 Coastal Blvd., Onley

★5-6 p.m. - **Al-Anon mtg.** - Holy Trinity Episcopal, Onancock
★5:15 p.m. - **Friends of Northampton Memorial Library mtg.** - library, Cape Charles
★5:30 p.m. - **TOPS mtg.** - Belle Haven UMC - 442-7050
★6 p.m. - **Bingo** - Elks Lodge, Tasley
★6-7:30 p.m. - **Choice-Based Anger Control Class** - ESTACI, 3100 Main St., Exmore - 709-5113
★6-9 p.m. - **GED Class** - Arcadia High School, Oak Hall
★6:30 p.m. - **Cub Scout Pack 300 mtg.** - Grace UMC, Parksley
★7 p.m. - **Multiple Sclerosis Support Group** - Hampton Inn & Suites, 4129 Lankford Hwy., Exmore - 442-7722
★7 p.m. - **Northampton Cty. Parks & Recreation Dept. Line-Dancing Class** - Indiantown Park, Eastville - 678-0468

**TUESDAY
FEB. 9**

★9 a.m. - **Al-Anon mtg.** - Refuge Inn, Chincoteague
★10 a.m. - **Bingo** - Accomack Sr. Village, Onancock
★10 a.m. - **E.S. Community Services Board mtg.** - E.S.

Behavioral Healthcare Center, 19056 Greenbush Rd., Parksley
★11 a.m. - **Duplicate Bridge** - Sage Diner, Onley - 442-2474
★4 p.m. - **New Book Club: "The Gospel According to Harry Potter"** - The Book Bin, Onley (6 weeks)
★6 p.m. - **Onancock Lions Club mtg.** - Sage Diner, Onley - 787-2059
★6 p.m. - **Rachel Leah Ministries** - 787-2486
★6 p.m. - **Bingo** - Pocomoke Elks, next to YMCA
★6:30-8:30 p.m. - **English As a Second Language Class** - Arcadia High School, Oak Hall
★6:30-8:30 p.m. - **GED Class** - ESCC, Melfa
★7 p.m. - **Disabled American Veterans' mtg.** - Chapter Bldg., Onley
★7 p.m. - **NA mtg.** - Jerusalem Baptist Church, Temperanceville
★7-8 p.m. - **NA mtg.** - Grace UMC, 18484 Wilson Ave., Parksley
★7:30 p.m. - **Order of the Eastern Star (Acc. Chap. #62) mtg.** - Masonic Lodge, Chincoteague
★7:30 p.m. - **Bingo** - smoke free - Cheriton VFC
★7:30 p.m. - **AA mtg.** - Atlantic Methodist Church, 10044 Atlantic Rd.

**WEDNESDAY
FEB. 10**

★7:45 a.m. - **Kiwanis Club of Accomack mtg.** - Sage Diner, Onley
★9 a.m.-1 p.m. - **Veterans' Employment Representative**

Avail. - Northampton Cty. Dept. of Social Services - no appt. needed
★9 a.m.-2 p.m. - **Red Cross Blood Drive** - Broadwater Academy, Exmore
★10 a.m. - **TOPS mtg.** - Market St. UMC, Onancock - 787-4718
★10-11:30 a.m. - **Women's Support Group** - ESTACI, 3100 Main St., Exmore - 709-5113
★11 a.m.-1 p.m. - **Waste Watchers' mtg.** - Chamber of Commerce, Melfa
★2 p.m. - **Children's Story Hour** - E.S. Public Library, Accomac
★4:30-5 p.m. - **Girl's Support Group** - ESTACI, 3100 Main St., Exmore - 709-5113
★5 p.m. - **E.S. Soil & Water Conservation District Board mtg.** - USDA Service Center, 22545 Center Pkwy., Accomac
★5-7 p.m. - **Soup Kitchen & Clothes Closet** - Grace and Truth Ministries, Onancock - Donations: 789-5369
★5:30-6:30 p.m. - **Free Meals for the Hungry** - Epworth UMC, Exmore - 442-6391
★6-7 p.m. - **Prayer Line Open (St. Matthew's Church, Onley)** - Call 665-7403, 387-7021 or 894-1521 w/prayer requests
★6-9 p.m. - **GED Class** - Arcadia High School, Oak Hall
★7 p.m. - **Drinking Liberally mtg.** - Charlotte Hotel, 7 North St., Onancock
★7 p.m. - **AA & Al-Anon. mtgs.** - RSMH, Nassawadox
★7:30 p.m. - **Bingo** - Painter VFC
★7:30 p.m. - **AA mtg.** - Downing's Methodist Church, Oak Hall

**THURSDAY
FEB. 11**

★9:30 a.m.-noon - **All Coast Guard Servicemen and Women Called to Share Maritime Memories** - Museum of Chincoteague Island, 7125 Maddox Blvd. - 336-6117

★10:30 a.m. - **Children's Story Hour** - library, Accomac
★10:30 a.m. - **Story Time** - Cape Charles Library
★3:30-5 p.m. - **The Good News Club mtg.** - Hollies Baptist Church, Keller - transportation from Pungoteague Elementary school provided
★4 p.m. - **Chess Club** - Cape Charles Memorial Library - all ages, levels welcome
★4-7 p.m. - **FREE Accomack Cty. Public Schools Child Check Screening for Children up to age 5 Who May Need Special Medical, Social or Educational Attention** - Kegotank Elementary School, 13300 Lankford Hwy., Mappsville - 824-3360
★5:30 p.m. - **Shore Losers mtg.** - Drummondtown Baptist, Accomac - \$1/wk.
★5:30 p.m. - **TOPS VA-550 mtg.** - Zion Baptist, Parksley - 787-7099
★6-7:30 p.m. - **Substance Abuse Recovery Group** - ESTACI, 3100 Main St., Exmore - 709-5113
★6:30 - **Kiwanis Club of Chincoteague mtg.** - St. Andrew's Catholic Church
★6:30-8:30 p.m. - **English As a Second Language Class** - Arcadia High School, Oak Hall
★6:30 - 8:30 p.m. - **GED Class** - ESCC, Melfa
★7 p.m. - **E.S. Tea Party mtg.** - Market St. Grill, Onancock
★7 p.m. - **NA mtg.** - Painter Garrison UMC
★7 p.m. - **Al-Anon mtg.** - Atlantic UMC
★8 p.m. - **Onancock Int'l Films Presents: "Living is Easy with Eyes Closed"** - Roseland Theater, Onancock
★8 p.m. - **AA mtg.** - Christ UMC, Chincoteague

Song Fest at Onancock Church on Valentine's Day

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SPORTS

ONE MORE WATERFOWLING SEASON IN THE BOOKS

One more waterfowling season is in the books for this old loon.

When your first hunt was as a 12-year-old boy, and it is now more than a half-century later, many a memory has been made in the marsh in the pursuit of game.

My first real hunt was a short walk through the woods on my father's farm. Dad and my uncle were at my side. When we reached the blind on Currituck Creek, they pointed out a greenhead mallard swimming close to the shoreline.

I lifted a 12-gauge Remington my father had presented me that morning and fired in the direction of the duck. I think I hit it, but a follow-up shot by my uncle made sure the drake didn't get away.

That Remington Model 1148 was in such pristine condition I thought it was new. Years later, I learned Dad had bought that gun the year I was born and gave it to me when he purchased a new Browning shotgun the year I turned 12.

I still have the Remington, although it has long been retired after years of use. I think it has been re-blued twice, having suffered through some harsh conditions over decades of use. Dad's Browning, I feel sure, looks like it just came out of the box, so careful he is with taking care of a gun — or anything he owns. I did not get that gene.

This year's waterfowling season ended last Sunday, but for me the last day was always going to be Saturday. Sunday hunting was introduced only two years ago, and my habits had long been set. Neither I nor most of my hunting buddies hunt on Sundays.

In a tradition started more than a decade ago, my son and several of his friends visited the Shore to enjoy some time in the blind together.

Billy, Godwin and Chandler first

came with my son Parke to hunt on the family farm when they were fraternity brothers at Randolph-Macon College. It might have been a few years later I realized Godwin and Chandler were last names. Both share the first name of John. With a third John in the fraternity, the guys started calling them by their last name, which stays with them for many, even today.

Neither had done much hunting before that first trip, but today Billy and Godwin are avid waterfowl hunters.

I was fearful we ruined those two on one of their early hunts when they were left on a seaside tump with leaky boots, inadequate clothing and a rising tide. Instead, they grew to love hunting, probably thinking they could never suffer more than they did on that trip.

Today, they have the proper gear, various decoys and superb skills in calling geese and ducks, an art I have never fully mastered.

I had not hunted all that often this year before last week, as a concession to creaky bones and mild temperatures for much of December.

Over Christmas, I hunted with my brother Steve and his 15-year-old son, Mason. In a flooded field we bagged two mallards and a black duck. It was Mason's first drake mallard, a trophy for any hunter. That made the day for all of us, seeing a young hunter admire the plumage of a beautiful duck.

Last week at the same field David Shaw, Taylor Dukes, Will Harte and I walked away with two geese and a pair of mallards.

A few days later, when Parke and his buds had arrived, we were able to down eight geese from a blind on a family farm.

On another hunt, when few birds were flying, we were joined by Brandon Sterling, today a captain with the Virginia Marine Police.

Hunting, for me, is all about the re-

lationships and the camaraderie we enjoy in the blind.

After that first boyhood hunt, I seldom hunted with my father, who preferred deer hunting, although we have often enjoyed rabbit hunting together.

But through my teen years and in college, I often hunted with my uncle, Garland Sterling, who taught me about the ways of waterfowl.

I recall my roommates at college enjoying duck dinners I cooked from the game we took during Christmas break.

Uncle Garland would be Brandon's grandfather, and Brandon and I talked about growing up in a time and place where game was plentiful, while searching the sky on a day few birds were seen.

Another uncle I often hunted with in my youth was Newman Drew. He took to me on hunting trips with friends in Virginia Beach's Back Bay; on overnight stays on Saxis, where we had family; and on Craddock Creek, where I live today.

Both Uncle Garland and Newman have long since passed away, but a constant hunting companion during the 14 years I have lived on Craddock Creek has been Newman's son Craig, also my neighbor.

In fact, much of the fun today during hunting season is joining Craig and his hunting buddies at his house — where there is always plenty of food and a pool table — and retelling the stories of past hunts.

Those tales are full of great hunts, comedic mishaps and shared suffering in the elements of the marsh. But they almost always evoke great laughter and a shared kinship with a pastime that is centuries old.

Certainly, things today are not as they were centuries ago, or even a few decades ago when I hunted with Craig's father and Brandon's grandfather.

Waterfowl is not as plentiful as in those bygone days. Bag limits are

stricter to help preserve the populations of the waterfowl that once dotted our landscape. I can recall as a youth seeing as many as a thousand canvasbacks on Nandua Creek — and I mean on one day, not for a season.

This year I did not see one.

Many of my contemporaries have given up hunting for lack of game and the sacrifices it takes to pursue waterfowl.

But as long as my son Parke still enjoys hunting — giving me opportunities to spend quality time with him — and I can spend time with descendants of the uncles who introduced me to waterfowling, I will continue to don my waders and venture into the great outdoors.



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SPORTS SHORTS

Dr. Snyder To Speak at Anglers' Club Meeting

The Eastern Shore of Virginia Anglers' Club (www.esanglersclub.org) will hold its monthly meeting Monday, Feb. 8, at 7:30 p.m. in the conference room of the Sage Restaurant in Onley.

The meeting will feature a presentation by Richard Snyder, professor of biological sciences and director of the Eastern Shore Laboratory in Wachapreague, Virginia Institute of Marine Science, College of William and Mary.

Snyder earned his bachelor's degree from the College of Charleston, and obtained his Ph.D. at the University of Maryland. Originally from Queen Anne's County, Md., he has returned to Delmarva after 24 years in Pensacola on the Florida Panhandle. He is a broadly trained ecologist, working in terrestrial, freshwater, estuarine and marine environments. In addition to basic environmental sciences, he has been active in applied research on regional environmental issues such as chemical contamination in fish and shellfish, water quality impairments from nutrient and fecal sources, and the Gulf of Mexico oil spill. He is able to present complex scientific issues in ways non-scientists can understand.

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

NALL Registration Set

North Accomack Little League has begun its 2016 registration.

You can register online by going to the league site at <https://eteamz.com/NorthAccomack/> and following the link. In person registrations will be available every Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon at the Chincoteague High School gym during the recreation basketball games until March 6.

Volleyball League

Northampton County Parks and Recreation's Coed Volleyball League will begin Monday, March 14.

Games will be played Monday and Wednesday evenings at the Northampton Middle School gym.

Team registration is open. The registration fee is \$125 per team. Team rosters and player waivers must be signed before the first game.

To register or for more information about this league, contact Northampton Parks and Recreation at 678-0468, or email parks@co.northampton.va.us

Softball Camp Set

Bust the Rust softball camp will be held Feb. 27 at Nandua High School from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost of the camp will be \$40. All proceeds will benefit Nandua High School softball. Contact Lynn Williams at 710-4242 for more information.

Little Shooters Hockey

The Eastern Shore Family YMCA will offer hockey for kids ages 3-6 beginning Feb. 8. Classes will meet in the youth gymnasium on Mondays at 5:15 p.m. The cost is \$35 for members and \$45 for prospective members.

Call the Y for more information at 787-5601.

Run for the Animals

Registration has opened for the 2016 Run for the Animals, which is set for Sunday, April 10, at the Historic Onancock School.

Choose either the half marathon (13.1 miles), 10K (6.2 miles) or the 5K (3.1 miles) noncompetitive walk. All distances can be completed with or without your leashed canine companion. Baby joggers/strollers are welcome.

Registration and check-in will be from 6:45-7:45 a.m. The pre-race meeting is at 8 a.m., with the race to start at 8:30 a.m. Awards will be presented at 11:30 a.m., with lunch at noon.

The early entry fee is \$40 (\$50 after March 31). The student fee is \$20 (\$25 after March 31).

All net proceeds support the animal organizations that serve the Virginia's Eastern Shore. This event is rain or shine.

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Northampton Earns Pair of Decisive Wins, Holds District Lead

Story and photos by Bill Sterling

Northampton's Tony Robinson scored 22 points, and seven other Jackets scored at least 5 points in a convincing 82-54 win over Arcadia last Thursday night at home.

Arcadia took an 18-14 first-quarter lead, but a 23-11 run in the second quarter and a 23-8 margin by the Jackets in the third blew open the game. The two teams had split their previous two meetings, with Arcadia winning the first by a single point and Northampton winning the rematch by 6 points.

Reggie Wiggins had 10 points for the Jackets, with Jawaun Bell scoring 9, Stephen Baker and Sheldon Payne 8 each, Tamaze Brisco 6 and Rickiece Poulson and Frederick Williams 5 each.

Robinson also had 13 rebounds and Brisco pulled down eight.

Jaquan Wharton led Arcadia with 18 points, followed by Jamal Savage, Trequan Veney and Paul Brown with 8 points each.

Arcadia coach Alvin Justis said the Firebirds lost Austin Bunting with an ankle sprain and Devon Rogers took a bad fall. "It was a tough loss," said Justis.

Nandua Tops Chincoteague

Nandua used scoring off its bench to post a 65-61 win over Chincoteague on the island last Thursday.

Qyheem Kellam led the Warriors with 15 points and nine rebounds, but Keshawn James and Quashon Reid came off the bench to score 10 and 7 points, respectively, to help erase a 12-point Pony lead in the first quarter.

"The starters just couldn't get anything going and the bench picked it up and played with the intensity we needed," said Nandua coach Chad McGregor. "Keshawn James, Tobi Troyer, Teddy Tazwell, Jordan West, Jhamir Poulson, and Quashon Reid brought us from 12 down in the first quarter to a 6-point lead at halftime. Jordan pushed the ball up the floor and ran our offense, Keshawn knocked down some shots, Jhamir was dominating the boards, Teddy, Tobi, and Quashon were forcing Chincoteague into some uncommon turnovers."

Poulson tied for team honors with nine rebounds. West led the Warriors with six assists. Melquan Davis had a team-high six steals.

Jaquan Persinger led Chincoteague with 18 points. Voshawn Davis and Gardner Fosque had 12 points each. Trevor Bailey and Jakeil Handy had 9 and 8 points, respectively. Davis topped the Ponies with six assists, and Fosque had five.

Chincoteague defeated Holly Grove 61-48 earlier last week.

Warriors Over NC

Nandua captured a 58-44 road win over Norfolk Christian Saturday.

Qyheem Kellam had 15 points and 15 rebounds to pace the Warriors. Melquan Davis and Evan McGregor had 11 points each, with Mahagee Wise adding 9 points.

Jhamir Poulson had nine rebounds.

Nandua led 30-27 at half, then opened up a 13-point lead entering the fourth after out-scoring Norfolk Christian 20-10 in the third quarter.



Broadwater's Major Morgan (left) and Taylor Major (right) defend a Stonebridge player in action Tuesday night.

"Our 'team' mentality continued over into this game. Guys are really getting comfortable with each other and trusting their teammates," said Nandua coach Chad McGregor. "The shot selection has been improving every game and has allowed us to shoot at a higher percentage. The guys are starting to do other things on the court when they don't have the ball in their hands."

BA Beaten by Stonebridge

Broadwater stayed within range of Stonebridge throughout the game but could not take the lead late as the Vikings fell 55-51 Tuesday night at home.

Taylor Major had 25 points to lead the Vikings. Major Morgan and Tyler Major had 9 points each. John Gordon added 5.

"They won easily at their place," said Broadwater coach Eddie Spencer. "We played hard and really well to make it a tight game. I was proud of the guys."

Taylor Major had 17 points in a 78-40

loss to Portsmouth Christian last week.

Hot-Shooting Vikes Beat Denbigh

Broadwater shot a blistering 63 percent in defeating Denbigh Baptist 75-24 Friday night on the road. Taylor Major and freshman Chris Locklear had 14 points each, with eighth grader Jordan Yarell adding 11 and Major Morgan 10.

Broadwater led 43-11 at halftime and substituted liberally in the second half.



Photo by Jacque Derrickson
Nandua's Melquan Davis, 22, and Qyheem Kellam, 35, battle Chincoteague's Trevor Bailey for a rebound in a Warrior 65-61 win.

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Lady Firebirds Continue To Roll, BA Girls Win Pair

Story and photos by Bill Sterling

Four Lady Firebirds reached double figures in a 60-39 home-court win over Northampton last Thursday.

“Everyone contributed in points,” said Arcadia coach Claudia Collins. Normeai Harris led the Firebirds with 14 points, JaQuagia Tull had 12, Kayla Wharton scored 11 and Aleah Russell added 10 points. Nyderia Samuel had 3 points and Tyzhane Johnson, Whitney Barnes, Normaya Harris, Denay Downing and Dajuna Smith each scored 2 points.

Nandua Tops Chincoteague

The Nandua girls dominated the second half while taking a 51-23 decision over Chincoteague last Thursday night at home.

Shabrea Baines had a game-high 24 points for Nandua, Kyteai Smaw had 11 points, and Derrica Toppin 10 points.

Chincoteague was led by Caroline Thornton with 14 points and Ronny Malone with 5.

Nandua held a 24-15 halftime lead

before using an 11-4 margin in the third quarter and a 18-4 advantage in the final quarter to open a big lead.

Despite the loss, Chincoteague coach Kelly Fox said, “I can see constant improvement with the girls.”

BA Girls Top Ponies

The Broadwater girls were led by Anna Sexauer’s 17 points in a 37-23 win over Chincoteague last week at home.

Palmer Smith chipped in with 12 points for the Lady Vikings, and Taylor Terry had 4 points.

Kristin Fox had two 3-pointers in scoring 14 points and Caroline Thornton and Ronny Malone had 5 and 4 points, respectively.

“Broadwater’s defense was very tight and responded very well to the Ponies’ offense. The Ponies couldn’t work the ball inside the key much at all,” said Pony coach Kelly Fox.

Lady Vikings Win Big

Anna Sexauer scored 25 points on 12-of-20 shooting and grabbed 18 rebounds

to lead Broadwater to a 53-20 win over Denbigh Baptist last Friday night.

Carly Wardius added 10 points, and Palmer Smith scored 8 for the Lady Vikings.



Broadwater’s Anna Sexauer scored 25 points and had 18 rebounds in a Viking win Friday night.



Chincoteague’s Kristin Fox scored 14 points against Broadwater last week.



Weatherly Commits to ODU Football

Broadwater’s Dontae Weatherly, a 6’1”, 290-pound lineman for the Vikings, who was selected to the first team all-state offensive and defensive lines by the Virginia Independent Schools Athletic Association, committed Wednesday to playing football at Old Dominion University next season. Weatherly is joined by his parents, Danielle and David Weatherly of Exmore, and (from left, standing) Broadwater headmaster Dr. Joe Spagnola, Broadwater football coach Noble Palmer and athletic director Ron Anson. Coach Palmer said Weatherly worked hard in the off-season and “was like a coach on the field” for his ability to recognize offensive and defensive schemes and make changes on the line prior to the play. Palmer added that Weatherly was an outstanding student. Weatherly said he has wanted to attend ODU since the 10th grade and was “excited about this opportunity.”

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Northampton Tops Local Teams at Diem/Miles Wrestling Tourney

Northampton wrestlers took third place at the Warrior Dual Meet Tournament at Nandua Saturday. The team went 4-1, defeating Franklin, Arcadia, Mardela, and Colonel Richardson.

Northampton's Myles Lewis and Durell Robinson went 5-0 on the day. Steven Wilson earned his 100th win.

Northampton matches and its winning wrestlers were:

Northampton (NORT) 45 Arcadia (ARCA) 26

132: Cody Goller (NORT) over (ARCA) (For.) 138: Sean Patrick Marsh (NORT) over Kenny Valle (ARCA) (Dec 14-8) 145: Garrett Marsh (NORT) over (ARCA) (For.) 152: Cody Bloxom (ARCA) over DJ Upshur (NORT) (TF 15-0 0:00) 160: Durell Robinson (NORT) over (ARCA) (For.) 170: Julian Dedicatoria (ARCA) over Jaquan Johnson (NORT) (Dec 14-9) 182: Masen Ingram (NORT) over (ARCA) (For.) 195: Kelvin Williams (ARCA) over Thomas Walker Jr. (NORT) (Fall 1:12) 220: Tyrone Cephas (NORT) over Chris Beasley (ARCA) (Fall 0:51) 285: Chris Vefero (ARCA) over (NORT) (For.) 106: Myles Lewis (NORT) over (ARCA) (For.) 113: Double Forfeit 120: Tahre Pettit (ARCA) over Taylor Shreaves (NORT) (Fall 3:30) 126: Steven Wilson (NORT) over Emmanuel Zuniga (ARCA) (Fall 1:19)

Northampton (NORT) 44 Colonel Richardson (CORI) 36.

138: Sean Patrick Marsh (NORT) over Chandler Walters (CORI) (MD 30-16) 145: Garrett Marsh (NORT) over Dylan Wilson (CORI) (Fall 1:36) 152:

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126: Steven Wilson (NORT) over Sam Balcerak (MARD) (Fall 0:49) 138: Sean Patrick Marsh (NORT) over (MARD) (For.) 152: DJ Upshur (NORT) over Chase Bowden (MARD) (Dec 8-5) 160: Durell Robinson (NORT) over Nicholas Parsons (MARD) (Fall 5:34) 170: Jaquan Johnson (NORT) over Travis Harcum (MARD) (Fall 3:53) 220: Tyrone Cephas (NORT) over Cade Nutter (MARD) (Fall 0:36) 106: Myles Lewis (NORT) over Dakota Lovelace (MARD) (Fall 1:27)

Northampton (NORT) 48 Franklin (FRAN) 27

106: Myles Lewis (NORT) over Terry Branch (FRAN) (Fall 4:46) 120: Taylor Shreaves (NORT) over Tykim Falu (FRAN) (Fall 3:20) 126: Steven Wilson (NORT) over Bryan Joyner (FRAN) (Fall 1:05) 132: Cody Goller (NORT) over Thomas Maxwell (FRAN) (Fall 1:30) 145: Garrett Marsh (NORT) over (FRAN) (For.) 152: DJ Upshur (NORT) over Dashuan Butts (FRAN) (Fall 3:00) 160: Durell Robinson (NORT) over (FRAN) (For.) (Fall 2:55) 220: Tyrone Cephas (NORT) over (FRAN) (For.)

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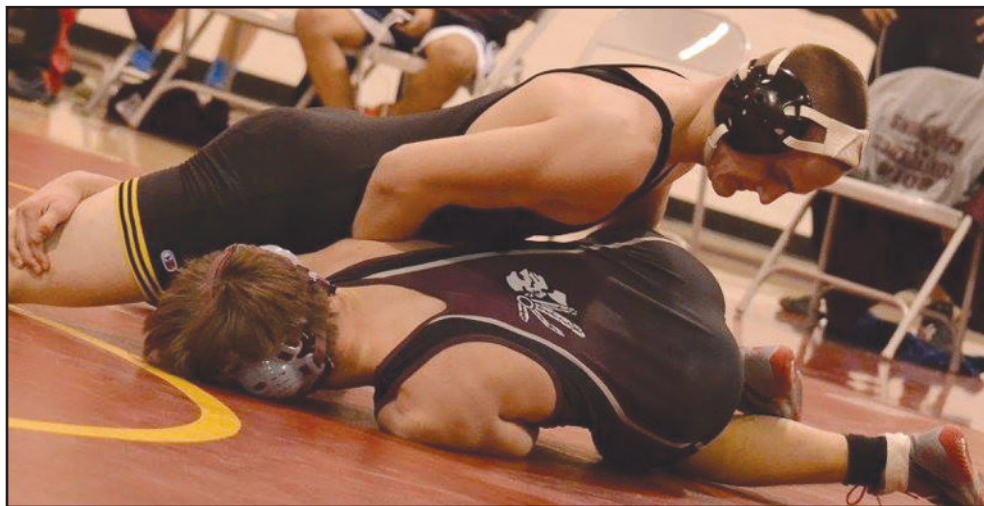


Photo by Jen Ingram

Northampton's Steven Wilson earned his 100th career win in wrestling last weekend at a tournament held at Nandua.



Photo by Jen Ingram

Northampton wrestlers show their third-place trophy in a 10-team tournament held at Nandua last Saturday.

152: DJ Upshur (NORT) over Dylan Anderson (PECA) (MD 13-2) 160: Durell Robinson (NORT) over Alex Posey (PECA) (Fall 3:46) 195: Thomas Walker Jr. (NORT) over (PECA) (For.) (NORT) (Fall 1:00) 106: Myles Lewis (NORT) over Ethan Fallon (PECA) (Fall 1:07) (For.) 120: Taylor Shreaves (NORT) over James Baron (PECA) (Fall 1:29)

Nandua, Arcadia Results

Nandua defeated Arcadia 45-29 and Essex 40-21.

The Warriors' Jack Schreiber (126) went 4-1 while Hunter Cobb (138), Carl Bachi (145), Kyle Sosonoski (106), Hunter Bensei (113), and Efrain Ruiz (132) won three matches each.

Arcadia had three wrestlers go 5-0 on the day. Tahare Pettit (120), Cody Bloxom (120) and Chris Cafaro (285) were undefeated, with Pettit voted Most Outstanding Wrestler for the lower weight classes. The Firebirds were 1-4 in dual matches, defeating Franklin 41-30.



Nandua's Jack Schreiber (right) won four matches in the Duals Tournament held last Saturday at Nandua.

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	Chinco Channel	H 5:19 a.m. L 11:50 a.m.	H	6:08 a.m. L 12:40 p.m.	H	6:56 a.m. L 1:26 p.m.	H	7:43 a.m. L 2:12 p.m.	H	8:30 a.m. L 2:57 p.m.	H	9:17 a.m. L 3:43 p.m.	H	10:05 a.m. L 4:31 p.m.
	Gargathy Neck	H 6:11 a.m. L 12:30 p.m.	H	7:00 a.m. L 1:20 p.m.	H	7:48 a.m. L 2:06 p.m.	H	8:35 a.m. L 2:52 p.m.	H	9:22 a.m. L 3:37 p.m.	H	10:09 a.m. L 4:23 p.m.	H	10:57 a.m. L 5:11 p.m.
	Folly Creek	H 6:04 a.m. L 12:15 p.m.	H	6:53 a.m. L 1:05 p.m.	H	7:41 a.m. L 1:51 p.m.	H	8:28 a.m. L 2:37 p.m.	H	9:15 a.m. L 3:22 p.m.	H	10:02 a.m. L 4:08 p.m.	H	10:50 a.m. L 4:56 p.m.
	Wachapreague Inlet	H 5:50 a.m. L 11:59 a.m.	H	6:39 a.m. L 12:49 p.m.	H	7:27 a.m. L 1:35 p.m.	H	8:14 a.m. L 2:21 p.m.	H	9:01 a.m. L 3:06 p.m.	H	9:48 a.m. L 3:52 p.m.	H	10:36 a.m. L 4:40 p.m.
	Quinby Inlet	H 5:49 a.m. L 12:17 p.m.	H	6:38 a.m. L 1:07 p.m.	H	7:26 a.m. L 1:53 p.m.	H	8:13 a.m. L 2:39 p.m.	H	9:00 a.m. L 3:24 p.m.	H	9:47 a.m. L 4:10 p.m.	H	10:35 a.m. L 4:58 p.m.
	Machipongo	H 5:45 a.m. L 11:59 a.m.	H	6:34 a.m. L 12:49 p.m.	H	7:22 a.m. L 1:35 p.m.	H	8:09 a.m. L 2:21 p.m.	H	8:56 a.m. L 3:06 p.m.	H	9:43 a.m. L 3:52 p.m.	H	10:31 a.m. L 4:40 p.m.
Bayside	Tangier Sound Light	H 9:23 a.m. L 3:56 p.m.	H	10:13 a.m. L 4:44 p.m.	H	11:00 a.m. L 5:30 p.m.	H	11:46 a.m. L 5:35 a.m.	H	12:31 p.m. L 6:24 a.m.	H	1:17 p.m. L 7:14 a.m.	H	2:03 p.m. L 8:05 a.m.
	Muddy Creek	H 9:39 a.m. L 4:31 p.m.	H	10:29 a.m. L 5:19 p.m.	H	11:16 a.m. L 5:21 a.m.	H	12:02 p.m. L 6:10 a.m.	H	12:47 p.m. L 6:59 a.m.	H	1:33 p.m. L 7:49 a.m.	H	2:19 p.m. L 8:40 a.m.
	Guard Shore	H 9:31 a.m. L 4:27 p.m.	H	10:21 a.m. L 5:15 p.m.	H	11:08 a.m. L 5:17 a.m.	H	11:54 a.m. L 6:06 a.m.	H	12:39 p.m. L 6:55 a.m.	H	1:25 p.m. L 7:45 a.m.	H	2:11 p.m. L 8:36 a.m.
	Chescon. Creek	H 9:06 a.m. L 3:39 p.m.	H	9:56 a.m. L 4:27 p.m.	H	10:43 a.m. L 5:13 p.m.	H	11:29 a.m. L 5:18 a.m.	H	12:14 p.m. L 6:07 a.m.	H	1:00 p.m. L 6:57 a.m.	H	1:46 p.m. L 7:48 a.m.
	Onancock Creek	H 9:20 a.m. L 3:59 p.m.	H	10:10 a.m. L 4:47 p.m.	H	10:57 a.m. L 5:33 p.m.	H	11:43 a.m. L 5:38 a.m.	H	12:28 p.m. L 6:27 a.m.	H	1:14 p.m. L 7:17 a.m.	H	2:00 p.m. L 8:08 a.m.
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Last Week's Answers

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 DORIA ARAL ABODE WALT
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
 ★★★ HOO BOY!

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Super Crossword

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|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| ACROSS | DOWN |
| 1 "—, peel me a grape" (Mae West line) | 1 Smear |
| 7 "— Adventures in Wonderland" | 2 Plaza Hotel heroine |
| 13 Mobile locale | 3 Erroneous |
| 20 Pacific weather phenomenon | 4 Set aflame |
| 21 Sullen | 5 "Is there — hope?" |
| 22 Neighbor of Ukraine | 6 It's honked |
| 23 Eccentric, corrupt rascals? | 7 Acela runner |
| 26 Part of A/C | 8 Building site |
| 27 "World Cafe" broadcaster | 9 Choler |
| 28 "Mama" of pop music | 10 Spiral shell |
| 29 Spiritualists' event | 11 English class assignments |
| 30 Seize illegally | 12 Min. parts |
| 33 Coarse | 13 — Dhabi |
| 36 African mongooses | 14 Zooms, e.g. |
| 38 One dealing in red meat for a living? | 15 Tree of the birch family |
| 40 Selling points | 16 Israel's Ehud |
| 42 June hrs. | 17 Boxing venue |
| 43 Bit of intimate apparel | 18 Punish by fine |
| 45 Suffix with prop- | 19 Burros |
| | 24 Intl. oil group |
| | 25 Singers Donny and Marie |
| | 31 "Mayberry —" (old sitcom) |
| | 32 Nighty-night garb |
| | 34 Union foes |
| | 35 Neophytes |
| | 37 Saber's kin |
| | 39 "High Noon" actor Kruger |
| | 41 — "Messiah" (oratorio) |
| 46 Number of Stooges | 44 Twice or thrice |
| 47 Audio system part | 46 Gym hiree |
| 48 Lovable male | 47 "Let me see ..." |
| 49 Jews living outside Israel | 48 Having pre-blended ingredients |
| 50 Conveys | 49 Finales |
| 51 Alternative to Red Roof | 50 Series finale?: Abbr. |
| 52 En — (as a whole) | 51 Nav. rank |
| 53 Bit of formal apparel | 52 Hamm on a soccer field |
| 54 Zee lead-in | 53 Deposits are recorded in it |
| 55 AT&T rival, once | 54 David of the Red Sox |
| 56 Hi-speed connection | 55 Really injure |
| 57 Actor Depp being mushy? | 56 "Book of Days" singer |
| 58 Hit in a ring | 57 Brow shape |
| 59 "Really? — who?!" | 58 Cleveland-to-Raleigh dir. |
| 60 King, in Toulon | 59 Fair shelters |
| 61 Barfly, say | 60 Multipiece office gifts |
| 62 Charles for whom a chair is named | 61 Most weird |
| 63 One of golf's majors | 62 Maxim |
| 64 Request in blackjack | 63 Certain till fill |
| 65 More tempes-tuous | 64 Tube addict's punishment |
| | 65 Kid around '60s war site |
| | 66 Barely Pasty-faced |
| | 67 Wide shoe width |
| | 68 Yearbook div. |
| | 69 Kin of ante- |
| | 70 Spiral |
| | 71 Moses or Meese |
| | 72 Of ears |
| | 73 — Strauss |
| | 74 Immunizing fluids |
| | 75 May VIP |
| | 76 Sch. group |
| | 77 Sitcom actress |
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| | 80 River critters |
| | 81 Current events |
| | 82 Like the Kazakh language |
| | 83 Most weird |
| | 84 Tetley rival |
| | 85 Cleveland-to-Raleigh dir. |
| | 86 Fair shelters |
| | 87 Calf-length skirts |
| | 88 Gas bill info |
| | 89 Small iPods |
| | 90 No-clutter |
| | 91 Tablet extras |
| | 92 "Leaving — Jet Plane" |
| | 93 Surg. centers |
| | 94 Born, to Fifi |
| | 95 "... cup — cone?" |
| | 96 Eighty-six |

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Requires High School Diploma or GED and the equivalent of one year of college in related field or one year of related work experience with references.

Please refer to Northampton County's website for further job descriptions, requirements and county's application form www.co.northampton.va.us/jobs.html. Please submit completed County application form with cover letter to Human Resources, P. O. Box 66, Eastville, VA 23347 by February 16, 2016. Northampton County is an EOE.

Harbor Master Position Available Onancock, Va.

The Town of Onancock is seeking a dynamic, self-motivated Harbor Master for the 2016 boating season. The part-time position will be available March 15th. This is a seasonable position that ends October 15th.

The Harbor Master is responsible for assisting boaters entering and leaving slips at Onancock Wharf, fuel sales to boaters, and all radio and telephone communications. He or she will also schedule and supervise assistants. Knowledge of boating basics and safety is important to this position. In addition, basic computer skills, including the ability to use spreadsheets, are required.

The ability to work with the boating public and promote the wharf and the Town of Onancock to users of the facility is an important part of this position. The Harbor Master and assistants will share the following hours of work each week, depending on activity and time of boating season: 8 a.m.-5 p.m. daily, 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Friday-Sunday.

This position requires weekend work on a regular basis during the boating season. Applications available at Onancock's town office and will close on February 20th.

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The Town of Onancock is seeking two Assistant Harbor Masters for the 2016 boating season. These part-time positions are available from March 15th through October 15th. The Assistant Harbor Master will work with the Harbor Master to operate the Onancock Town Wharf facility. Tasks include: assisting boaters entering and leaving slips at Onancock Wharf, selling fuel to boaters, and all radio and telephone communications.

Knowledge of boating basics and safety is important to this position. Basic computer skills, including the ability to use spreadsheets, is desired.

The ability to work with the boating public and promote the wharf and the Town of Onancock to users of this facility is an important responsibility of this position.

The Harbor Master and Assistants will share the following hours of work each week, depending on activity and time of boating season: 8 a.m.-5 p.m. daily, 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Friday-Sunday.

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Northampton County's Commissioner of Revenue is accepting applications for a full-time Real Estate/Personal Property Deputy I.

This position provides assistance and information related to Personal Property Taxes, Real Estate taxes, Business Licenses, State Income Tax and various other job duties to the public and other government agencies. Please see full list of duties in the job description posted on the County website.

Requires high school diploma or GED and the equivalent of one year of college or work experience in related field with customer service and experience in real estate & GIS mapping, personal property and tax preparation is preferred. The salary for this position is \$24,000.00 plus benefits, with 6-month probationary period with merit increase following performance evaluation.

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Arcadia Nursing and Rehab Center is seeking FT DIETARY COOK Must be able to work every other weekend and holidays. Experience preferred. If interested please come apply or visit afshealth.org for an application. EEOC.

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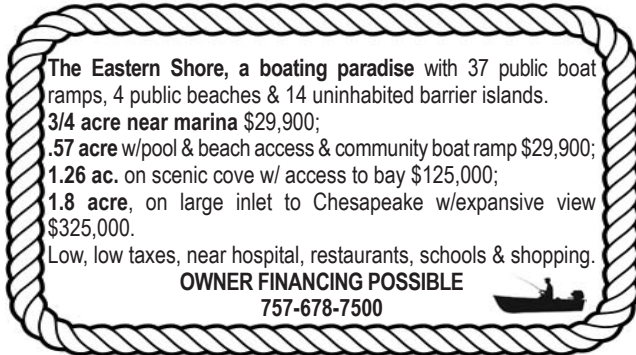
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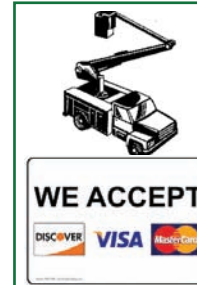
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Lot 19 and Northwestern half of Lot 20, as shown on plat attached to Deed recorded in Deed Book 189 at page 275., with improvements thereon.

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

TERMS OF SALE: CASH: A deposit of \$20,000.00 or 10% of the sales price, whichever is lower, cash or certified check will be required at the time of sale, but no more than \$10,000.00 of cash will be accepted, with settlement within fifteen (15) days from the date of sale. Sale is subject to post sale confirmation that the borrower did not file for protection under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code prior to the sale, as well as to post-sale confirmation of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, the sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of his deposit without interest. Additional terms may be announced at the time of sale. Pursuant to the Federal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, we advise you that this firm is a debt collector attempting to collect the indebtedness referred to herein and any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

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THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Plaintiff
CIVIL CASE NO. 15-301

vs.

DAVID CARTER DUER
The heirs and devisees of IDA COLES
The heirs and devisees of ETTA C. DAVIS

The unknown owners and parties holding an interest in the subject real estate whose names and last post office addresses are unknown, who are made parties Defendant herein as parties unknown.

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 Birds Nest, Northampton County, Virginia, being Lot 45 on a plat recorded in Deed Book 63, at page 286 and designated as parcel no. 0040B-09-BLK-00-045.

standing in the name of David Carter Duer, 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 title of Ida Coles, and of Etta C. Davis; that due diligence has been used to ascertain the names and location of the owners and parties holding an interest in the subject real estate, whose names and last post office addresses are unknown; 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 Ida Coles, and of Etta C. Davis and the unknown owners and parties holding an interest in the subject real estate.

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 February 26, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for the County of Northampton, Virginia, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this suit.

ENTER: This 27th day of January, 2016
Emily F. Purvis, Dep. Clerk

I ask for this:
JAMES W. ELLIOTT, p.q.
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 1410
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Yorktown, VA 23692
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INVITATION TO BID/RFP

Sealed bids are invited for interested firms to submit proposals to furnish the electrical materials and labor for the installation of a backup generator system at Occohannock Elementary School and Kiptopeke Elementary School, County of Northampton, Virginia.

Sealed bids will be received until **2:00 p.m. Friday, February 19, 2016**. Send bids directly to Mr. Chris Truckner, Northampton County Public Schools, 7207 Young Street, Machipongo, Virginia 23405, marked "Proposal for Emergency Generator Installation". Any proposals received after the deadline will be rejected. Bid packets may be obtained from Northampton County Public Schools Central Office. For further information, contact Mr. Chris Truckner at 757/678-5151 ext./ 7001 or ctruckner@ncpsk12.com.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive informalities. Procedure for withdrawal of a bid due to error is that described in Section 2.2-4330 of the Code of Virginia.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

Case No. CL15000318-00
Accomack County Circuit Court
23316 Courthouse Avenue, Accomack, VA 23301

ALFA VISION INSURANCE CORPORATION
v. JAIME PEREZ a/k/a JAIME PEREZ-LOPEZ et al
The object of this suit is to:
OBTAIN A DECLARATORY JUDGMENT REGARDING AN INSURANCE POLICY.

It is ORDERED that LILIANA FRANCISCA CUX-BARRERA, MAIDA GONZALEZ AND OMEIDA GUITTIEREZ appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before MARCH 10, 2016.

January 13, 2016
Caretta S. Duncan, Dep. Clerk

ORDER OF PUBLICATION COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

Case No. CL16000014-00
Accomack County Circuit Court
23316 Courthouse Avenue, Accomack, VA 23301

CALVIN L. SMITH
v. SHARON PHIFER SMITH
The object of this suit is to:
OBTAIN A DIVORCE.

It is ORDERED that SHARON PHIFER SMITH appear at the above-named court and protect her interests on or before MARCH 7, 2016.

January 13, 2016
Nancy-Jo Revell, Clerk

ORDER OF PUBLICATION COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

Case No. CL15000136-00
Accomack County Circuit Court
23316 Courthouse Avenue, Accomack, VA 23301

PAUL ALBERT SELTZER
v. VANESSA SELTZER
The object of this suit is to:
OBTAIN A DIVORCE.

It is ORDERED that VANESSA SELTZER appear at the above-named court and protect her interests on or before MARCH 11, 2016.

January 7, 2016
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INVITATION TO BIDDERS

Sealed BIDS, in duplicate, will be received by the **Somerset County Commissioners**, 11916 Somerset Avenue, Room 111, Princess Anne, 21853 for the **Crisfield City Dock Bulkhead Project, Contract No. 044A021.A01**. Bids will be accepted by the Somerset County Commissioners until **2:05 PM on February 23, 2016**, at which time they will be opened publicly and read aloud in Room 111, The County Commissioner's Meeting Room.

Bidder's scope of work is to provide, furnish and install all materials, labor, tools and equipment for the replacement of approximately 200 linear feet of anchored steel bulkhead and timber piles within the City of Crisfield, Somerset County, Maryland. The project also includes concrete sidewalk, electrical service, light bollards, boat slip utility bollards and water service piping.

Copies of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS can be examined at **Davis, Bowen & Friedel, Inc.**, One Plaza East, Suite 200, Salisbury, Maryland 21801 or the **Somerset County Commissioners Office**, 11916 Somerset Avenue, Room 111, Princess Anne, Maryland 21853. Copies of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be obtained at the office of Davis, Bowen & Friedel, Inc., One Plaza East, Suite 200, P.O. Box 93, Salisbury, Maryland 21803 (410) 543-9091 upon payment of \$100.00 for each non-refundable set. Checks should be made payable to Davis, Bowen & Friedel, Inc. The documents are also available at the County's website at www.somersetmd.us on the "Bids/Proposals" page.

The right is reserved as the interest of the Somerset County Commissioners may appear, to reject any and all bids, to waive any informality or irregularity in bids received, and to accept or reject any items of any bid.

Interested bidders are encouraged to attend the pre-bid meeting to be held on **February 10, 2016 at 1:00 PM** at the Crisfield City Hall, located at 319 Main Street, Crisfield, MD 21817.

Funding for this project is made available through the federally-funded Community Development Block Grant Program. Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE), Minority Business Enterprises (MBE), and Women-Owned Business Enterprises (WBE) will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids on this contract and will not be subject to discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin or sex in consideration of this award. All Suppliers are required to adhere to Maryland Department of Housing & Community Development (DHCD) M/WBE requirements for M/WBE participation. All Bidders must use to the greatest extent feasible minority, women, and/or disadvantaged businesses and will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in considering businesses for subcontracting and/or material/equipment supplies. Federal Section 3 hiring requirements apply to this contract. This project is subject to Davis-Bacon Wage Rate requirements as stated in the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS.

Somerset County Commissioners
By: Mr. Randy Laird
President

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 16438 METOMPKIN ROAD, BLOXOM, VIRGINIA 23308 COUNTY OF ACCOMACK

In execution of a certain deed of trust dated 01/29/07, in the original principal amount of 110,525.00 recorded in the County of Accomack, Virginia, as Instrument No. 200701272, as amended by an instrument appointing the undersigned as Substitute Trustee, default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured and at the request of the holder, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the building housing the Circuit Court of the COUNTY OF ACCOMACK, VA located at 23316 Courthouse Avenue, Accomack, Virginia, 23301 on **February 9, 2016, at 11:20 am**, the property described in said deed of trust, located at the above address, with improvements thereon and more particularly described as follows: SITUATE IN VILLAGE OF MODEST TOWN, METOMPKIN MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN INSTRUMENT NO. 200601895, IN ACCOMACK COUNTY. TERMS OF SALE: Neither the Substitute Trustee nor the holder of the note secured by the deed of trust will deliver possession of the property to the successful bidder. The purchaser at the sale will be required to pay all closing costs. Real estate taxes, water/sewer fees and other public charges will be prorated as of the date of sale. The risk of loss or damage to the property passes to the purchaser immediately upon the conclusion of the Substitute Trustee's sale. Terms: A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent price (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject deed of trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within 20 days at the office of the Substitute Trustee. Time is of the essence as to the closing date and the payment of the purchase price. If payment of the balance does not occur within fifteen days of the sale date, the deposit will be forfeited. Seller shall not be responsible for any costs incurred by the purchaser in connection with their purchase or settlement, including, without limitation, state and local recording fees, title insurance or research, or any other costs of purchaser's acquisition. Trustee shall have no duty to obtain possession for purchaser. All risks of casualty pass to successful bidder at conclusion of bidding. The property and the improvements thereon will be sold "AS IS" and without representation or warranties of any kind. The sale is subject to all liens, encumbrances, conditions, easements and restrictions, if any, superior to the mentioned deed of trust and lawfully affecting the property. Sale is subject to post-sale confirmation that the borrower did not file for protection under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code prior to the sale, as well as to post-sale confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower(s) entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, the sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the Purchaser's deposit without interest. Additional terms to be announced at the sale. For more information contact: Jonathan Stapor, member of Surety Trustees, at 301-490-3361 or www.mwc-law.com.

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From the OutPost

By Candy Farlow

Great news, fellow space lovers! No, I'm not talking about the latest Star Wars movie being out.

Orbital, the private company under contract for the launches, moved its launch site to Florida. But now, with Pad-OA reconstructed, Orbital is returning this summer with a few launches left on its current contract. Adding to that good news NASA's recent announcement of the awarding of new contracts — including one to Orbital — means they will continue delivering cargo to the ISS through 2024.

With all that said, there are two observations I want to make. Under the new contract, the private companies, for the first time, will be required to carry insurance for damage to government property during launches.

What? You mean they didn't before? Come on. I'm required to have insurance just to drive my 10-year-old van to church on Sundays and those yahoos have been able to play with billions of

dollars of government equipment risk-free? Well, that loss is now water under the Wallops Bridge and apparently the lesson was learned. Heaven forbid there ever be another explosion like the 2014 event, but at least the taxpayers won't have to foot the bill again.

Which leaves me to ponder my second point — what exactly was aboard that rocket that had to be replaced? Oh, I know the usual provisions for the astronauts, but I mean besides the staples. Only the Wallops elves who packed the payload can know for sure, but history tells us there were probably some interesting items.

In past years we Earthlings have sent such things as dirt from the pitcher's mound at Yankee Stadium, a soccer ball and Amelia Earhart's watch. The Buzz Lightyear Toy Story action figure once went on a Discovery mission as did Luke Skywalker's light saber. In 2000, Pizza Hut actually delivered a pizza — in space — to a Russian cosmonaut.

Speaking of Russians, the Soviets apparently had no problem bringing

loaded shotguns aboard their flights. I'm not quite sure what gauge they were, but I can't imagine buckshot being of much value in zero gravity.

Anyhow, I am very happy that MARS will be back in the ISS supply business and especially what that means for our local employment force and economy. Wallops has always had a special place in my heart. My dad was one of a handful of fellows sent to the base when the NAVY moved out after World War II. It was the job of those few to take care of things there until the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (NACA), the forerunner to NASA, took over.

Dad must have done a good job taking care of things since he was there for 35 more years, ultimately retiring as facilities operations manager. But it was during those early days, before the feds got there in force, that Wallops base was my playground and the island was my beach.

Then the rockets came and claimed it.

I hope it remains theirs for a long time to come.

I'm talking about a new commitment by NASA which will help ensure the future of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Spaceport (MARS) at Wallops.

As you will recall, the much anticipated launch of supplies to the International Space Station (ISS) from MARS ended in huge disappointment and a huge fireball when the rocket exploded seconds after launch at Wallops in October 2014.

After destroying MARS Pad-OA, Or-

Shore Farmers: Growing a Healthier Bay One Acre at a Time

By Tatum Ford

While it's not easy being a farmer in the United States, we are blessed here on the Eastern Shore. Our fields are within a couple hours of about a third of the population of the entire country, our soils are among the most fertile in the nation, and our neighbors prefer to patiently drive 10 miles per hour behind a wide-load combine on the back roads during harvest season rather than 10 miles per hour on a congested highway every morning and evening.

Our 143,000 acres of cropland generate about \$200 million in sales every year on the Shore, according to the 2012 agriculture census. Our fast-growing national population nearing 323 million must be fed using fewer resources and improved production practices. It is more crucial than ever that we balance farm productivity with other natural resources.

It's vital that we support efforts that allow farmers to maintain productivity while working in harmony with their surroundings. That's especially true here on the Shore, where both farming and our local waterways are so much a part of life.

It's heartening that Gov. McAuliffe's proposed budget includes substantial funding for conservation funding for Virginia farmers. In fact, some legislators are working to increase funding for agricultural practices even more, a move that would really help farmers make a difference on the Shore.

This funding would go toward methods that re-

duce agricultural pollution in local waterways. They include nutrient management, no-till planting, use of cover crops, and installing field buffers and filter strips around fields. These efforts greatly reduce polluted runoff washing off fields and entering waterways by slowing erosion and reducing nutrient input needs.

"These farming practices help promote field soil productivity, address natural resource concerns on the land, and improve the health of our waterways," says Matt Kowalski, the Chesapeake Bay Foundation's Virginia watershed restoration scientist. "In fact, agricultural best-management practices are the most cost-effective steps Virginia can take to meet its commitments under the Chesapeake Clean Water Blueprint, the plan to clean up the bay."

Farmers on the Shore have been willing to do their part, signing up in large numbers for cost-share funding. In fact, the Eastern Shore Soil & Water Conservation District is trying to locate unused funds from other districts to fulfill the strong sign-up here, according to District Manager Carmie Savage, who connects farmers with state conservation funding opportunities. This echoes what happened last year, when the district ended up spending additional money from its own operating budget to help pay for cost-share requests.

I sat down with two Shore farmers to learn firsthand about the importance of these funds to the community. Ralph Dodd and Steve Sturgis have a combined farming experience of over 65 years.

Dodd farms about 900 acres of soy, wheat, string beans, sorghum, and corn in Northampton County. Conservation programs have been especially important to him since most of his fields border water. One creekside farm boasts over six acres of wildflower buffer and about three acres of grassland buffer between his field and the waterfront. Since he planted the buffers, pollinators like bees and butterflies have been attracted. Importantly, the buffer also keeps soil from entering the bayside creek.

Sturgis, who is president of the Northampton Farm Bureau and sits on several agricultural advisory boards, understands this more than most since he farms a parcel that drains to a creek where he also grows clams. "Farmers care for the health of their fields and the waterways, and they know that best-management practices can work to optimize both," he says. However, Sturgis also notes, "With low crop prices ... we're in survival mode and we need to figure out how can we spend the least ... to grow our crops, be sensitive to our surroundings, and survive."

Voice your support for adequate funding in the state budget to get conservation practices on the ground and help our farmers on the Shore keep up the good work. If you'd like to help make sure that farmers get needed conservation funding, or get involved with other bay-saving efforts, contact Tatum Ford, the Chesapeake Bay Foundation's Shore outreach organizer, at tford@cbf.org

Post Office Mail

Speak Up Against Drilling

Dear Editor:

I wish to alert Eastern Shore residents about the impending deadline (possibly as soon as next month!) for the federal government's granting of permits to seismic blast and drill off our shore.

At the last Accomack supervisors' meeting I asked that they consider a resolution to be sent to the governor and to the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) to express our county's concerns about the potential risks and lack of benefits of offshore drilling, both to the environment and to our economy. There would be zero jobs created for our residents and the risks to aquaculture and tourism, should an eventual accident occur, would be devastating.

Delaware and Maryland have decided that offshore seismic blasting and drilling are not in their interests. In North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia, where the governors are, as is our governor, in favor of offshore drilling, many coastal communities have written and sent their governors and BOEM local resolutions opposing any potential blasting and drilling. We should do likewise, and would certainly not be alone in doing so.

I also urge Northampton County residents to contact their supervisors and attend their next meeting to discuss this important matter while there is still time.

It is imperative that such a resolution opposing blasting and drilling off our coast is drawn up and sent to Gov. McAuliffe, as well as to BOEM, as soon as possible because of the urgency facing us. As many personal letters and calls as possible would also make the point that we do not want seismic blasting and drilling off our shore. The governor's contacts are: Gov. Terry McAuliffe, State Capitol, Third Floor, Richmond, VA 23219; phone 804/786-2211; fax 804/371-6351.

More information is at websites <http://nodrillingva.com/> and <http://usa.oceana.org/seismic-airgun-testing/grassroots-opposition-atlantic-drilling>

Matt Cormons, Parksley

Dogs Deserve Humane Treatment

Dear Editor:

Imagine your own life, as a free-willed and free-roaming being, tethered to a chain with only minimal shelter and enough range to just break into a stride before you hit the end of the rope. Imagine that life with little or no interaction with any other living

beings. Would you go mad? Of course you would! Now imagine that you are a dog and allowed off that chain or out of confinement from time to time to free roam. That sounds like a recipe for disaster, doesn't it?

We have a real problem not just in Accomack County, but the entire state and country. People will acquire a dog as a puppy and then confine it to a chain or put it in a pen with little or no reprieve. What this does to the dog is horrific. A dog raised in such a state will grow up to be essentially feral. What steers a dog to be wild vs. domesticated is regular human interaction. When left to their own devices without that human interaction, nature takes its course.

The American pit bull terrier, commonly referred to as a pit, seems to be the most problematic breed and too often when bad incidents happen blame is placed on the breed rather than the conditions of their care. There are two things that must be considered: 1. The American pit bull is one of the most popular breeds in the country. They are everywhere. In most of our normal day-to-day lives we will see more of this breed than any other. 2. Properly tamed, domesticated, and obedience trained, American pit bulls are one of the sweetest and most docile breeds of dog you will ever see.

The American pit bull terrier was bred to be an aggressive fighting dog in a time when such events were not recognized as inhumane. The United Kennel Club gives an excellent description of the breed:

"The essential characteristics of the American pit bull terrier are strength, confidence, and zest for life. This breed is eager to please and brimming over with enthusiasm. APBTs make excellent family companions and have always been noted for their love of children. Because most APBTs exhibit some level of dog aggression and because of its powerful physique, the APBT requires an owner who will carefully socialize and obedience train the dog. ... The APBT is not the best choice for a guard dog since they are extremely friendly, even with strangers. Aggressive behavior toward humans is uncharacteristic of the breed and highly undesirable."

That alone tells you everything you need to know. The American pit bull terrier is most commonly the breed you will find at the end of a chain or in a pen as a rescuer, yet is one of the breeds most susceptible to aggression when kept in such conditions. Because they come from a terrier bloodline, it is also hard to deter them from attack once they start. With any dog, once they are allowed to attack another animal, they will develop what the old timers would call a "blood lust." It all goes downhill from there.

Being familiar with animal abuse cases, I can avidly and authoritatively state that the laws on the books do more to hinder Animal Control officers in the performance of their duties than to help them. All too often their hands are unnecessarily tied. Even in

the animal rescue world, little can be done if no laws are being violated and the owner is not cooperative or open to assistance.

Many people become frustrated when calls to Animal Control and rescues seemingly go unanswered. Perception, however, is the opposite of reality. Every call is answered and investigated. Many times no wrongdoing is found under the law and the Animal Control officer charged with enforcement has no choice but to walk away from the situation. That ought not to be and everyone should be outraged about it. A rescuer told to essentially "bug off" must stay off the property or face trespass and other criminal charges.

I, for one, would like to see a better tool set that the animal control officers can use for enforcement, but that means stronger laws. It is time we got serious about meaningful reform on the state and county level to better protect both animals and humans alike. Enough is enough.

As always, we are also here to help with any animal-related issues. All it takes is a call or e-mail.

Charles Knitter

Chairman of Accomack Animal League

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