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Superintendent Chris Holland tells the Accomack Board of Supervisors, "I want to make things right. I'm excited. I want to be transparent." In the background is Supervisor Harris Phillips, who was a student of Holland's.

New Superintendent Shares Vision with Supervisors

Story and photo by Linda Cicoira

Chris Holland, Accomack's new school superintendent, wooed the Board of Supervisors Wednesday night with his promises of transparency, discipline, teacher retention and zero tolerance for drugs and weapons.

His talk was part of the presentation of the school division's nearly \$49 million fiscal 2016-17 budget. Holland was introduced by School Board Chairwoman Margaret Miles, but that was only a formality since the superintendent said he knew many of the supervisors and had met with all individually.

"I'm student centered," said the for-

mer teacher, assistant principal and principal. "I still have passion. I love Accomack County. I've been in education about 36 years."

Holland, whose salary is \$140,000 annually, about \$15,000 less than the previous superintendent, said he turned down having his health insurance paid by the division. Both he and his wife, a teacher, are paying their own monthly premiums, totaling between \$16,000 and \$17,000. "It's got to start at the top," he said, noting that the job includes being a role model and he wants to set a good example.

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2 Charged with Murder

By Linda Cicoira

Two murder suspects are being held in Accomack Jail in connection with the shooting death of a Horntown man earlier this month, according to Sheriff Todd Godwin.

Jahad Areil Triggs, 20, of Chincoteague Road in New Church was arrested Feb. 11. Tavone Tyrell Cropper, 24, of Cedar Street in Pocomoke City, Md., turned himself in on Feb. 12. Both are accused of first-degree murder in the death of Robert Franklin Baytops IV, 22, of Horntown on Feb. 4 and of use of a firearm in the murder. No bond has been set.

Based on court records, Triggs is alleged to be the shooter. He told a district court judge Friday that he did not want a court-appointed lawyer to defend him. The records also state that he has no prior criminal record.

Cropper declined to answer a magistrate regarding other pending charges. According to court documents, he has no "evident" prior criminal record.

A complaint was made just after



Baytops

midnight Feb 4. Godwin said when deputies arrived at the scene outside a residence on Raymond Townsend Lane in Horntown, they found Baytops suffering from a gunshot wound. The victim was taken to Peninsula Regional Medical Center in Salisbury, Md., where he later died.

Chesconnessex Man Dies in House Fire

By Linda Cicoira

Police are investigating the death of a Chesconnessex man whose body was found Monday morning after what appeared to be an accidental fire occurred at his home.

Accomack Sheriff Todd Godwin identified the deceased as Leland Franklin Helmstetter Jr., 70, of Northside Road near Onancock.

"At this time, the fire appears to be accidental," said Godwin. "However,

the investigation into this incident is ongoing and the cause of death is pending a medical examiner's report."

A neighbor checked on Helmstetter and found his body. It was then reported to the sheriff's office at nearly 9:30 a.m.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to call the sheriff's office at 824-5666 or 787-1131 or by leaving information on the sheriff's website www.accomackcountysheriffsoffice.org

Fire Near Eastville Leaves Family Homeless

By Linda Cicoira

Nine members of the Suarez family lost their home in Northampton late last week to a fire caused by an overzealous heater, according to Chief David Eder of Eastville Volunteer Fire Company.

The blaze was reported about 4 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12. It occurred in a 16'x 85' mobile home at 5239 Robin's Circle off Courthouse Road in a trailer court just outside Eastville, Eder said.

About 30 firefighters from Eastville, Cheriton, Nassawadox, Cape Charles and Exmore battled the fire. The volunteers arrived within four minutes of being dispatched and found the structure fully involved. Residents of the home were trying to extinguish the flames that were coming out of two windows and the roof when the firefighters took over.

The units stayed at the scene for three hours and 15 minutes. "We had a lot of salvage and overhaul," Eder explained, adding, "It was a cold, cold night, 21 degrees, and the wind was a factor at 15 miles per hour or more."

No one was injured in the fire. Living there, according to Eder, were five adults and four children, ages 9 months, 5, 10 and 14 years old. Other family members who live in the trailer court came to their assistance. Eder said the Red Cross also helped and firefighters took the family to a local thrift store to get clothes and toys for the kids. The family had no renters' insurance, Eder said.

Two days later, at nearly 11 a.m., about 20 fire-fighters from the same companies responded to a fire at 14284 Hungar's Beach and stayed to fight the fire for about 50 minutes. Eder said that blaze, in a two-story wood-frame house, was caused by a short in the wires in a wall. Eder said there was minimal damage to the house and the owners do not have to relocate. There was also no injuries in that fire.

Tarr Won't Seek Another Term

By Linda Cicoira

Chincoteague Mayor Jack Tarr announced Thursday he will not seek re-election in May.

"The decision has been one of the hardest I've made as mayor," Tarr said. "I've had hundreds of people calling and coming by to lend their support for another term, not only from Chincoteague but Accomack County, along with state and federal agencies."

Tarr has served on council for 22 years, 17 of those as mayor.

"I intend to stay very involved in my community and with the Town of Chincoteague," Tarr added. He'll be spending more time with his wife, kids and grandkids. Tarr credited his family's understanding and community commitment for allowing him to serve.

"I've looked at all the major projects and issues facing our community in the near future and feel that Chincoteague is in a very good place," he continued.





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Accomack Authorizes Study of Chicken-House Impact

By Linda Cicoira

Accomack supervisors gave their blessing Wednesday to two scientists planning to study the effects of poultry-house manure on the local environment.

It's a hot topic since house applications are on the rise. Those in opposition say the influx would produce pollution and more manure than farms could handle.

Richard Snyder, director of the Virginia Institute of Marine Science in Wachapreague, and Mark Reiter, an associate professor from the Agricultural Research and Experiment Center in Painter, will conduct the research.

The effort will address the ability of the region to use poultry litter as fertilizer, impacts to terrestrial and aquatic environment and the health industry, and solicit information and topics from citizens and local officials for review.

"This is about as timely as you can possibly get," said Supervisor Grayson Chesser. "So much of what we hear is propaganda or studies from other areas that don't apply."

"There is structure," said Supervisor Robert Crockett. "There is a method of dressing the manure issue. We do have a process."

In another matter, Supervisor Harris Phillips announced a solution to the recent closing of the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) satellite office in Oak Hall.

Though the state agency now claims it is "not expanding DMV Select at this time," despite promises last month to open another office in early February, Phillips said a resident wants to operate the business in the former Maxine's on Lankford Highway in Nelsonia, which is within the 30-minute user trip required. "It's not ideal but it would work if they would at least consider it," Phillips said.

The board voted to have staff inquire about the situation.

Several issues were noted in the county's audit for the last fiscal year.

"Multiple employees in the treasurer's office have the authority to enter tax write-offs in the system. While there appears to be supporting documentation ... there are no procedures

what we're doing here. Now we're adin place to ... ensure that no unauthorized tax write-offs occur." The audit recommended the treasurer review a listing on a monthly basis.

> "During the course of our audit we noted the School Board was not filing reimbursement requests for federal grants on a timely basis. ... We recommend the School Board establish reimbursement procedures on a monthly basis if expenditures exceed \$10.000 during the current month and that reimbursement request are filed on a timely basis after the expenditures are incurred."

> Auditors also recommended that "the School Board put procedures in place to ensure that the general ledger is adjusted and the budget is entered prior to the commencement of final fieldwork. Not being properly prepared for the audit could potentially lead to a return trip for fieldwork and higher audit fees."

> It was also noted that the Annual School Report was filed late.

> A note from the school division stated the late filings "are a direct result of the untimely filing of federal reimbursements. Work for the Audit and

the Annual School Report cannot be completed until federal reimbursements are caught up."

In another matter, supervisors agreed a committee should draft a policy for drug testing county employees. Some workers are already tested because they operate machinery.

Supervisors appointed Stella Rohde, a former planning commissioner, to the county's Economic Development Authority (EDA). Member Shirley Zamora resigned. EDA Chairman John Lecato and member (Delegate) Robert Bloxom were re-appointed.

A public hearing was set for 7:30 p.m. March 16 regarding a request from Emmett G. Taylor Jr. to rezone nearly 36 acres on Temperanceville Road from Residential to Agricultural to allow for a borrow pit.

Supervisors agreed "to reduce the Central Accomack waste disposal service rate from \$20.02 per thousand gallons to \$19.12 per thousand gallons." The reduction "represents a pass-through of the treatment savings resulting from the new contract with the Town of Onancock."



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Court Postings

By Linda Cicoira

Accomack Grand Jury

Quiet indictments handed down by an Accomack Grand Jury earlier this month were made public Tuesday. The cases involve drug investigations by Eastern Shore Drug Task Force. (ESDTF).

Nathaniel Adam Ayres, 19, of Deer Drive in Nelsonia was indicted on charges in connection with Nov. 12, 2015, incidents, two of which allegedly occurred on the grounds of an undisclosed county public school.

Ayres is accused of possession with intent to distribute oxycodone; possession with intent to distribute an unnamed controlled substance; distributing 251-NBome, a psychedelic research chemical, on school grounds, to a person under the age of 18 who was at least three years younger than Ayres; and possession with intent to distribute oxycodone. Secured bond was set at

\$10,000.

Glen Eric Northan, 57, of Boundary Avenue in Onancock was indicted on a count of distribution of cocaine on Sept. 2, 2015. He is being held in Accomack County Jail without bond.

Brandon Scott Parks, no age available, of Main Street in Melfa was indicted on two counts of distributing buprenorphine. The offenses were alleged to have occurred on Dec. 2 and 10, 2015. Unsecured bond was set at \$5,500.

Randolph Giddens, 55, of Michelle Circle in Melfa was indicted on a count of selling cocaine on Dec. 16, 2015. He is being held without bond.

ESDTF Agent J. Marsh investigated the cases. All of the suspects were indicted Feb. 1 and arrested Feb. 12.

Accomack Circuit Court

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Paul William Smith, 46, of Ann's Cove Road in Bloxom pleaded guilty in Accomack Circuit Court to stealing a van that belonged to Standard Marine, where he worked, on Oct. 22, 2015.

Records state Smith fled to New Jer-

sey after the theft and was extradited back for trial. A presentence report was ordered and Smith was remanded to jail to await sentencing. Maximum punishment is 20 years in prison and a \$2,500 fine.

Nathan Charnock, 28, of Waterfield Street in Pungoteague pleaded not guilty to burglary and assault and battery in connection with incidents at Mary Kriner's residence on Sept. 18, 2015. He was acquitted of the burglary, a felony, and convicted of the other charge, which is a misdemeanor. Charnock was sentenced to 12 months in jail and fined \$2,500.

Accomack District Court

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A Tyson Foods employee, who is accused of making bomb threats to the Temperanceville poultry company earlier this month, is free on bond on the condition that he report to pretrial services and maintain employment, according to documents filed in Accomack General District Court.

Danny Jurmell Robertson, 31, of Pungoteague Road in Pungoteague is charged with making the threats on Feb. 9.

Sheriff Todd Godwin said his office received a report that two threats were called in at about 9:30 a.m. that day. "A search of the premises was conducted with no devices located," he said.

The suspect was arrested Feb. 12. He posted a \$2,000 secured bond.

Godwin asked anyone with information on any crime to call his office at 787-1131 or 824-5666. Tips also may be submitted through his website at www.accomackcountysheriffsoffice.org

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Raneeka Reshay Lankford, 23, of Raymond Townsend Lane in Horntown is accused of stealing a \$400 Nikon camera belonging to Jamison Davis between Feb. 1 and 8. Secured bond was set at \$1,000. Lankford was arrested Feb. 11. Deputy J. Sharp investigated.

Ricky Riley, 53, of Kilmontown Road in Melfa was charged with possession or transportation of a firearm by a felon, driving on a suspended license and carrying a concealed weapon on Feb. 14, 2015. He is being held without bond.





COMMUNITY NOTES

Onancock

The Third Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade is scheduled for 2 p.m. Sunday, March 13, on Market Street in Onancock.

There will be bands, pipes and drums playing while floats, horses and horse carts, drill teams, decorated vehicles, dancers, fairies, and leprechauns march through town.

Parade entry forms are available at the Onancock town office or by contacting Nancy James at 757-710-3089 or njames@mason-davis.com

There will be a contest for best kilt as well as one for students in Grades 7-12 for best limerick.

Entertainment will include the "Tidewater Pipes and Drums," a pipe band from southeastern Virginia.

Also featured will be a "Selfie Scavenger Hunt" and Irish dance lessons.

On Thursday, March 10, Onancock International Films will show "Brooklyn," a period drama, at 8 p.m. at the Roseland Theater.



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Atlantic Volunteer Fire and Rescue company will hold its annual Easter Bunny Buffet Breakfast which includes eggs, pancakes, sausage, scrapple and drinks on Saturday, March 12, from 7 to 11 a.m. The cost is \$8 for adults and \$3 for children 6 and under. Carryout will be available. A bake sale also will be held.

The Easter Egg Hunt, free with breakfast purchase, will start at 10 a.m. Bring a bag or basket.

Proceeds will benefit Atlantic Volunteer Fire and Rescue member Jen Rodgers.

The Eastern Shore
Railway Museum in
Parksley will hold a
Spaghetti Supper Friday, Feb. 26, from 5
to 7 p.m. at the Parksley Firehouse Social Hall.

The menu includes spaghetti, garlic bread, salad, and an assortment of cakes for dessert. The cost of the dinner is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children under 12 years of age. Carry-out dinners also will be available.

All money raised will benefit the Eastern Shore Railway Museum. If you have any questions, call 990-2143.

Community News items can be faxed to the Post at 789-7681 or e-mailed to editor@easternshorepost.com



Northampton Schools Asking for Almost Half-Million More Next Year

By Ron West

The public got its first look at the Northampton Public Schools FY2017 budget Tuesday.

Superintendent Eddie Lawrence and Finance Director Brook Thomas outlined the spending package, noting that because of changes to the Composite Index, state funding will be reduced.

The \$19,537,861 budget calls for \$8,817,748 in local funding, about \$478,275 more than the current budget.

Salaries and benefits make up approximately 78 percent of the budget, which calls for a step increase which equates to approximately 1.5 percent. Other major items on the budget list include two additional elementary teacher positions, a division-wide school psychologist, re-instating the subsidy for dual enrollment at the community college, and an additional maintenance worker.

Lawrence noted that the aging schools have only three maintenance workers to keep them operational.

Kiptopeke Elementary teacher John Stewart urged the School Board to include some funding for classroom supplies, which in many cases, are purchased by teachers. He added that furniture in many of the classrooms is in need of replacement.

Occohannock Elementary teacher Leslie James urged the board to find the funds to hire an additional

fourth-grade science teacher. Currently, James teaches both fourth- and fifth-grade science at the school, leaving her limited time to devote to each of the 16 Standards of Learning criteria that the students are tested on annually.

Northampton High School band instructor Kevin Schwenk pressed for funds to repair instruments, many of which are being repaired by scavenging parts from one to repair another. Schwenk called them "Frankenstein" instruments.

Northampton County Education Association President Justin Wheeler urged the School Board to add another special education teacher. Wheeler also spoke of the need to replace many of the broken and aging desks.

Maxine Rasmussen, a retired teacher and administrator from the West Coast, suggested that the School Board look at shortening the school term to 180 days as a way to save a few dollars. She added that while the board might not be able to fund pay raises for the staff, cutting the days they are in the classroom would demonstrate that the board is interested in offering them a small benefit. Virginia requires schools to operate at least 180 days or the equivalent number of classroom contact hours. Northampton's schools currently go extra days, as well as extra minutes each day, all in excess of the state's

> minimum requirement. Rasmussen also suggested looking at grants as a way to help fill the gaps in funding.

> All of the speakers stated their support for Lawrence and his efforts to improve not only the schools but also the morale of the staff.

Once the School Board sets the final version of the budget, it will be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors, which will decide on the funding that the School Board will receive.

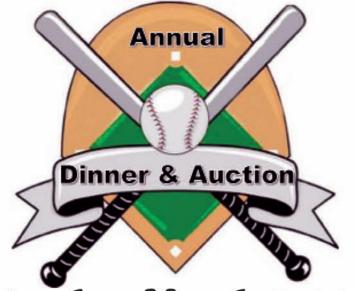






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~Supervisors ∼ (Continued From Front Page)

"I close my eyes at night and I see a dream," Holland continued. "I see people ... working for Accomack County. One of my first goals ... is to retain Accomack teachers." The superintendent was referring to the problem of teachers getting experience here and then leaving for higher salaries and better benefits elsewhere.

"I'm bringing retired people back to meet with me ... we have problems," he said. "I want the kids to be ready for career, military ... trades. We've closed up a lot of our programs. ... We need plumbers ... not everybody needs to go to college ... I want to be challenged. I want to have smart people around me ... I want to make things right. I'm excited. I want to be transparent. I'm going to be out. These kids need to see the superintendent. My wife, she's buying into it too. She's with me. We have a long way to go. I need you-all's help. There are going to be negative people ... but I tell you what, we're going to have discipline, zero tolerance for drugs and weapons. I'm going to be at every graduation."

Holland said he wants all the em-

ployees to do their best. "We got floors cleaned ... we're going to paint. I want these secretaries to strive to come to Central Office."

The division wanted 11 buses, but "we're asking for five (regular buses at \$436,430 and a special needs bus for \$98,136). "A lot of you know I'm tight with money, he continued. "I'm going to work and get you all's trust back."

Holland also talked about poverty. "We want our kids to be educated and do well. We have people who are struggling. Not everybody's got a car in the yard ... heat. ... If I have to cut grass, I'm going to do it ... I don't drive that state car around; I still drive my pickup."

The school budget has a total of 5.34 percent hikes for teacher pay and a 3.34 percent raise in classified employees' salaries. 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. More than \$176,000 in additional money is requested in local funds

based on a 53 percent formula that has been the norm in recent years.

Chairman Ron Wolff, a former teacher, was critical of the school system. When Holland stepped away from the podium for a moment, the supervisor told him to go back. "You need to stay at the microphone because we're recording ... unlike the School Board."

"You mention transparency," Wolff said at another point. "I appreciate you're coming here tonight and speaking honestly. ... I'm going to hold you to be transparent ... push two little buttons and broadcast," Wolff said suggesting that the public be able to listen to School Board sessions since they met in the board chambers, which provides the equipment. "Mrs. Miles, I put this to you too. So the citizens of Accomack County know what's going on ... that's where it has to start."

Miles nodded. Holland said, "I'll talk to the board members."

Supervisor Billy Joe Tarr was supportive. "Do not change," he told Holland. "Don't let this big office upstairs change you."

Supervisor Grayson Chesser, the board's liaison to schools, also was

proud of Holland. "I'm certainly glad to see you in this position," he said. "I know that (presentation) comes from your heart. I have no doubt about that. He's fair and treats everybody the same. ... I know you know how a lot of people in this county live. I know you're going to be a good steward of the money."

Wolff questioned Finance Director Beth Onley about the school's \$6 million reserve over six years. He said the funds could have been used for capital projects. "It looks like their back pockets are overstuffed with money," Wolff said.

Onley explained those state funds are earmarked. She also noted the nearly \$500,000 shortfall in the school budget.

After school officials left, Supervisor Donald Hart requested that staff get more details about school administration pay. The board had been waiting for the school presentation before working on its \$58 million draft. Supervisors are already facing the decision to raise taxes to provide emergency medical technicians (EMTs) at Painter, which is not included in the staff proposal. Work sessions are scheduled for 5 p.m. Monday and Tuesday.

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Two Named to Broadwater Board

Broadwater Academy recently announced that Martha Sutherland of Accomac and Lee Stevenson of Onancock have been appointed to serve on the Broadwater Academy Board of Trustees.

"The addition of Lee and Martha to the board at Broadwater further strengthens the school's ability to provide students a top-quality education here on the Eastern Shore," said board Chairman Robert Gustafson. "Broadwater is actively working to enhance its already strong academic, arts and athletic programs. The addition of experienced managers and innovative thinkers like Martha and Lee is an indication of Broadwater Academy's bright future."

Sutherland is president of M.

Sutherland Fine Arts, Ltd., of New York City, which buys and sells contemporary Chinese paintings from Taiwan, Hong Kong, and China. She graduated from Princeton University and formerly served as the director for China and Mongolia at the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative in Washington, D.C. Prior to that, she served as a Foreign Service officer at the State Department in Hong Kong, Egypt and China. She and her husband, Barnaby Conrad, have a kindergartener at Broadwater Academy. Sutherland is fluent in Mandarin and has enjoyed becoming friends with Broadwater's international students from China.

Lee Stevenson is a 1981 graduate of Broadwater Academy. He is managing director of the Central U.S. for Marsh, a unit of Marsh & McClennan Cos. Stevenson is a member of Marsh's U.S. Executive Committee and the firm's Global President's Council. Prior to his current role, he served as the head of Marsh's North American Private Equity and Mergers & Acquisition practice. He and his wife, Lara, divide their time between Onancock and Chicago.

USDA Awards Grant to Associated Farms

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Virginia Rural Development office has announced \$107,500 in grants to help seven rural Virginia businesses and one individual purchase or install renewable energy systems or make energy efficiency improvements.

Among those receiving a grant is Associated Grain of Parksley, which has been awarded \$19,999 for a new energy-efficient grain-drying system estimated to reduce energy usage by 36.54 percent.

"These grants and others like it that we distribute throughout the year help Virginia's rural businesses save money while also protecting the environment," said Basil Gooden, Ph.D., Virginia State director, USDA Rural Development. "We are proud to help these businesses continue to be innovative and continue to move Virginia's economy forward."

USDA Rural Development is awarding the grants through the Rural Energy for America Program (REAP).

Broadwater Fares Well in Blue Crab Bowl

Both teams sent by Broadwater Academy to the 19th Annual Blue Crab Bowl at Old Dominion University in Norfolk Feb. 6 placed in the top ranks.

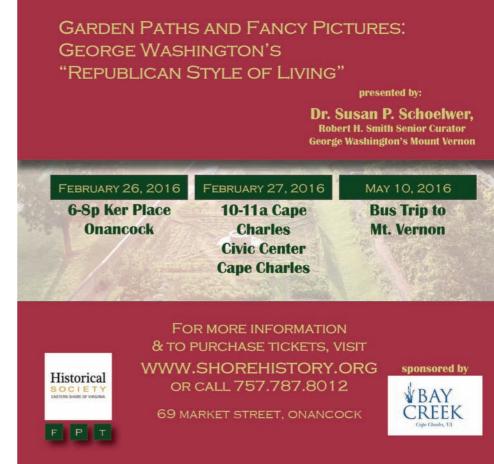
The Blue Crab Bowl is Virginia's regional competition of the National Ocean Science Bowl (NOSB[®]). Eighty students from 16 teams from across

the commonwealth spent the day in tournament competition focused on the marine sciences.

Broadwater Team A, coached by science teacher Joseph Spagnolo, earned third-place honors. Team members included John Gordon (captain), Nick Gomer; James Lord, Hayden Mabalot; and Tristan Mariner. Broadwater's Team B took fourth place. Airlia Gustafson coached team members Austin Murphy (captain), Heather Custis, Zachary Lingle, Jacob McClasky, and John Salm.

The Blue Crab Bowl is a cooperative effort between the Virginia Institute of Marine Science, College of William and Mary, and Old Dominion University's Department of Ocean, Earth, and Atmospheric Sciences.

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Obituaries

New Church Woman Passes Away at Home

Mrs. Evelyn Gail Richardson, 58, of New Church passed away Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2016, at her residence, surrounded by her loving family.

Born in Seaford, Del., she was the daughter of Susie Birch Lewis of Chincoteague Island and the late Herbert Lewis Sr. She was a member of First Baptist Church in New Church, VA.

Mrs. Richardson is survived by her loving spouse, David Richardson Sr. of New Church; son, David James Richardson Jr. (and wife, Kelly) of Greenbackville; grandchildren, Logan and Ethan Richardson, and Sarah, Emily, and Laura Wenzel, all of Greenbackville; brothers, Herbert Lewis Jr. (and wife, Susie) of New Church and Jerry Lewis (and wife, Dawn) of New Church; sister, Birdie Lewis (and husband, Kenny) of Chincoteague Island; brother-in-law, Brian Richardson of Chincoteague Island; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Feb. 20, at 2 p.m. at Christ United Methodist Church in Chincoteague Island, with Rev. Travis Deloach and Rev. Bob Boyce officiating. Condolences may be offered at www.salyerfh.com

Arrangements were made by Salyer Funeral Home, Chincoteague Island.

Eastville Native Dies in Delaware Hospice

Mrs. Gloria E. Johnson, 81, of Lewes, Del., died surrounded by her loving family at Milford Hospice in

Milford, Del., Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2016.

Born in Eastville, she was the daughter of the late Earl and Minerva Satchell. After graduating from Northampton County High School in 1953, she



Mrs. Johnson

married Hyland G. Johnson Sr. Having then moved to Delaware, Mrs. Johnson dedicated her life to raising her four children. She worked at the National Cash Register (NCR), and The Stockley Center, where she retired after 19 years. She loved her co-workers, "her girls" at the Stockley Center.

Mrs. Johnson accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Savior at an early age. She was a faithful member of Friendship U.M. Church, and enjoyed listening to her favorite gospel station and attending church services with the ladies of Friendship Church. Spending time with her family was very important to her. She especially enjoyed time with her cousins from Virginia and New York, and spending her days with her faithful dog Gus.

Mrs. Johnson was preceded in death by her husband, Hyland G. Johnson Sr.; son, Kevin F. Johnson; and brother, Earl F. Satchell Jr. She is survived by her children, Hyland G. Johnson Jr. (and wife, Darlene) of Lewes, Shorel D. Clark (and husband, Bryan) of Lewes and Keith A. Johnson of Bear, Del.; daughter-in-law, Cassie Johnson of Laurel; sister, Ellen S. Willis of Malvern, Pa.: brothers-inlaw, Lawrence Johnson (Margaret) of Jamaica, N.Y., and Ronald Johnson of Newport News, Va.; sisters-in-law, Dorothy Johnson of Reisterstown, Md., and Catherine Johnson of Long Island City, N.Y.; grandchildren, Hyland G. Johnson III, Brian Johnson, Martina Johnson, Rachel Johnson, Daniel Johnson, Lindsey Clark, Jordan Clark and Jeanae Clark; nine great; grandchildren who enriched her life; and many nieces and nephews and wonderful friends.

A funeral service and Celebration of Life was held at St. Johns 2nd Baptist Church in Millsboro, Del., Tuesday, Feb. 16, with Pastor George W. Fisher Sr. officiating. Interment was in Delaware Veterans' Memorial Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Delaware Hospice of Milford or the SPCA of Georgetown, Del.

Arrangements were made by Watson Funeral Home in Millsboro.

Cape Charles Man Passes Away at Home

Mr. Herbert John Konrad Jr., 81, of Cape Charles passed away Thursday, Feb. 11, 2016, at his residence.

A native of Brooklyn, N.Y., he was the son of the late Herbert John Konrad Sr. and Anna Dillon Konrad. He was a graduate of Villanova University, president of Allegheny York Co. and Golden Brew Distributing Co., a member of Hawks Gunning Club, VFW of Hellam, Pa., Regents Glen Country Club and American Legion Post 56.

Mr. Konrad is survived by his devoted friend, Judith Watkins of Cape Charles; children, Kathleen Konrad of Beaver Dam, Va., Herbert J. Konrad III (and wife, Robin) of York, Pa., and Robert Konrad of Dover, Pa.; sisters, Barbara Lindner of Old Saybrook, Conn., Arlene Frank of Deep River, Conn.; and seven grandchildren. He was predeceased by his son, Daniel Konrad, and his wife, Peggy Ann Konrad.

A celebration of life with American Legion Honors will be conducted today, Feb. 19, at 2 p.m. at American Legion Post 56 by Father J. Michael Breslin.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Legion Post 56, P.O. Box 357, Cheriton, VA 23316. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.doughtyfuneralhome.com

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

Owner of Former Confetti's Passes Away

Mr. Alexander George "Sandy" Russell IV, 76, of Wachapreague, husband of Brenda Booth Russell, passed away Thursday, Feb. 11, 2016, at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital in Nassawadox due to complications from vasculitis.

Born in Newport News, Va., he was the son of the late Alexander George "Buck" Russell III and Lunette Gillespie Russell. He graduated from Castle Heights Military Academy in Lebanon, Tenn., and then attended The College of William and Mary for two years, leaving school to serve in the U.S. Army. For more than 30 years, Mr. Russell worked in management for building component facilities. Following his retirement, he and his wife relocated to the Eastern Shore, and together, they owned and operated Confetti's Ice Cream Shop at Four Corner Plaza, which they later sold. They were members of Eastern Shore Yacht & Country Club, where they enjoyed the pool and dining with friends. Retirement allowed Mr. Russell to pursue his passion for carving decoys and shorebirds. He loved all animals, but he especially adored his cats, Hook, Henry, and Beans, all of whom you could always find curled up by his side.

In addition to his wife, survivors in-

clude his son, Alexander George "Sandy" Russell V (and wife, Melinda) of Gastonia, Va.; daughter, Rebecca "Becky" R. Atkinson of Spring, Texas; sisters; Lunette Russell Edwards (and husband, Bob) of Richmond, Va., and Shelly Russell Mize (and husband, Mark) of Accomac; and grandchildren, Laine and Clair Russell, and Bailey and Bryce Atkinson.

Family and friends are invited to a reception honoring Mr. Russell's life to be held at Eastern Shore Yacht and Country Club Saturday, Feb. 20, from 2 until 5 p.m.

Memorial donations may be made to the SPCA, P.O. Box 164, Onley, VA 23418; or to the charity of one's choice. Memory tributes may be shared at www.williamsfuneralhomes.com

Arrangements were made by Williams-Onancock Funeral Home.

Postal Service Retirees Dies at Home

Mrs. Margaret Ann Adams, 85, of Accomac, beloved wife of William Bauer Adams, died Friday, Feb. 12, 2016, at her home.

Born in Tasley, she was the daughter of the late Grover Milton Wallace and Margaret Elizabeth Lilliston Wallace. Mrs. Adams retired from the U.S. Postal Service and was a former school bus driver. She was a devot-



Mrs. Adams

ed member of Drummondtown U.M. Church and a past member of the Order of the Eastern Star. Mrs. Adams handcrafted seashell jewelry, and was a collector of stamps, coins, and old bottles. She especially enjoyed time spent with her family, searching for items to add to her collection. Above all else, Mrs. Adam's most treasured and precious role in life, was that of wife, mother, and grandmother.

In addition to her husband of 67 years, survivors include her daughters, E. Ann A. Loukx (and husband, James R.) of Accomac and Barrie Jo "Pennie" Rew (and husband, Mark D. Sr.) of Parksley; brother, William Thomas Wallace (and wife, Gail); grandchildren, William Donald Belote, Angela M. Atkinson, and Mark Douglas Rew

Jr.; great-grandchildren, Courtney E. Smith, Summer L. Belote, Shelby M. Smith, Cassidy N. Belote, Mallory B. Smith, and Helen C. Atkinson, and one "on the way"; one great-great-grandchild; three stepgrandchildren; seven stepgreat-grandchildren; three nieces; two nephews; and several cousins.

Funeral services were conducted from the chapel of Williams-Parksley Funeral Home Monday, Feb. 15, by Rev. Bill Greer. Interment was in Edgehill Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to Riverside Shore Cancer Center, P.O. Box 802, Nassawadox, VA 23413; or Drummondtown U.M. Church, P.O. Box 267, Accomac, VA 23301. Memory tributes may be shared at www.williamsfuneralhomes.com

Bundick Well & Pump Service Tech Dies

Mr. Gary Hilton Kelley Jr., 43, of Franktown, formerly of Exmore, passed away Saturday, Feb. 13, 2016, at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital in Nassawadox.

A native of Exmore, he was the son of Terry Colonna Kelley of Exmore and the late Gary Hilton Kelley Sr. He was a service technician for Bundick Well and Pump, member of the E.S. Riders, cornhole player, and coach and avid softball player of Team No Choice.

In addition to his loving mother, survivors include his children, Darian M. Kelley, Kristen R. Kelley, and Gary H. Kelley III, all of Franktown, and their mothers, Sherry Brady Kelley and Terry Phan Magruder; his girlfriend, Vicki Read Colona and her children and granddaughter, Kayla M. Charnock, Bradley E. Colona, and Audrey B. Hinmon, all of Franktown; his sister, Ann Marie Kelley-Moore (and husband, Larry) of Goldsboro, N.C.; maternal grandmother, Marian Sturgis Colonna of Onley; paternal grandmother, Anna Mae Ward of Exmore; niece, Kelley Ballas; nephews, Richard Riddle II and Hunter Smith; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. He was predeceased by his maternal grandfather, Roy Clark Colonna; and paternal grandfather, Elmer "Toad" Ward.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held Saturday, Feb. 20, at 11 a.m. at Doughty Funeral Home in Exmore, with Rev. Chuck Parks officiating.

Memorial donations may be made to the Gary H. Kelley III Education Fund, c/o PNC Bank, P.O. Box 623, Onley, VA 23418. Online condolences may be offered at www.doughtyfuneralhome.com

Parksley Man Passes Away at RSMH

Mr. Jack William Pulling, 73, of Parksley, husband of the late Carol Sue Ann, passed away Saturday, Feb. 13, 2016, at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital in Nassawadox.

Born in Albion, Mich., he was the son of the late Howard Pulling and Beverly Mae Pulling Shields. Mr. Pulling was a retired master electrician for Tiger Electric. An Army veteran, he was very active in American Legion Post 100 in Parksley. He also enjoyed operating the ham radio and building computerized robotics.

Mr. Pulling is survived by his daughters, Annette Hempel (and husband, Herbie) of Parksley and Lisa Gibbons (and husband, Richard "Hoss") of Gargatha; brother, Dale Shields of Michigan; grandchild, Stacey White of Melfa; stepgrandchildren, Parks Hempel and Ally Petty; and great-grandchild, Emmalynn Sue White.

A graveside service with Military Honors will be held Monday, Feb. 22, at 2 p.m. from Eastern Shore Veterans' Cemetery, 6827 East New Market Ellwood Rd., Hurlock, MD 21643. The family will receive friends Sunday evening from 6 to 8 at Thornton Funeral Home in Parksley.

Memorial donations may be made to American Legion Post 100, Parksley, VA 23421. To sign the guest book online, visit <u>www.thorntonfuneralhome.net</u>

Owner of Hart's and Bloxom Mini Mart Dies

Mrs. Laurinda Fisher Hart, 72, of Parksley, wife of the late Garland "Wayne" Hart Sr., passed away peacefully Monday, Feb. 15, 2016, with her daughter and son by her side.

Born in Mearsville, she was the daughter of the late Norman "Pat" Fisher and Laurel Wessells Fisher. Mrs. Hart and her husband and operated Hart's Variety Store and Bloxom Mini Mart for many years. She was a member of Bethel Baptist Church and attended Parksley Baptist Church. Although

she remained dedicated to the family businesses and her church, Mrs. Hart's life proudly revolved around her family. Her selfless care and devotion led the example of true love and affection, and will forever be remembered in the hearts of her



Mrs. Hart

adoring children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Survivors include her loving children, April Mason Barnes (and husband, Dwight) of Bloxom and G.W. Hart Jr. (and wife, Leslie) of Parksley; grandchildren, Nichole, Jason, Douglas, and Baylee; and great-grandchildren, Jacob, Trevor, Gabe, and Lexi. She was predeceased by four brothers, Myers, Sherwood, Sammy, and Marvin Joe Fisher.

Funeral services were conducted from Williams-Parksley Funeral Home Thursday, Feb. 18, by Rev. Bob Boyce. Interment was in Parksley Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Riverside Shore Hospice, P.O.

Box 615, Onley, VA 23418; or Parksley Volunteer Fire Company, P.O. Box 14, Parksley, VA 23421. Memory tributes may be shared with the family at www.williamsfuneralhomes.com

Retired Electrician Dies at Heritage Hall

Mr. James Waldon Foxwell Jr., 67, of Painter, husband of Candy Foxwell, passed away Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2016, at Heritage Hall Healthcare in Nassawadox.

A native of Cambridge, Md., he was the son of the late James W. Foxwell and Onaliu Oneita Willey Foxwell. He was a U.S. Navy Seabee veteran, retired electrician, parrot breeder and manufacturer of parrot toys.

To honor his wishes no public service will be held.

Memorial donations may be made to the Peninsula Caged Bird Society, c/o Brenda Brown, 161 Indian Circle, Williamsburg, VA 23185.

Online condolences may be offered at www.doughtyfuneralhome.com

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CAPITAL LETTERS



By Sen. Lynwood Lewis he fifth week of the 2016 Virginia General Assembly has drawn to a close. The pace continues to be typically brisk. While we have only

been here five weeks, it feels almost like three months.

The daily routine is unchanging. Committee meetings on the Senate side start at 8 a.m., on the House side earlier. There are often various caucus meetings before that. The committee meetings stretch until just before 11:30 a.m. when the two parties caucus prior to the session beginning at noon.

Debate on the bills goes into mid-afternoon when the Senate adjourns for additional committee hearings. Committees are where a great deal of the work of the Senate is done. Bills are examined, the patrons questioned, as well as supporters or opponents of the bills. Because of the abbreviated time in which we are in Richmond, it is amazing how often very complex issues have a relatively short time before a committee. Additional debate and questioning can take place on the

floor of the Senate; however, it is relatively short compared to the questioning and debate which I experienced as a member of the House of Delegates. The system depends on the members doing their homework prior to committee and the floor session.

Several of my bills of local concern have already made it through the Senate and are headed over to the House. In particular, a bill to address the potential conflict of interest under new ethics laws for members of local Soil and Water Conservation boards have advanced through the Senate and is on its way to the House. The technical reading of the conflict laws could mean that these folks could no longer participate as directors. This would be a terrific loss to our Soil and Water Conservation boards as we depend on the expertise of these folks in making decisions about cost-share programs, etc.

In addition, I am pleased that my Senate Bill 643 has passed the Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee and the full Senate unanimously and is on its way to the House. This bill, which Del. Bloxom joined me on as a co-patron, directs the Virginia Marine Resources Commission to monitor activities in the Tom's Cove area adjacent to Assateague National Seashore to ensure that the state's rights and the rights of the watermen who have worked this area for genera-

tions are maintained in the face of potential federal encroachment. There is still a lot of work to do to preserve our rights, but this puts the issue squarely on the commonwealth's radar.

Many of the ideas that I have for legislation come from constituents. I was contacted late in 2015 regarding a glitch in the Sunday hunting law passed by the General Assembly a couple of years ago. Specifically, the law as written failed to take into account, because of some terminology and definition issues, the hunting of rail (marsh hens) on Sunday. I introduced a bill to correct that oversight, and that bill has passed unanimously through the Senate and is also on its way to the House.

The bill regarding turtle excluders in recreational crab pots also has advanced through the Senate and through the committee process in the House. Specifically, we are working on a way to structure the code so as to inform and educate the public on the need for installing excluders on recreational crab pots. Commercial crab pots are not a problem because they are regularly checked by commercial watermen. The recreational pots seem to be causing the most problem. States up and down the East Coast have adopted measures regarding the installation of these excluders. After some discussion and compromise, we have decided to provide incentives to recreational crab-pot users by reduced license fees if they install excluders. I think that once public awareness is increased on this issue, many recreational crab potters will choose to install these excluders.

The concealed weapon permit reciprocity bill which I referenced in my last report home has made it through both houses as have the other parts of the compromise. This is a great example of how the legislative process can work.

"Crossover" occurs on Tuesday, Feb. 16. This is the day when the House and Senate must complete work on their own bills and send them over to the other body. This often results in some long days on the floor of the Senate as we attempt to complete work on all of these pieces of legislation.

In addition to these duties, work on the budget continues within the Senate Finance Committee and the House Appropriations Committee. We appear to be on track to adjourn on time and with a budget on Saturday, March 12, at noon. We will return home and then reconvene in Richmond on April 20 for the constitutionally required Veto Session where we consider the governor's vetoes and amendments of various pieces of legislation.

As always, I encourage everyone to visit their State Capital and also to monitor the activities of the legislature on General Assembly website <u>Virginia-GeneralAssembly.gov</u>

As always, I can be reached at <u>District06@senate.virginia.gov</u> and while in Richmond, by telephone at (804) 698-7506. Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions about legislation or on issues of concern.



By Del. Rob Bloxom

Rob Bloxom with this week's report from the Capitol. The halfway point of this year's session is upon us. Crossover, as it is called, is the

deadline for the House of Delegates to finish deliberating on bills submitted by delegates. The Senate must decide on their bills and send them to us. The term crossover is used because our bills labeled with the prefix HB must go to the Senate down the hall to the other end of the Capitol. Their bills labeled SB will crossover the Capitol to us to be considered.

The deadline is firm and will not be moved or extended. We must vote. I am sure every one of my votes can be debated. I am also sure that the vote you didn't like is the one you will remember. With that said I stand true to my commitment to try and make our government as simple as possible and fund the core functions.

My bill I reported on last week about a nonresident driver's privilege card, HB 1316, was carried over to the 2017 session. As a result of carrying over this legislation, a study will be completed by the next session for further review. This will be led by the DMV with partners such as Farm Bureau, Virginia State Police, tax departments, insurance companies and other interested parties to find a solution to this problem.

The turtle excluder bill sponsored by Senator Lewis was another issue that gained much attention. I could not support the way the bill was originally introduced. The original bill told the VMRC to enforce this new regulation. This enforcement was problematic at best and could force a recreational crab pot license holder to appear in front of the Commission for a violation. The commission could pull a person's privilege of using the water similar to what

happens to commercial watermen. This sounds bizarre but it is within the realm of the possible. Hours before the subcommittee meeting, Senator Lewis and I, along with other interested parties, sat down and devised with a solution that protects the turtles and recreational fisherman from penalty. With these amendments, SB 283 now has my support.

I encourage you to keep in touch with me and my office over the coming months. I value the feedback you provide on a continual basis as it helps me do a better job of representing you. You can email me at delrbloxom@house. virginia.gov or call me at my office in Richmond 804-698-1000.

FEB. 19

FRIDAY ★11 a.m.-3 p.m. - **Blood Drive** - RSMH, 6th Floor, Nassawadox

★12:30 p.m. - Science & Philosophy

Seminar: Preguels to the U.S. Constitution - ESCC, lecture hall. Melfa

★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

★7-10 p.m. - Winter Astronomy and Night Sky Series - NASA Wallops Flight Visitor Center

★7:30 p.m. - Orchestra of the E.S. Presents "Northern Winds" - Cokesbury Methodist, Onancock

★7:30 p.m. - Bingo (doors open at 6:30 p.m.) - Exmore Moose Lodge, Belle Haven

FEB. 20

SATURDAY *8 a.m. - Prayer Breakfast - St. Luke AME - \$10

★9 a.m. - Zumba Class -

Chincoteague YMCA - \$5 - 336-3535

★10 a.m. - Overeaters Anon. mtg. - Christ UMC, Chincoteague

★5 p.m. - NASA Flight Facility Black History Club's Award Banquet - Wright's Seafood, Atlantic

★6 p.m. - Black History Prgm. - Ebenezer Baptist Church, Exmore

★6 p.m. - Methodist Men's Joy Night - St. James UMC, Pocomoke

★6 p.m. - Celebration of E.S. Black

History - Foundation of Faith Worship Ctr., Belle Haven

★7:30 p.m. - Bingo - Eastville VFC

POST TIMES Feb. 19-25

SUNDAY FEB. 21

★2 p.m. - **Bingo** - VFW, Taslev

★2:30 p.m. - **100 Men**

Extravaganza - Bethel Baptist, Franktown - Calvin Washington (guest spkr.)

★3:30 p.m. - Men's Day - St. James UMC, Pocomoke

★4 p.m. - Church Anniversary - Living Word Church, Parksley

★4 p.m. - Orchestra of the E.S. Presents "Northern Winds" - Hungars Episcopal, Bridgetown

FEB. 22

MONDAY ★11 a.m. - Children's Story Hour library, Nassawadox

★3 p.m. - Parkinson's Disease Support

Group - Hospice & Palliative Care, Onancock

★5-6 p.m. - Al-Anon mtg. - Holy Trinity Episcopal. Onancock

★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, Parkslev

★7 p.m. - Northampton Cty. Parks & Recreation Dept. Line-Dancing Class - Indiantown Park, Eastville - 678-0468

TUESDAY FEB. 23

★9 a.m. - **Al-Anon mtg.** - Refuge Inn, Chincoteague

★10 a.m. - **Bingo** - Accomack Sr. Village, Onancock

★11 a.m. - Duplicate Bridge - Sage Diner, Onley - 442-2474

★1:30-3 p.m. - Riverside Shore Hospice Grief Support Group mtg. - Downing's UMC. 7291 Lankford Hwy., Oak Hall - 789-5000

★4 p.m. - New Book Club: "The Gospel According to Harry Potter" - The Book Bin, Onley

★5-6:30 p.m. - Fatherhood Support Group - ESTACI, 3100 Main St., Exmore - 709-5113

★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

★6-7:30 p.m. - Substance Abuse Recovery Group - ESTACI, Exmore - 709-5113

★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. - 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. 24**

★7:45 a.m. - Kiwanis Club of **Accomack mtg.** - Sage Diner, Onley ★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

★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

★5-7 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. - 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 *9 a.m.-1 p.m. - Veterans' Employment **FEB. 25 Rep. Avail.** - Chincoteague Town Office ★10:30 a.m. - Children's Story Hour -

library, Accomac

★10:30 a.m. - Story Time - Cape Charles Library

★4 p.m. - Chess Club - Cape Charles Memorial Library all ages, levels welcome

★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. - NA mtg. - Painter Garrison UMC

★7 p.m. - Al-Anon mtg. - Atlantic UMC

★8 p.m. - **AA mtg.** - Christ UMC, Chincoteague

Senior Luncheon Planned by Police Dept.

The Chincoteague Police Department will hold a Senior Luncheon for all Chincoteague Island Seniors on Wednesday, March 9 at 1 p.m. All guests will enjoy lunch at Don's Seafood Restaurant on Main St.

Sorority Anniversary

The E.S. Delta Sigma Theta Sorority will celebrate its 20th anniversary from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 19 at the Elks Lodge in Accomac.

Tickets are \$25 and should be purchased by March 1. Contact Earline Washington at 710-8029.

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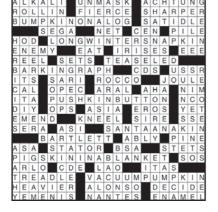
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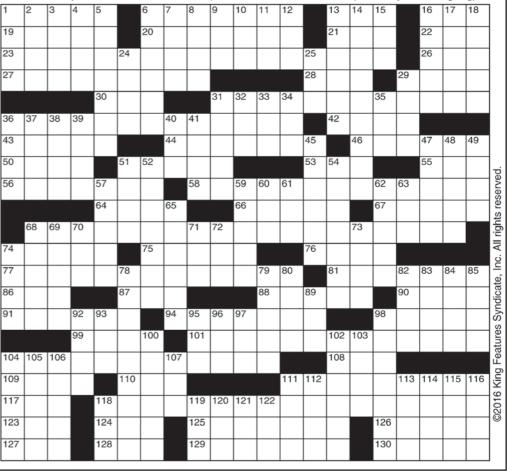
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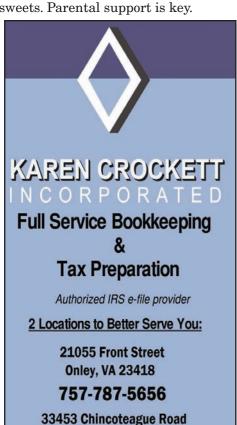


Thave competed at some level in all of the sports I now cover, with the exception of wrestling.

Thus, I find myself somewhat clueless at times when watching wrestling, even though I have learned a bit in four years of covering it.

I also have learned the parental support in wrestling is as strong as in any sport I have witnessed. It has to be for the sacrifice involved.

Most wrestlers have to follow a strict diet to maintain their weight in order to compete. This often means cutting back at holiday meals and skipping the sweets. Parental support is key.



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Working, Waiting Wins in Wrestling

Parents watching their son or daughter compete in football, basketball, volleyball or baseball typically are investing two or three hours to attend the event and often get to see their child in action for most of that time.

Parents of wrestlers may spend two days at the venue to see their son compete for 30 minutes or so.

That was the case last weekend at Eastville, when Northampton hosted 12 schools for a two-day meet to determine who would advance to the state meet this weekend.

A grandparent there to see his grandson compete said, "It certainly can be a long time between matches." He had watched his grandson win a match that morning, and now it would be well into the afternoon before the wrestler had another match.

The other intriguing aspect of wrestling is there can be a packed gymnasium — as there was this past weekend at Northampton — and a small group of 50 or so people can be intensely watching a match and screaming encouragement while the remaining 80 percent of the crowd is barely paying attention because they are waiting for their wrestler to compete.

And then it's a new group of supporters to take their place alongside the mat when the next match begins — and those who were passive a few minutes before are rooting wildly now for the wrestlers grappling with each other.

It's obvious it takes many volunteers to stage a major event like the 1A East Region held at Northampton last weekend.

Kudos to Northampton wrestling coach Matt Evans, assistant Philip Sweet, athletic director Dr. Rich Wilfong and the numerous volunteers who assisted them in running the tournament.

While Northampton wrestlers Steven Wilson, Durrell Robinson, Garrett Marsh and Myles Lewis advanced to the



Arcadia's Tah're Pettit atop the podium after winning the 2A East Regional 120-pound championship.

1A state meet, Arcadia's Tah're Pettit and Nandua's Matt Teasley were qualifying at Fisherville for the state meet starting today in Salem.

Pettit earned the lone region championship among Shore wrestlers by winning the 120-pound division at Wilson Memorial High School.

Pettit, a senior, also runs cross country and track, plays baseball and competes in the cheerleading competition.

A resident of New Church, he has been accepted to George Mason University and wants to major in informational technology and operations management. He is waiting to hear from James Madison University.

The son of Steven Pettit and Contrev-

ia Warner, Pettit has wrestled as high as 132 pounds this season and has been unbeaten since he achieved a weight that allowed him to compete in the 120-pound class. His season record is 28-6.

Recalling his emotion after winning Saturday over a wrestler who had compiled 48 wins this season, Pettit said, "It was surreal. At first, it felt like winning any other match, then I looked in the stands and saw my teammates and other fans cheering like crazy. I realized then it was a special moment."

Having wrestled for three years, Pettit said he worked on a new technique in practice each week this season until he felt comfortable using that move in his match.

"I am looking forward to competing in the state meet," Pettit said. "I will be working in practice this week to be as ready as I can be."

Youthful Lady Firebirds Win Basketball Title

I noted in last week's column that Northampton won the boys' Shore Disrict basketball title without a single senior in the starting lineup.

Well, the Arcadia girls went one better by winning the girls' Shore District hoop title without a single senior on the roster.

Wins have been hard to come by for the Lady Firebirds in recent years, but they blossomed this year with the help of youthful newcomers.

Freshmen Kayla Wharton and Aleah Russell joined juniors JuQuagia Tull and Normaya Harris and sophomore Normeia Harris to topple the defending champion Nandua Lady Warriors with three wins in four meetings.

Coach Collins says her players still have work to do to get better, but she sees a rosy future with this youthful squad. The team is pictured on Page 25 in this issue.

Hospital 5K Run Set

At 9 a.m. Saturday, March 12, Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital's 5K Run/ Walk for Your Heart will begin at the Historic Onancock School on College Avenue. Sign-up will begin at 8 a.m. with no entries accepted after 8:45 a.m. Registration forms are available at the hospital and at Eastern Shore YMCA. Call 414-8320 or email rsmhrunforheart@gmail.com for more details.

Nandua HOF Night

The Nandua Hall of Fame induction ceremony will be held Thursday, Feb. 25, at 7 p.m.

Being inducted are Chris Jones, Loyal Grimes and Adelaide Hollandsworth. The public is invited.

EMBODI Workshop

An EMBODI (Empowering Males To Build Opportunities for Developing Independence) workshop will be held Saturday, Feb. 20, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Mary N. Smith Cultural Enrichment Center in Accomac for males from Grades 6 to 12.

The workshop is presented by the Accomack-Northampton Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

The presenters will be Donta Finney, a health coach and sports nutrition specialist, Cross Fit trainer and fifth-degree black belt; and Debbie Finney, a brown belt and yoga instructor. Both

are employed at Live FIT Gym in Salisbury, Md., and are graduates of the University of Maryland Eastern Shore.

For more information, contact Regina Finney at 665-4323.

Nandua Alumni Game

The Nandua alumni basketball games have been rescheduled for Feb. 26, with the girls playing at 6 p.m. and boys starting at 8 p.m. Call Gary Reese at 710-0924 for more information.

Softball Camp Set

Bust the Rust softball camp will be held on Feb. 27 at Nandua High School from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The cost of the camp is \$40. All proceeds will benefit Nandua High School softball.

Contact Lynn Williams at 710-4242 for more information.

NALL Registration Set

North Accomack Little League has begun its 2016 registration. Register online by going to the league site at https://eteamz.com/NorthAccomack/ and follow the link.

Registrations also 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 league, contact this Northampton Parks and Recreation at 678-0468, or email parks@ co.northampton.va.us

Northampton County Education Foundation Funds Tutoring Grant for NHS Basketball

The Northampton County Education Foundation (NCEF) will fund a tutoring program initiated by Northampton boys' varsity basketball Coach Wayne Bell to improve the scholastic performance of his team members. This program follows in the footsteps of Northampton High School wrestling Coach Matt Evans, who instituted mandatory tutoring for his team last year.

Coach Bell requires all 26 team members to attend academic tutoring after school prior to practice. Northampton High School chemistry teacher George Chandler will provide the tutoring for this academic year. The grant was made available by a donation specifically earmarked for the basketball tutoring program.

Other Northampton High coaches can request the tutoring services. provided the funds are available. The NCEF invites individuals and business partners to make donations to help expand this program to reach more Northampton High School students.

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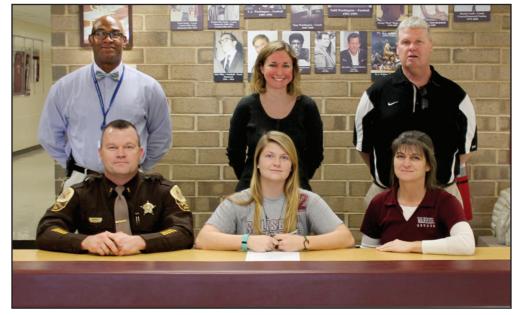
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Inquires about the foundation and its programs should be sent to Andy Teeling, communications chairman, at aeteeling@ verizon.net



Deshawn "Kobe" White was missing from the team photo of the Northampton basketball team last week.



Wright To Play Soccer at Salisbury University

Ryan Wright (front center), a Nandua senior, has committed to play soccer at Salisbury University next year. Seated with her are her parents, Carl and Dana Wright of Craddockville. Dana Wright is also the Nandua girls' soccer coach and is assisted by Lauren Tanis (standing center). Also pictured are Nandua principal George Parker (back left) and Nandua athletic director Gary Reese. Wright has led Nandua in scoring the past three years and has been selected Player or Co-Player of the Year the past two seasons.

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Nandua Caps Season with Hoop Win, Falls in Playoffs

Story and photos by Bill Sterling

Nandua concluded its regular season with a 69-64 win over Arcadia at Oak Hall last Thursday.

Arcadia raced to a 22-11 first-quarter lead on its Senior Night, but Nandua fought back, trailing 35-28 at half, and then taking the lead with a 23-6 run in the third quarter.

Qyheem Kellam and Melquan Davis led the Warriors with 18 points each. Evan McGregor and JaShawn Wharton had 9 and 7 points, respectively. Kellam had 16 rebounds and Jhamir Poulson grabbed 12 rebounds.

Arcadia was led by Austin Bunting with 17 points. Jaquan Wharton scored 15.

Nandua Clipped by KW

Nandua led 11-6 over King William after one quarter in its Conference 33 semi-final game Tuesday night on the road, but the Kavaliers controlled the action from that point en route to a 69-47

win. Nandua plays in the regional opener Friday night at an undetermined site.

Coach Chad McGregor said early foul trouble by Warrior front-court players Qyheen Kellam and Jhamir Poulson allowed King William to be more physical under the basket, adding that a 6-of-18 effort from the freethrow line hurt Nandua's chances.

Evan McGregor had four 3-pointers in scoring 14 points, Mahagee Wise added 11, and Qyheem Kellam scored 8 points and grabbed nine rebounds for Nandua.

Tresean Mickens led King William with 16 points and Dylan Leach and Owen Longest had 13 each.

Northampton plays a Conference 41 game tonight against Surry.

Vikings Drop Pair

Broadwater fell behind Alliance Christian 20-4 after one guarter and could not recover, falling 67-50 Friday night on the road.

Taylor Major led the Vikings with Chargers spurted to a 22-10 margin in 19 points; Tyler Major added 12. Both Majors and Major Morgan had nine rebounds each.

Freshman Caleb Butts led Alliance with 16 points.

Broadwater fell to 6-11 with the loss. The Vikings led by 1 point entering the fourth quarter, but fell to Isle of Wight 58-47 after the home-standing the final stanza.

The Vikings took a 16-12 first-quarter lead, led 25-24 at half and took a 37-36 lead entering the fourth quarter.

Taylor Major led the Vikings with 21 points and 12 rebounds. Tyler Major scored 10 points.

Rylee Williams led IWA with 23 points. Jordan Baines added 18.



Hickman To Play Baseball at Patrick Henry

Hunter Hickman, a senior at Nandua, has committed to play baseball at Patrick Henry Community College in Martinsville, Va., next season. Seated with Hickman are his parents, E.T. and Tammy Hickman of Bloxom. Also pictured (from left, standing) are Nandua principal George Parker, Nandua baseball coach Luke Brankley, batting coach Lloyd Bjorlo and Nandua athletic director Gary Reese. Hickman plays center-



Arcadia Girls Win Shore District Title, Fall in Playoffs to MW

Story and photos by Bill Sterling

The Arcadia girls won their final regular season game with a 56-44 win over Nandua at home last Thursday before dropping its conference playoff game Tuesday to Maggie Walker.

The Lady Firebirds put a ribbon on its district title with its third win over defending champions Nandua.

"It's long overdue, winning the district," said Arcadia coach Claudia Collims. "We have a fairly young team. The Lady Firebirds played well this season. We still have a lot of fundamental skills we need to work on, but overall we're proud of our girls."

Normeia Harris led Arcadia with 19 points, Normaya Harris had 12 points and JaQuagia Tull had 10 points.

For Nandua, Derrica Toppin had 12 points, Shabrea Nock scored 11 and Angel Taylor added 9 points.

Arcadia struggled to score early against Maggie Walker in a Conference 33 game at Oak Hall Tuesday and never recovered, falling 45-34.

The Lady Firebirds only had eight points at half and trailed by by 14 points. Kayla Wharton led Arcadia with 9 points, Normeia Harris had 6, and Normaya Harris scored 5.

Magige Walker's N. Weinberg, M. Lewis and L. Qin each had 10 points.

Nandua Falls to Bruton

Top seeded Bruton eased past Nandua 54-38 Tuesday night in Williamsburg in a Conference 33 semi-final game.

The Lady Warriors were led by Shabrea Nock, who had four 3-pointers and 16 points. Angel Taylor and Jada Locklear added 8 and 6 points, respectively.

BA Splits Pair

The Broadwater girls defeated Alliance Christian 57-17 on the road Friday night as Anna Sexauer led the Lady Vikings with 24 points and 19 rebounds. Palmer Smith scored 9 points. Courtney Floyd contributed 8 points and 13 rebounds.

The Broadwater girls, now 6-6, dropped a 53-42 decision to Isle of Wight on the road Tuesday night.

Anna Sexauer had 24 points and 16 rebounds for the Vikings. Palmer Smith tallied 5 points, and Carly Wardius pulled down nine rebounds.



Arcadia Girls Win Hoop Title

The Arcadia Firebirds girls basketball team won the Eastern Shore District title with only one district loss. Pictured (from left), front row - Kayla Wharton, Normeia Harris, Nyderia Samuel, Tyzhanae Johnson, Dajuna Smith. Second row -Aleah Russell, Whitney Barnes, JaQuagia Tull, Normaya Harris and Denay Downing. Also pictured are head coach Claudia Collins, left, and assistant coach Andrew Collins.



Arcadia's Normeia Harris drives against Nandua as Angel Taylor (right) defends in a game won last week by the Firebirds. Harris scored 19 points.



Kayla Wharton drives among taller Maggie Walker players to score a basket despite getting fouled in a 45-34 Firebird loss Tuesday night in the playoffs.

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Arcadia's Tah're Pettit Wins Regional Wrestling Crown; Teasley Advances

Arcadia's Tah're Pettit won the 120-pound weight class at the 2A East Regional wrestling tournament at Wilson Memorial High School in Fisher-ville last weekend and will by vying for a state title starting today in Salem.

"Tah're is committed and has worked especially hard this season," said Arcadias wrestling coach Peter Lampman. "Since he has wrestled at 120, he has not lost this season. I'm proud of the whole team as we finished 11th as a team."

Pettit won his match with a 3-0 decision over Grandon Swink of Strasburg.

Arcadia amassed 62 points for its 11th place finish among 20 teams with Nandua earning 53 points for a 13th place finish.

Clarke County won the tournament with 204 points, Strasburg had 183.5 and Wilson Memorial, the host school, had 173.5 points.

Nandua's Matt Teasley finished fourth in the 160-pound weight class to become the sole Warrior to qualify



Tah're Pettit Arcadia



Matt Teasley Nandua

for the state tournament.

"Matt wrestled a great tournament and has really improved from the beginning of the year until now," said Nandua wrestling coach Nathan Metzger.

Nandua's Jack Schreiber (126) and Dustin Palo (195) both placed fifth and qualified as an alternate for the state tournament.

Each of Nandua's seven wrestlers earned a win.



Northampton's Myles Lewis (top) qualified for the state tournament with a third-place finish at the regionals in the 106-pound division.



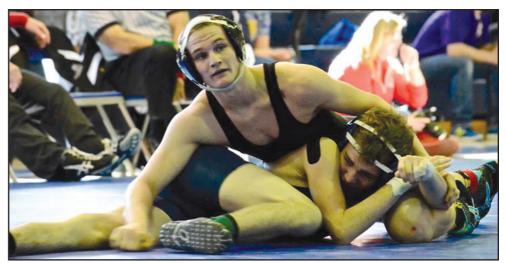


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Northampton's Steven Wilson (top) (126) placed second in the 1A East Region wrestling tournament to advance to the state tournament this weekend. Wilson recorded his 100th career win during last weekend's tourney.

Northampton Sending Four Wrestlers to 1A State Tournament This Weekend

Northampton will be sending four wrestlers to compete in the 1A state wrestling tournament this weekend in Salem after hosting the 1A East Regional last weekend.

For two days, 1A wrestlers from the eastern portion of Virginia competed in Eastville. Northampton wrestlers Steven Wilson (126), Garrett Marsh (145) and Durrell Robinson (160) took second place in their weight divisions. In addition to those three, Myles Lewis (106) took third and will advance to Salem this weekend.

Finishing fifth and qualifying as alternates at the state tournament were Taylor Shrieves (120), Jaquan Johnson (170) and Tyrone Cephas (220).

Rappahannock won the meet with 227.50 points, followed by Riverheads with 178.50 and Mathews with 113.50. Lancaster, 113.50, narrowly edged Northampton and Middlesex, which each had 113 points.

Essex, 111.50, Cumberland, 99, Franklin, 86, King and Queen, 63.50, Stonewall Jackson, 58, and Northumberland, 41, finished out the field.

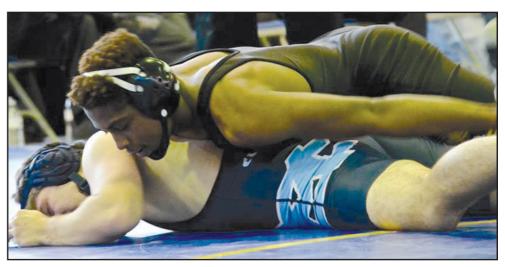


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Northampton's Durell Robinson (top) finished second in the 1A East Region and qualified for the state tournament this weekend.

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comforts, conveniences & location. Recently MBA, oak kitchen w/center island, 2 ½ updated w/new appliances & floorings & baths, tiled sunroom & all season pool w/6 person spa attached. MLS#42175 \$394,900



CHINCOTEAGUE:3BR/2BA waterview home on over-sized corner lot in Piney Island. Porches spans entire width of home on both levels to enjoy the expansive views of Assateague Channel. Open floor plan w/spacious kitchen. Maple cabinets, counter bar & dining area. MLS#39944 \$349000 Anita Merritt 757-894-0108



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required. MLS#42311 \$449,000 Dave Griffith 757-647-2649/Randy Carlson 757-678-6395



SAXIS: It is all about the waterfront view! CHINCOTEAGUE: Nice quiet area of the island for you your screened in porch, set on concrete pilings. impressive rental history.MLS#42563 \$249000 MLS#40776 \$400 000 Judy Williamson 757-894-2488 Anita Merritt 757-894-0108 Gladys Baczek 757-894-0098



with gingerbread molding on ½ acre. offers 2071 sq ft on a quiet cul-de-sac. 2nd floor This one owner home has been wonderfully acres offers 1881 sq ft and is designed for Nice layout with sizeable rooms, walk-up bonus room, SS appliances, double vanities in maintained. Reverse osmosis water system, family living. Family room leads to a deck attic and within walking distance to bathrooms, large screened porch faces the woods heat pump w/central air & new septic. Beautifully and nicely kept back yard w/privacy trees. & 2-car attached garage. MLS#42652 \$218,900 Stella Rohde 757-710-2025/Anne Kyle Doughty 757-710-3824 Andrea Zember 757-710-2233



ft of living space & enclosed norch Property is improved with storage shed and carport. MLS#42586 \$94,000 Terry Bowling 757-710-0914



PAINTER: Eastern Shore style 3BR/3.5BA 3710 LOCUSTVILLE: 93 acre estate has been EASTVILLE: Almost an acre of tall pines surround BAY CREEK: Exquisite 4BR/3.5BA meticulously that has the view, a beach and access to deep Dave Griffith 757-647-2649/Randy Carlson 757-678-6395



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ONANCOCK: Farmhouse, c. 1791 with 1960's addition, in this 2BR/IBA Contemporary; just minutes by Farmhouse on half an acre. Home features 1240 sq. lovingly remodeled by owner/builder this 3BR/2BA granite countertops, upgraded appliances, front home features new custom kitchen, new bath w/ tiled walk-in shower, updated wiring & more. All on slate patio, enlarged stone driveway, outbuilding w/ 2 private acres & just a 4 minute drive to downtown.



sq. ft. home on just over 3 acres. Oak floors, subdivided into 47 lots. Seaside property this 2BR/1BA brick Ranch with an open concept designed waterfront Contemporary offers 3270 sq main living area. Interior has room for a possible ft & the highest quality upgrades; located directly water is rare and this one has all three. Very office & additional storage space. Garage was behind "breakwater" to prevent erosion. Superb converted to a workshop. MLS#42872 \$99,900 workmanship throughout. MLS#42665 \$1,299,000 Kathy Weiner 757-646-3199



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ONANCOCK: Darling little 3BR/1BA Cottage CAPTAINS COVE: Beautiful 3BR/25BA Contemporary BLOXOM: Make this 3BR/2BA Ranch your haven. ONLEY: Attractive 3BR/1BA Ranch on .49 Modestly priced with plenty of value. MLS#42583 \$215,000 Linda Taylor 757-710-8672



ONANCOCK: 2004 Doublewide with 3BR/2BA featuring deck and covered back deck. Property improved with electric and much more. MLS#42517 \$135,000 Liz Walters 757-710-2114



Jason Restein 757-620-1532



CHINCOTEAGUE: Nice waterfront Condo w/dock HALLWOOD: Excellent investment potential pond. MLS#32231 \$790.000



CHINCOTEAGUE: 3BR/2BA Bungalow right in the CHINCOTEAGUE: Sunsets convey with this renovated

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Announcements

NOTICE TO ALL RESIDENTS OF THE TOWN OF ONLEY. VA

Effective immediately, the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Onley Town Council will be held on the **FIRST Monday** of each month beginning March 7, 2016. Meeting time is 6:30pm. The meeting location is the VVA building located at 25534 East Main Street, Onley VA.



Happy Birthday Mire Mire Collins

On Feb. 25, 2015 God blessed me with you. It's truly been a blessing watching u grow, capturing ur every move. We love you. Happy 1st birth-lay, Amire! May you have many more Love, Mommy, Mom-Mom-



Elnora, Grandma Mill, Uncle Tyre, Antron, Man, Pop-Pop Greq and ur Special Godparents-Trish & Pastor Harmon & Venton



Shakia Austin Snead 10/11/89–2/19/14February 14, 2 years ago, was

the last time I saw you alive. My heart hurts like crazy and the pair doesn't get any easier, just easier to deal with. I lost my only girl, my friend. It seems like I lost my whole world. This has made me appreciate life more-not seeing your face or hearing your voice made me want to live life to the fullest because of u, God. I know he wouldn't put more on me than can stand to bear. He blessed me with two wonderful grandkids that

I love so much, I can see your face in them everyday. It eases the pain, but it'll never go away. You're 4-ever in my heart.

Love, Mom and Dad (Gladys Church & Jonathan Gibbs)



The family of Ron Halbert would like to thank our friends and the Chincoteague community for the love and support shown to us during the illness and loss of our beloved Ron. Thank you for the delicious food that sustained us, the emergencies handyman taken care of, and all the caring visits, cards, and messages. Special thanks to Christ United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Women: Kiwanis Club of Chincoteague; Salt Marsh Ramblers; Best Western Hotel, and Salyers Funeral Home - your thoughtfulness will never be forgotten.

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Salary Minimum \$32,619 (Pay Band 4) **DEADLINE:** February 19, 2016, 5:00 P.M.

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TRUSTEE SALE 27488 Beacon Road, Melfa, VA 23410 Accomack County

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of \$76,022.00, dated December 22, 1998 recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the Accomack County, Virginia, in Document No. 980006121, in Book No. 0786, at Page 00327, default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the entrance to the Circuit Court of Accomack County, 23316 Courthouse Avenue, Accomack, on March 7 2016 at 10:30 AM the property described in said deed, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 4, Beacon Village, Section II, 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.

SAMUEL I. WHITE, P.C., Substitute Trustee

This is a communication from a debt collector. FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: SAMUEL I. WHITE, P.C. (39897) 5040 Corporate Woods Drive, Suite 120 Virginia Beach, Virginia 23462 757-457-1460 - Call between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or visit our website at www.siwpc.net

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The Accomack County School Board Work Session Meeting has been changed. The original meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 1, 2016 has been changed to Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at Accawmacke Elementary starting at 6:30 p.m.

Gretta Smith, School Board Clerk

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Chincoteague Town Council will hold a Public Hearing commencing at 7:00 PM on March 7, 2016, in the Council Chambers of the Town of Chincoteague, 6150 Community Drive, Chincoteague, Virginia, to afford interested parties the opportunity to be heard or present written comments concerning the following proposed Ordinance to vacate a property line of a recorded plat of subdivision in the Town of Chincoteague, Accomack County, Virginia.

AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PROPERTY LINE OF A SUBDIVISION PLAT

WHEREAS, the governing body of a municipality may vacate part of a recorded plat after the sale of a lot shown on said plat pursuant to Section 15.2-2272 (2) of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended; and,

WHEREAS, an Application has been filed by Herman Austin Smith and Teresa Eileen Smith to vacate a part

of a recorded plat of a subdivision in the Town of Chincoteague entitled "Subdivision of O.H. Jester (heirs) Property, Chincoteague, Virginia", which plat is recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Accomack County, Virginia, in Plat Book 7, page 77.

WHEREAS, the basis of said vacation is that:

1. The property line between Lots 28 and 29, is a property line between two lots both owned by the Applicant, Herman Austin Smith and Teresa Eileen Smith.

2. That the said Herman Austin Smith and Teresa Eileen Smith desire to remove the boundary line between the two lots to result in one parcel of land THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CHINCOTEAGUE:

1. That the division or property line between said Lot 28 and 29 as shown on a certain plat of survey entitled "Sub-division of O.H. Jester (heirs) Property, Chincoteague, Virginia", dated November 19, 1948, and

recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Plat Book 7, page 77 be and are hereby vacated.

2. That as the result of said vacation of property lines former Lots 28 and 29 shall result in one (1) parcel of land. 3. That the Town Manager after the time for an appeal

of the adoption of this Ordinance has expired, or if appealed the action of counsel is upheld, shall cause a copy of this Ordinance to be recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Accomack County.

4. That the effective date of the Ordinance shall be upon adoption by the Town Council for the Town of Chincoteague.

Handicapped assistance available by calling 336-6519.

Robert G. Ritter

Town Manager Town of Chincoteague **Public Hearing**

The Cape Charles Town Council and Planning Commission will hold a joint public hearing at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at the Cape Charles Civic Center at 500 Tazewell Avenue in Cape Charles. The purpose is to hear public comment regarding the following topics:

- 1. Text amendments to several sections of the Zoning Ordinance.
- 2. Amendments to the Zoning Map for Parcels incorrectly identified.

Four Peach Street parcels (83A3-1-599c; 83A3-1-600c; 83A3-1-601b; and 83A3-1-601c) commonly known as 8

Peach Street, 10 Peach Street, and 12 Peach Street, are depicted on the February 2014 zoning map as zoned Residential – 1. Previous maps showed them as Commercial -1, and the historical use of those parcels is commercial.

These items will be discussed by the Planning Commission at their regular meeting immediately following the public hearing for a recommendation to be made to the Town Council.

Copies of the items are available for review on the Town's website www.capecharles.org and in the Clerk's Office.

The Town of Exmore will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 7, 2016 in the Exmore Town Hall Meeting Room, located at 3305 Main Street, Exmore, Virginia at 6:45pm to afford the public an opportunity to be heard or present written comments on proposed amendment to Ordinance No. 133 as follows:

ORDINANCE №. 210 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 133 "TO OFFER A BUSINESS LICENSE INCENTIVE PRO-GRAM FOR NEW BUSINESSES."

Sec. 1 - Purpose and intent.

The town council finds that the development of its business tax base requires a business license incentive program for new businesses ("incentive program"), and determines that a reduction in the business taxes for qualifying new businesses will foster business development and encourage entrepreneurialism.

Sec. 2 - Administration.

This article shall be administered and enforced by the Town Manager and support staff.

Sec. 3 - Effective date.

Effective date shall be March 7, 2016.

Sec. 4 - Definitions

For purposes of this article, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section: *Acquisition* shall mean the combination of two or more existing businesses where the one business acquires the ownership of the other business(es).

Business license year shall mean calendar year. Change in business form shall mean a change in the organization of an existing business. A change in business form occurs whether such change is voluntary or involuntary, recognized by the state corporation commission or not recognized by the state corporation commission. A change in business form shall include a new business entity that meets the definition of "affiliated group", as the term is defined in Code of Virginia 58.1-3700.1, and such business conducts business activities that are similar to one (1) or more affiliated businesses. However a new business entity that meets the affiliation definition but undertakes a business that conducts substantially different business activities shall not be treated as a change in business form.

Merger shall mean the combination of two (2) or more existing businesses to establish a new business. Name Change shall mean the change in the name upon which a business trades. A name change occurs whether or not the business registers such name or change of name with the state corporation commission.

Qualifying business shall mean a business that locates for the first time in the town after the effective date of this article and whose gross receipts shall exceed \$25,000 in the first two (2) license years. A business shall not be deemed to locate in the town for the first times based on a merger, acquisition, similar business combination, name change, or a change in business form. A business shall not be deemed to locate in the town for the first time if there is an existing business in the city

trading under the same or substantially similar business

name, the businesses conduct similar business activities,

and businesses are related either by shared ownership

structure or a contractual relationship such as a fran-

chisor/franchisee relationship. A qualifying business shall not include peddlers and itinerant merchants. A qualifying business shall not include a contractor required to obtain a business license by Code of Virginia 58.1-3715(B). When applying for any benefit afforded under this article, the applicant shall have the burden of proving qualification as a qualifying business.

Similar business combination shall mean any transaction that is of the same nature as a merger or an acquisition. Section 5 - Presumption.

The incentive program is a program in the nature of partial tax exemption. As such, the rule of construction provided article X, section (f) of the Constitution of Virginia shall apply.

Section 6 - Application and appeal.

(a) Any business seeking to qualify as a qualifying business shall complete an application in writing. The application shall be on forms developed by the Town Manager.

(b) Any determination of qualification or of non-qualification as a qualifying business shall be in writing by the Town Manager.

(c) The appeal of a determination of non-qualification shall follow the appeal process of any other business license tax decision.

Section 7 - Business license tax reduction.

(a) A qualifying business that would otherwise be required to pay license taxes pursuant to Town Code section shall be entitled to pay business license taxes at the thirty (\$30.00) flat fee provided by Town Code Ordinance No. 133.

(b) The license tax reduction provided in subsection (a) shall apply to the business year in which the qualifying business locates in the town and the following business year.

(c) A qualifying business shall forfeit any entitlement to the license tax reduction provided in subsection (a) if such business is delinquent on any local tax including but not limited to personal property taxes, real estate taxes, meals taxes, and transient occupancy taxes.

Section 8 - Obligations of a qualifying business.

(a) Nothing in this article shall be construed to repeal any requirement of businesses within the town to maintain records or comply with an audit by the Town

Manager.

(b) A qualifying business shall report its personal property and gross receipts to the town clerk, at such times and in such manner as required by law and the failure to report shall result in the forfeiture of any entitlement to the license tax reduction provided by Section 6.

A copy of the proposed Ordinance is available for public inspection at the Town of Exmore, 3305 Main Street, and on the Town's website at www.Exmore.org.

Robert G. Duer Town Manager Town of Exmore (757)442-3114

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BRIDGE REPLACEMENTS ON WALLACE ROAD (ROUTE 1304) AND SCHOOL LANE (ROUTE 1306) OVER WEST RIDGE CREEK Town of Tangier, Accomack County Willingness to Hold a Public Hearing

Find out about the proposed replacement of the bridges on Route 1304 Wallace Road over West Ridge Creek and Route 1306 School Lane over West Ridge Creek. The existing bridges on Wallace Road (Route 1304) and School Lane (Route 1306) are 45 feet long and 9 feet wide. The proposed project includes the construction of two new bridges that will each be 57 feet long and 14 feet wide to accommodate an 11 foot wide roadway. The bridges will be closed during construction, which is estimated to take nine months to complete.

Review the project information at the Tangier Town Office, 4301 Joshua Thomas Lane, Tangier, VA 23440, 757-891-2438, or at the VDOT Accomac Residency, 23096 Courthouse Avenue, Accomac, VA 23301, 757-787-1550. Please call ahead to ensure the availability of appropriate personnel to answer your questions. The environmental document for this project will be a Categorical Exclusion (CE). The CE and the preliminary plans will be available for review at the above locations prior to February 12, 2016.

If your concerns cannot be satisfied, VDOT is willing to hold a design public hearing. You may request that a public hearing be held by sending a written request to Mr. Ricardo Correa, P.E., Project Manager, VDOT, 1992 South Military Highway, Chesapeake, VA 23320 on or prior to February 29, 2016. If a request for a public hearing is received, notice of date, time and place of the hearing will be posted.

In compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 and 36 CFR Part 800, information concerning the potential effects of the proposed project on properties listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places is provided in the environmental documentation. VDOT ensures nondiscrimination and equal employment in all programs and activities in accordance with Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. For more information or special assistance for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency, contact VDOT's Civil Rights Division at 757-925-2500 or TTY/TDD 711.

State Project: 1304-001-610, P101, R201, M501, B623 Federal Project: BROS-001-5(046), BROS-001-5(048) UPC: 98822, 98821



U.S. Route 13 Corridor Safety Study Citizen Information Meeting Tuesday, March 1, 2016, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Eastern Shore Community College 29300 Lankford Highway Melfa, VA 23410

Find out about the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) U.S. Route 13 and Route 175 Corridor Safety Study. The area of interest for this study includes the section of U.S. Route 13 from, the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel to U.S. Route 13 Maryland State Line and Route 175 from U.S. Route 13 to town of Chincoteague.

Review the safety assessment study and strategies for potential corridor alternatives. The focus of the study remains on safety and exploring opportunities to use new technology to enhance safety and operations along the corridor.

Give your written or oral comments at the meeting or submit them by March 10, 2016, to Mr. Jerry Pauley, District Planner, Virginia Department of Transportation 1700 North Main Street Suffolk, VA 23434 or email to Jerry. Pauley@VDOT.Virginia.gov. Please reference "US Route 13 Corridor Safety Study" in the subject line.

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State Project: PE12-965-080, UPC:99571

TOWN OF BLOXOM PUBLIC NOTICE

A Public Hearing for the Town of Bloxom Zoning Board regarding a variance for property located at Tax Map 69A-A-89, 25498 Shoremain Drive, Bloxom, VA is scheduled for Thursday, February 25th, 2016 at 7 PM in the Town Hall located at 26129 Shoremain Drive, Bloxom, VA.

Currently zoned for Manufactured Housing but being requested to change to a Single Family Stick-Build dwelling.

Anyone interested in the above matter should attend the public hearing to express his or her views.

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Plaintiff CIVIL CASE NO. 16-45-00

vs.

The heirs and devisees of JOHN MILTON SIMPSON, JR. JANETTE FAYE CAMPBELL LINDA PAIGE HOBAUGH TOWN OF EXMORE, VIRGINIA

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 Exmore, Northampton County, Virginia, fronting 50 ft. on the road leading from Exmore to Willis Wharf, and designated as parcel no. 010A4-0A-BLK-00-025.

standing in the name of John Milton Simpson, Jr., pursuant to Section 58.1-3967 of the <u>Code of Virginia</u>.

And an affidavit having been filed that due diligence has been used to ascertain the names and location of all the heirs, devisees and successors in title of John Milton Simpson, Jr.; 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 John Milton Simpson, Jr.; that Janette Faye Campbell is a nonresident of the state of Virginia, whose last known post office address is 66 Glasgow Road, Gibsonia, PA 15044; and that Linda Paige Hobaugh is a nonresident of the state of Virginia, whose last known post office address is 214 Cambria Hill Drive, Tarentum, PA 15084.

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 Friday, March 11, 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 9th day of February, 2016 Lauren M. Brown, Dep. Clerk

I ask for this: JAMES W. ELLIOTT, p.q. Attorney at Law P.O. Box 1410 7100 U.S. Route 17 Yorktown, VA 23692 (757)898-7000 VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF ACCOMACK

THE COUNTY OF ACCOMACK, VIRGINIA

Plaintiff CIVIL CASE NO. 16-02

vs.

SARAH W. HARMON SARAH HARMON

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 in Atlantic District, Accomack County, Virginia, fronting 75 ft. on Highway No. 703, and designated as parcel no. 04200A000001000. standing in the name of Sarah W. Harmon, pursuant to Section 58.1-3967 of the <u>Code of Virginia</u>.

And an affidavit having been filed that due diligence has been used to ascertain the location of Sarah Harmon, whose last known post office address is P. O. Box 361, Temperanceville, VA 23442.

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 March 29, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for the County of Accomack, Virginia, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this suit.

ENTER: This 12th day of February, 2016 Nancy-Jo Revell, Deputy Clerk

I ask for this: JAMES W. ELLIOTT, p.q. Attorney at Law P.O. Box 1410 7100 U.S. Route 17 Yorktown, VA 23692 (757)898-7000

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF ACCOMACK

THE COUNTY OF ACCOMACK, VIRGINIA

Plaintiff CIVIL CASE NO. 16000001

vs.

ANNIE S. ALLEN
COLLEEN ALLEN SNEAD, if living
MARGARET COLLINS JONES
FREDDIE KELLAM
The heirs and devisees of
JOHN ALLEN BAYLEY
The heirs and devisees of
JOHN (BUCK) ALLEN
The heirs and devisees of
CHESTER ALLEN
The heirs and devisees of
BERTIE ALLEN
The heirs and devisees of
GARNET ALLEN

RUSSELL SNEAD

Defendants

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

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

All that certain parcel of land, commonly known as Milliner, situate in Lee District, Accomack County, Virginia, containing 15.00 acres, more or less, and designated as tax map number 09400A000002800.

standing in the names of Colleen Allen Snead, Margaret Collins Jones and Freddie Kellam, subject to a life estate reserved for Annie S. Allen, pursuant to Section 58.1-3965 et seq. of the <u>Code of Virginia</u>.

And an affidavit having been filed that due diligence has been used to ascertain the location of Annie S. Allen, Margaret Collins Jones and Freddie Kellam; that the last known post office address of Annie S. Allen is 25390 Logan Run, Accomac, VA 23301; that the last known post office address of Margaret Collins Jones is P.O. Box 1025, Exmore, VA 23350; that the last known post office address of Freddie Kellam is 3376 Pecam Lane, Exmore, VA 23350; that due dilligence has been used to ascertain whether Colleen Allen Snead (also known as Caroline Allen Snead), is living, or if deceased, to ascertain the names and location of all of her heirs, devisees and successors in title; that due diligence has been used to ascertain the names and location of all of the heirs, devisees and successors in title of John Allen Bayley, John (Buck) Allen (also known as John C. Allen), Chester Allen, Bertie Allen (also known as Bertie Allen Minus) and Garnet Allen (also known as Garnett Allen); 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 known post office addresses are unknown, namely, the unknown heirs, devisees and successors in title of Colleen Allen Snead, John Allen Bayley, John (Buck) Allen, Chester Allen, Bertie Allen and Garnet Allen; and that the Defendant, Russell Snead, is a nonresident of the State of Virginia, whose last known post office address is 3099 Levante Drive, Viera, FL 32940.

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 April 5, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for the County of Accomack, Virginia, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this suit.

ENTER: This 9th day of February, 2016 Nancy-Jo Revell, Deputy Clerk

I ask for this: JAMES W. ELLIOTT, p.q. Attorney at Law P.O. Box 1410 7100 U.S. Route 17 Yorktown, VA 23692 (757)898-7000









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It's kinda like having a baby. For months you know it's coming. But you don't do much about it. Then, before you know it, it's due. And so you enter a period of intense labor. Finally, there is the relief of delivery as you help your kid wrangle his tri-fold board and containers of dubious contents through the school doors.

I have experienced the trauma of science fairs from every aspect. I have sweated out projects with my kids. I have served as a judge for public-school fairs. I have helped facilitate science fairs as an administrator.

Invariably, there were a few common themes to deal with.

First — no, there will be no extensions. You have known for months when it was due.

Second — the question of what matters most, the scientific process documented or the glittery lettering and fancy presentation?

And finally - and most agonizing for judges — did the kid really do this himself? Unfortunately, many science fairs turn out to be a competition among parents, not children. That's sad. But what is sadder is the many children who don't have parents either willing or able to help with schoolwork and so are at a disadvantage.

The first science fair in the United States was held in 1928 at the American Museum of Natural History in New York City. It was an effort for urban kids to stay in touch with their environment and most of the projects were of an agricultural nature.

These days, kids — or parents — often pick their project from the thousands one can find by a simple Google search. That search also turns up a few recommendations for projects NOT to try, such as just HOW poisonous are poisonous snakes? Which household products are most flammable? Which tools are sharper: kitchen or garage? DO NOT TRY THESE AT HOME!

Instead, why not try an experiment that can be helpful and maybe even earn you some money? Recently, Mars, Inc., the company that makes M&Ms and other candy, announced it is removing all artificial coloring from its "human food products" (Mars also makes pet food). This is in response to long-lamented concerns of some that synthetic food dyes can be linked to adverse behavior in children. The company says this is going to take a while — and a lot of research. Thus, the opportunity to turn a science fair project into a money maker. Simply find a way to produce safe food coloring from natural substances. Some scientists already working on the problem are focusing on extracting colors from algae.

Now, algae-infused M&Ms sounded a little slimy to me, so I checked out just how this plant life is already being used in food. What I found is that food producers have begun focusing on algae as a source for omega-3 fatty acids, which play a crucial role in brain function and may reduce the risk of heart disease along with a host of other health benefits. Could this mean M&Ms may end up being a health food? Woo hoo!

But I digress. My point here is that science fair season is coming soon. Go buy your tri-fold board and stick on letters. Remember, when there is a hill to climb, waiting won't make it smaller.

Post Office Mail

Staying the Course on Zoning

Dear Editor:

As covered by your seemingly tireless reporter Ron West, during the Feb. 9 Northampton Board of Supervisors meeting, more than 50 yellow-shirt-clad residents showed up to voice support for the 2015 Northampton County Zoning Ordinance.

They apparently bill themselves as the "awakened silent majority," prompting those of us who have dedicated nearly full-time effort over the last 2.5 years on this issue to wonder how anyone can sleep that deeply, especially through a November election that overwhelmingly demanded that the efforts to change our zoning in this county without our involvement (except for our three minutes at the mike) should be soundly rejected.

Don't get me wrong — it was very good to see these folks throw off the covers and come out on a blustery night to express their concerns, exercising the muscle of democracy that we cannot let atrophy by sleeping through its courageous journey. These folks are our friends and neighbors, and although we may differ in ideology, we all want Northampton County to grow and prosper, bringing jobs and economic progress to these great lands.

That said, our friends and neighbors in those vellow shirts seem to be a bit confused over just what the 2015 zoning means to this county, and while their mantra is the need to be more "business friendly," a closer look at

the ordinance which is now in place leads us to believe that we ALL should be working to restore the 2009 zoning ordinance with the amendments proposed that will REALLY help us grow and prosper.

Indeed, the 2015 zoning ordinance, written behind closed doors and in dim public light calls for: rezoning of thousands of acres of prime farmland into residential — without request — from those who own those lands (note that 27 percent of our jobs are related to agriculture, and rezoning of farmland to residential prohibits over 16 farm-based uses on that rezoned land); allowing industrial poultry houses to be located a mere 200 feet from residential property lines if they use an undefined "ammonia scrubber" that may work on a chicken house but does not lessen odors from those stinking and burning manure piles; massive density (number of houses) throughout the county, especially inviting condos and multi-families along our waterfronts; paving over of our permeable soils along Route 13, the only area that recharges our aquifer; encouraging growth AWAY from our towns and town edge where services such as fire, police, sewer, water, and road are readily available (this is called "sprawl"); and eliminating mobile home parks and affordable housing bonuses (and this is called "gentrification").

None of these uncalled-for changes will bring more business to Northampton County or provide needed iobs. To do that, we need to follow the advice in the Competitive Assessment Study, paid for by taxpayers and completed in July, 2014. That independent report charted a course for our economic recovery, finding that to become more "business friendly" we need to: improve and support our students and school system; ensure that we have available emergency and primary health care; improve our sketchy cell phone and broadband service; refrain from building more industrial parks like the failed \$6 million one in Cape Charles; improve infrastructure (sewer, water, electric reliability); and support our core industries and market them as assets such as agriculture, aquaculture, small business, tourism, and eco- and recreational opportunities that are revenue generators and that bring more people into this unique county.

Finally, it found that Northampton County has a large number of vacant houses in its real-estate stock, and that it should refrain from breaking the county up into more postage-stamp parcels that will only serve to further diminish the rural quality of life that is one of our greatest attractants.

Not one of those recommendations suggested we should change our 2009 zoning ordinance to allow full exploitation of our natural resources for private gain.

In short, zoning is not the problem. The problem over the last three years is that we have been distracted by the zoning debate, which the majority of residents never asked for, that has diverted our attention away from the task at hand, which is fixing the real problems that face this county.

Time to get to work and stop this silly circus. Restore the will of the majority as reflected in the base 2009 ordinance, make some changes that we all have been asking for and move on. It's time.

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