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Life Sentence for 2016 Murder of Hospital Employee

By Linda Cicoira

Winston (PeeWee) Leroy Burton had nothing to say Monday just before he was sentenced in Northampton Circuit Court to life in prison for the vicious 2016 death of his former girlfriend outside Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital in Nassawadox.

The term was recommended by a jury but was also mandatory, as Burton, 59, of Cheriton, had been convicted of violent acts several times before. Fifteen years of a previous sentence was added because Burton violated probation when he stabbed Shelli Crockett, 42, of Keller, 46 times.

Testimony at his trial in July disclosed he waited in the hospital parking lot for his victim to arrive for work. He wore surgical sleeves to protect himself and repeatedly struck her with a cheap knife before she even got out of her car.

Burton pleaded not guilty and plans to appeal the verdict. Defense lawyer Carl Bundick asked for another attorney, one with more experience in handling such tasks, to file the appeal. Bundick said the defendant "conducted himself as a gentleman through this entire process." Judge W. Revell Lewis relieved Bundick of representing Burton and said he would find a suitable replacement.

Commonwealth's Attorney Bruce Jones called it the most brutal case he's had to deal with in 40 years "with no sign of remorse. The word monster comes to my mind for what its worth," Jones said.

"Burton expressed to me his sorrow



Photo by Jay Diem

A Beacon in the Night Over Cotton Fields of White

The Cape Charles water tower, built to resemble the Cape Charles lighthouse, overlooks a field of cotton waiting to be harvested. Special Cape Charles seasonal pages begin on Page 30.

to the family and to the community," Bundick told the court. When Burton was asked by Lewis if he wanted to speak, he simply said, "No, sir."

"The psychological effect of the crime committed on my daughter was devastating" to the family, Crockett's mother wrote in a victim assessment. "Stress is an understatement. Heartbreak is by far the greatest hurt. Just trying to get through the days was and still is, at times, a struggle ... There are no words to describe the hatred we feel towards Winston. The only punishment greater than what the jury found him guilty of would have been the death penalty and

that would have pleased us," she wrote.

"When someone deliberately takes a life, they should lose their life," she continued. "He does not deserve to live. Hopefully, his remaining years of life in prison will be a reminder of what hell is going to be like," she added.

"When Shelli was murdered, it devastated our family and has left a big void in our lives," the mother also wrote. "We grieve for her and miss her so much every day. We miss her calling on the phone or texting her sister and making us laugh and seeing her smile ... As for Winston, he should have to be made

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Northampton Board Chairman Criticizes Broadband Roll-Out

By Stefanie Jackson

Hours before the Eastern Shore of Virginia Broadband Authority celebrated the future opening of seven new service areas, giving hundreds more Shore residents high-speed internet access, Northampton supervisors were questioning the authority's decision.

ESVBA Executive Director Robert Bridgham met with supervisors in July to discuss a strategic plan being drafted by consulting firm Columbia Telecommunications Corporation. The plan was originally due July 15, but CTC requested an additional 90 days to complete it.

By Northampton supervisors' Nov. 21 meeting, they were still not aware if the plan had been completed. County Administrator Charles Kolakowski confirmed the \$50,000 had not yet been paid for CTC's work on the strategic plan. Supervisor Robert Duer surmised that ESVBA had decided to build out its broadband network without listening to CTC's report. Chairman Spencer Murray said he wanted information on the draft strategic plan, and would submit a FOIA request if necessary. ESVBA is 100 per-

cent funded by local taxpayers. "We forget that sometimes," Murray said.

The authority's five-member board of directors includes Accomack and Northampton county administrators Mike Mason and Kolakowski, respectively, plus three private citizens. The three citizen terms expired June 30. Murray wrote a letter to Accomack supervisors in September about changing by-laws that permit ESVBA board members to serve indefinitely until both counties agree on their replacements, allowing these "multi-million dollar" decision makers what Murray termed "lifetime appointments, if they want."

"I will tell you this: Northampton citizens will get broadband expansion, hopefully in my lifetime, and in a sustainable, affordable way," Murray said. "We have had broadband on the Shore for 10 years ... The broadband authority, in its 'fiber-to-the-home' project ... (is) directly competing with the private sector. ... They're not chartered to be the last mile, they're chartered to be the backbone, the middle mile. ... I have grave concerns that the independent ... sector ... will get fed

up and not invest on the Eastern Shore anymore, particularly in Northampton County, and leave. When that happens ... you don't have but one strategy ... to borrow a bunch of money and run it out down every highway that there is, and I think that's a loser, all the way around."

"You cannot do economic development anywhere without high speed," continued Murray. "We're losing people right now who want to come to this county, because they cannot get high speed ... Northampton County has to move forward."

Supervisors held a public hearing about leasing space on a water tower in Eastville to NextEdge Networks LLC. The Delaware-based company wants to deploy a communications facility comprised of sensors and related communications equipment.

NextEdge Director of Operations Chuck Bongiovanni said more than 200 of these facilities are being deployed along U.S. coastlines to maintain the security of the Department of Defense's offshore operations communications, and the Eastville location provides a clear vision of the ocean.

Declaration Networks Group,

branded as NeuBeam, uses the Eastville water tower and believes a new communications facility would interfere with DNG's frequencies, a letter from CEO Bob Nichols disclosed.

Bongiovanni disagreed. There would be "sufficient separation so that we're not interfering with them," and the facility would receive radio signals but have no transmit capability.

Jason Parks, NeuBeam's service manager, said if the facility is receiving signals, there are radios somewhere transmitting, so "there does need to be some kind of agreement on frequencies."

Murray was concerned with the language in NextEdge's proposed lease agreement, which suggested that if the communications facility did interfere with NeuBeam's operations, customers could be left without service for 48 hours or longer, and the county would have little recourse.

Supervisor Granville Hogg proposed NextEdge find another water tower nearby suitable for its facility.

The matter was tabled until further review by supervisors and the county attorney.



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Hungars Episcopal To Host 'Messiah'

Submitted Article

The Hungars Church Music Ministry presents a community sing-along of the musical composition "Messiah," by George Frideric Handel on Sunday, Dec. 3, at 4 p.m.

Gustavo Andres will conduct, with lead roles being sung by talented performers from the Eastern Shore and Tidewater. Organist Thomas Guthrie will accompany.

Messiah sing-alongs have become a valued Christmas tradition throughout the

country. Performances allow audiences to be part of the magic of this time-revered musical work. While soloists perform the major parts, the audience joins in the role of the chorus. Scores may be purchased online for a nominal fee, and several will be available for loan at the event.

Soloists include Anna Sterrett, soprano, and Lou Negretti, bass. Anna Sterrett is a professional singer/actress who is well known for her uniquely warm timbre, fearless coloratura and charismatic stage presence. She is equally at home in operatic roles and on the concert stage. She is joined by Lou Negretti, who, after a short professional career, has sung primarily church music. He earned a bachelor's degree in musical performance at Columbia Union College and later studied vocal performance at Peabody Conservatory.

Hungars Episcopal Church is located at 10107 Bayside Rd., Machipongo. All concerts are free to the public, with a freewill offering. A reception will follow.

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Construction Truck Tip-Up Takes Out Power Line

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Interim Eastern Shore Community College President Appointed

By Linda Cicaira

While a six-month search to find a new Eastern Shore Community College (ESCC) president continues, an interim for the job was appointed Wednesday, Chancellor Glenn DuBois of the community college system announced.

Billy Greer, who retired as president of Virginia Wesleyan College in 2015 after 22 years, will fill the post beginning Jan. 22. Linda Thomas-Glover, who has served in the capacity since 2009, recently announced her retirement. Greer also served as president of both Brevard College in North Carolina and Andrew College in Georgia.

"Billy Greer has the experience and community familiarity to help us as the interim president," said DuBois. "We have every reason to believe that Dr. Greer will maintain the standard of leadership to which the college has grown accustomed as we conduct a national search to find ESCC's next permanent president."

Greer was a visiting scholar at the

Princeton Theological Seminary and served on the Board of Directors of the National Association of Schools and Colleges and on the Commission on Campus Concerns of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities. He holds a doctorate from Georgia State University, a

doctorate from Emory University, a master's degree from Drew University, and a bachelor's degree from Valdosta State University.

"This is a terrific opportunity, and I'm excited to have it," said Greer. "My family and I have long loved the Eastern Shore. It's a special place for us and

I view this as a chance to give something back to the Shore. Dr. Thomas-Glover has been a tremendous leader for the college, and we're going to miss her greatly. It's a privilege to have the chance to follow behind her and keep the college moving in the right direction," he added.

Star Transit Sees Record Ridership in 2017 Fiscal Year

Submitted Article

STAR Transit has announced its fiscal year 2017 ridership count as 93,787. The agency's fiscal year runs Oct 1 through Sept. 30. This new record is an increase of 6,278 rides provided, or 7 percent over fiscal year 2016. The yellow route, which serves the southern portion of Northampton County showed the greatest growth rate at 43 percent; a 2,498 increase in ridership over the prior year.

Commissioned in fiscal year 1997, STAR Transit is the public transportation program of the Accomack-Northampton Transportation District Commission, and through the management of Virginia Regional Transit, it provides safe, reliable and cost-efficient general public transportation services to residents of the Eastern Shore. During the first few months of operation, ridership was approximately 300 per month. Today, ridership averages 7,800

per month over seven routes that span from Cape Charles to Chincoteague.

When asked to what he attributed the success of the STAR Transit system, Virginia Regional Transit CEO Bruce Simms explained that "listening to and working with the residents of the Eastern Shore to develop a reliable and dependable route schedule was key. This along with identifying bus stops based on customer needs has lead to monthly ridership increases."

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BROADBAND EXPANDING TO SEVEN NEW AREAS

Story and Photo by Stefanie Jackson

Approaching a decade since the Eastern Shore of Virginia Broadband Authority was established, ESVBA announced its expansion to seven new service areas, which will bring the number of Shore citizens with broadband internet access to almost 25 percent.

ESVBA board of directors Chairman Elaine Meil made the announcement Nov. 22 during a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the authority's main office in Exmore, attended by Sen. Lynwood Lewis and Del. Robert Bloxom.

The Eastern Shore's broadband backbone will be extended by more than 80 miles, affecting hundreds of people who will be able to "work from home, learn remotely" and gain "access to entertainment and resources globally," Meil said.

Once the expansion is complete, 19 percent of Accomack citizens and 35 percent in Northampton will be able to access the secure, fiber optic broadband network.

The seven new locations include four Accomack County areas: Accomack, including parts of Tasley, Greenbush, Daughtery, and Mary N. Smith Road; Sanford, including most of Saxis Road from Lankford Highway to the village of Sanford; Atlantic, north to Fleming Road; and Greenbackville.

Fiber optic internet will be offered in three more areas of Northampton County: Cheapside, including Capeville Road and parts of Sand Hill Road; Townsend and Latimer Siding; and Cobbs Station Road.

The seven new service areas were approved to be opened through June 2018, with ESVBA reserving the right to re-prioritize at any time "to best meet the need of the Eastern Shore," the announcement stated.

Once additional funding is approved, ESVBA will open 15 more service areas within the following locations: Watts-ville, Horntown, Hallwood, Nelsonia, Oak Hall, New Church, Quinby, Eastville, Nassawadox, Oyster, Belle Haven, Cheriton, Wachapreague, Onancock, Cape Charles, Parksley, and Nocks Landing.

ESVBA's existing fiber optic broadband network in Accomack County encompasses Harborton, including Taylor Creek Road; Bobtown Road in Pungoteague to the intersection at Hollies Church Road; and Beacon Road from Hollies Church to the Accomack animal control facility.

In Northampton County, "fiber to the home" is available on Church Neck Road, beginning in Machipongo.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony was the culmination of ESVBA's efforts over the past nine years to create "a world class technology network that is dependable enough to serve NASA, fast enough to carry the dreams of emerging entrepreneurs, and affordable enough to bring fiber optic service directly to front doors across our varied communities," Meil said.

ESVBA's decision to expand was driven by public demand, which the authority heard at two town hall meetings held in July at Eastern Shore Community College.

"While the initial focus was serving government, businesses, and healthcare facilities across the Shore, our individual citizens have also been asking for direct connectivity," Meil explained.

"We understand that household connectivity also drives economic activity and we are now taking necessary and decisive action to keep our citizens connected today and our future generations competitive tomorrow."



Members of the Eastern Shore Broadband Authority join Del. Rob Bloxom and Sen. Lynwood Lewis (second and third from left) for a ribbon cutting on extended broadband services.

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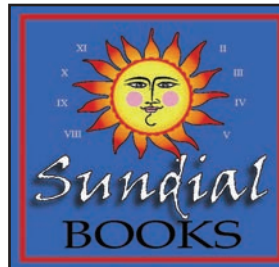
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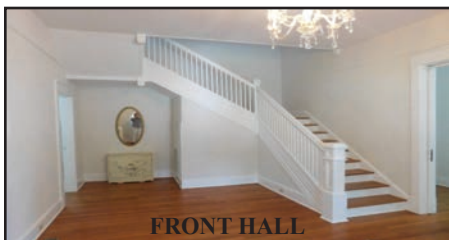
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Court Postings

By Linda Cicaira

Two Arrested for Breaking Into Horsey Home

Two men — one from Pocomoke, Md. and one from Melfa — were arrested Wednesday and accused with breaking into a Horsey home and related charges, according to Accomack Sheriff Todd Godwin.

The incident was reported at about 11:10 a.m. that day. Lachelle Collick, 39, of Pocomoke, was charged with conspiracy to commit burglary and grand larceny. Martinis Drummond, 37, of Melfa, was charged with burglary, grand larceny, possession of burglary tools and possession of marijuana. Collick was released from Accomack Jail on a \$2,500 secured bond. Bond was denied for Drummond.

The Accomack County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) was assisted by the Eastern Shore Drug Task Force and the Parksley Police Department.

Anyone with information about this or any other crime is asked to contact the ACSO at 757-787-1131 or 757-824-5666. Tips may also be submitted through the sheriff's website at accomackcountysheriffsoffice.org

Accomack Women Accused of Embezzlement

Two Accomack women were accused of embezzling from their employers, according to records filed this week in the county general district court.

Shaniqua Kiara Holland, 25, of John Cane Road in Parksley, was charged with taking merchandise from Food Lion between June 4 and 30, 2016. She was arrested Nov. 24, 2017. Unsecured bail was set at \$2,500. The stolen goods were valued at more than \$200. Investigator C.A. McPherson of the Accomack County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) investigated.

Johanna Aigner Hamilton, 43, of Texacotown Road in Melfa, was charged with embezzling money belonging to Harris Propane on Oct. 26, 2017. She was arrested Nov. 15, 2017. Deputy Kenny Reese of ACSO

investigated.

In another case, Dorian Antione Noncent, 18, of Matthews Street in Mappsville, was charged with using a firearm in a threatening manner and maliciously shooting at an occupied vehicle on Nov. 21, 2017. He was arrested the next day and is being held in Accomack County Jail without bail. Deputy J. Rose of ACSO investigated.

Aleakie Treontae Tazewell, 18, of Brown Avenue in Exmore, was charged with breaking into the home of Tammy Rood while it was occupied, a felony, and misdemeanor destruction of property on Oct. 16, 2017. He is being held without bond in Accomack Jail. Deputy G. V. Gemiani of ACSO investigated.

Joseph (Joe) Simpkins, 63, of Joynes Neck Road in Accomack, is accused of stealing property valued at \$200 or more that belonged to Shirlene Shrieves. Officer Tom Hedge of Onancock Police Department investigated. Unsecured bail was set at \$1,000.

Man Sentenced in Vicious Northampton Beating

A Cape Charles man was sentenced Monday in Northampton Circuit Court to four years in prison for beating another resident in the face with a baseball bat.

All but 10 months of the term was suspended for Antonio Ortiz-Alverado, who used a Spanish interpreter to communicate with the court. Probation was ordered for two years.

Ortiz-Alverado asked for leniency because he needs to work to help his mother who lives in Puerto Rico and

has been without electricity and water since a hurricane hit the island. The defendant has been in the Eastern Shore Regional Jail since the incident occurred in July.

"I'm very sorry for this bad decision," he told Judge W. Revell Lewis III. "I ask for forgiveness so I can be released and be a better person." The defendant's boss also asked for Ortiz-Alverado to be released because he is needed on the job.

The man pleaded not guilty. Defense lawyer Sherri Mapp said he realizes he should have gone back to his house and called the police. "It did take place at his home," she added.

In other cases, Brandon Tankard, 31, of Church Road in Nassawadox, was sentenced to five years with all but a year suspended for breaking into a home on Bayside Road in Machipongo in 2016. He was given five years each for 11 counts of uttering, to run concurrently, with all but a year suspended. The uttering and burglary sentences are to run consecutively for a total of two years to serve. Tankard will be on probation for three years upon release.

Keymal Jamar Custis, 22, of Cape

Charles, was sentenced to five years with all but eight months suspended for possession with intent to distribute cocaine in 2016. He was also ordered to be on supervised probation for three years.

Kristie Lynn Clavier, 45, of Bailey's Lane in Cape Charles, pleaded guilty to possession with intent to distribute oxycodone on Oct. 6, 2016.

Joshua Lamar Smith, 27, of George's Lane in Cape Charles, pleaded guilty to two counts of possession with intent to distribute imitation cocaine on Sept. 14, 2016, and two counts of uttering on April 7 and 12, 2017.

Charles H. Custis, 23, of Banks Road in Cape Charles, pleaded guilty to possession with intent to distribute oxycodone on Nov. 28, 2016.

Andrew Cornell Johnson, 40, of Ochannahock Neck Road in Exmore, pleaded guilty to possession with intent to distribute cocaine on Oct. 19, 2016.

Aaquil Stevens, 27, of Cape Charles, pleaded guilty to uttering in connection with an April 7, 2017, incident.

Presentence reports were ordered for Clavier, Smith, Custis, Johnson and Stevens.

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OBITUARIES

Edgar B. Bradley

Mr. Edgar B. Bradley, 88, beloved husband of Sylvia P. Bradley and a resident of Wachapreague, passed away Monday, Nov. 27, 2017, at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital in Onancock.

Born Jan. 3, 1929, in Harborton, he was a son of the late Ira S. Bradley and Bettie Turner Bradley. Following his service in the U.S. Army, Mr. Bradley began his career with the former C&P Telephone Company, and later with AT&T, working as a systems technician for 30 years. Over the next decade, he was employed by Computer Sciences Corporation (CSC) and Lucent Technologies, retiring after 40 years in communication services. Mr. Bradley was a devoted member of Ocean View United Methodist Church and a loving husband and father.

In addition to his wife of 64 years, he is survived by two sons, Todd M. Bradley and wife, Sandra, of Wye Mills, Md., and Keith P. Bradley, of Parsonsburg, Md.; two granddaugh-

ters, Hannah E. and Sarah K. Bradley; and several nieces and nephews. Other than his parents, he was predeceased by his sister, Pauline B. Doughty, and brothers, Marvin T. and Milford C. Bradley.

Funeral services were conducted from the chapel of the Williams-Onancock Funeral Home on Thursday, Nov. 30, 2017, with Rev. Sallye Bowen officiating. Interment was in the Wachapreague Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Arc Eastern Shore, P.O. Box 626, Exmore, VA 23350, or to Agape Christian Children's Community, c/o Mrs. Barbara S. Mason, Treasurer, P.O. Box 704, Chincoteague, VA 23336.

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

Arrangements were made by the Williams-Onancock Funeral Home.

Harry Willis Carey

Mr. Harry Willis Carey, 82, passed away Friday, Nov. 24, 2017, at Heritage Hall Nursing Home in Nassawadox. His parents were the late John Willard Carey and the late Dor-

othy Elizabeth Willis Carey. He retired from the U.S. Navy as a Senior Chief Petty Officer with 21 years service. He subsequently retired from the Fleet Intelligence Center with 15 years service. He and Peg then moved to the Eastern Shore where they became "stay heres."

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Margaret "Peg" Carey, one son, Harry W. Carey Jr. (Diane), of Chesapeake; two daughters, Beth Lee Rippe (Robert), of Chesapeake, and Jayna Council (Billy), of Bradyville, Tenn., five grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at Epworth United Methodist Church in Exmore on Tuesday, Nov. 28, 2017, with the Rev. Mikang Kim officiating.

Memorial donations may be made to Epworth United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 488, Exmore, VA 23350.

Family and friends may sign the guest book at www.hollandfuneralhome.net

Arrangements were made by Holland Funeral Home in Nassawadox.

Janice Nottingham Holland

Mrs. Janice Nottingham Holland, 92, passed away Sunday, Nov. 26, 2017, at the Hermitage on the Eastern Shore in Onancock. Her parents were the late Thomas Herbert Powell and the late Virginia Nottingham Powell.

Mrs. Holland is survived by one daughter, Ginna Holland Cochran and her husband, Bob, of Manakin Sabot, Va.; two granddaughters, Ashleigh Elizabeth Cochran and Margaret Cochran Conner and her husband, Matthew; and one great-granddaughter, Loring Avery Conner. She was predeceased by her husband, Thomas Alvin "T.A." Holland Jr.

Funeral services will be held at Franktown United Methodist Church in Franktown on Friday, Dec. 1, 2017, at noon with Rev. Judy Worthington officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Franktown United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 130, Franktown, VA 23350 or to Riverside Shore Hospice, P.O. Box 615, Onley, VA 23418.

Family and friends may sign the guest book at www.hollandfuneralhome.net

Arrangements were made by Holland Funeral Home in Nassawadox.

Sandra Custis Millward

Mrs. Sandra Custis Millward, 55, wife of David Edward Millward and a resident of Painter, passed away at her home, surrounded by loving family, on Saturday, Nov. 25, 2017.

Born Dec. 24, 1961, in Nassawadox, Mrs. Millward was a daughter of June Bonniwell Custis, of Craddock-



Mrs. Millward

ville, and the late Thomas Allen Custis. She was a graduate of Broadwater Academy and received a Bachelor of Science from Old Dominion University. While at ODU, she met her future husband, who was immediately drawn to her beautiful eyes, among other endearing traits. Mrs. Millward was a lifelong member of Craddockville United Methodist Church.

She was a 30-year educator, most recently teaching first grade at Occohannock Elementary School. Mrs. Millward was a dedicated school teacher, having great care and compassion for all her students throughout the years. She was involved in helping with the PTA whenever possible and was often at school working, long after her students were dismissed, and often on weekends.

Mrs. Millward was very active in her daughter, Ali's, extracurricular activities, often shuttling Ali and friends to many sporting and school activities in "the bus" (her Nissan Armada). Times with her family, students and co-workers were treasured throughout her life. Another great love was the beach, the fresh salt air, and the serenity they brought her whenever possible.

In addition to her loving husband and mother, survivors include her daughter, Alison Custis Millward and her boyfriend, Austin Sichling, of Virginia Beach; two sisters, Cindy Custis Slate and her husband, Sam, of Midlothian, and Tammy Custis Batkins and her husband, David, of Culpeper; three brothers-in-law, Fred, Bill and Mike Millward; and several nieces and nephews. In addition to her father, she was predeceased by her parents-in-law, Nancy Ann and William Newton Millward Jr.

A funeral service to celebrate Mrs. Millward's life will be conducted at the Craddockville United Methodist Church on Saturday, Dec. 2, 2017, at 11

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Memory tributes may be shared at www.williamsfuneralhomes.com

Arrangements were made by the Williams-Onancock Funeral Home.

Geraldine Pruitt

Mrs. Geraldine Pruitt, 87, a lifelong resident of Tangier Island, passed away on Friday, Nov. 24, 2017, at her home.

Born Feb. 26, 1930, on Tangier Island, she was the daughter of the late Ray and Irene Crockett.

She was a member of Swain Memorial United Methodist Church, and was most well known for her love of her family, her giving heart and most importantly, her love for her Lord and Savior.

Mrs. Pruitt, known as "Jerry," was a loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother and loved having her family in her home. Her grandchildren and their close friends lovingly referred to her as "Nan."

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Pruitt was predeceased by her husband of 42 years, Charlie A. Pruitt, and a sister, Betty Jane McMann.

She is survived by her son, Chuck Pruitt and wife, Robin; two daughters, Kathy Pruitt and husband, Lee, and Laura Landon and husband, Shawn; four grandchildren, Teri Lee Williams, Jaclyn Allman, Mindy Wallace, and Bobby Shores; three great-grandchildren, Mia Williams, Brooklyn Allman, and Aubree Wallace; a sister, Norma Ray Dize and husband, Pres; along with many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Funeral services were conducted on Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2017, at Swain Memorial United Methodist Church on Tangier Island with Rev. John Flood and Elder Duane Crockett officiating. Interment will be at the family cemetery on Tangier Island.

Arrangements are in the care of Bradshaw & Sons Funeral Home in Crisfield. To send condolences, please visit www.bradshawandsonsfuneralhome.com

James Michael Shuty

Mr. James "Jim" Michael Shuty Sr., 75, passed away peacefully, Saturday, Nov. 11, with his loving wife by his

side in their Farrell, Penn., residence.

Mr. Shuty was born in Sewickley, Penn., on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 27, 1941, the youngest son of Anna Kropf Shuty and Andrew E. Shuty. He grew up in McKees Rocks, Penn., and graduated from North Allegheny High School. He attended the University of South Dakota on a baseball scholarship and received a Bachelor of Science degree from Geneva College in Beaver Falls, Penn.



Mr. Shuty

Mr. Shuty was the owner-operator of two surveying companies: Shuty Surveyors and Associates in Allegheny County, and Northern Surveyors, Butler County, Penn. Shuty Surveyors' numerous projects included bridges, interstate highway construction, UPMC hospitals, power plants, Greater Pittsburgh Airport construction, and the coal industry in Pennsylvania, Ohio, and West Virginia. However, the main thrust of his company was subdivision and land development.

While Mr. Shuty lived in Slippery Rock, Penn., he devoted his time to the baseball programs as coach and manager, and he was on the board of directors of the mini-midget football program. He always enjoyed Pittsburgh professional sports teams. His passion, next to his wife, Janice, was the outdoors - hunting, fishing, admiring wildflowers and identifying wildlife. He had lived on Virginia's Eastern Shore with Janice for the last 15 years where he continued his pursuit of hunting and fishing. He was quite successful in flounder fishing, winning numerous tournaments, and at the age of 72, got the largest deer of his 60-year hunting career. He loved the Eastern Shore, calling the people the friendliest he had ever met. In Mr. Shuty's words - he had a great life.

Besides his parents, preceding him in death were his first wife, the former Eleanor Tilp, and his brothers Richard and Ed. Left to cherish his memory are his wife, the former Janice Bindas Morgenstern, and the children and grandchildren they shared: James, Katie, Ben and Clarissa Shuty; Jeff and Kara Shuty, all of Slippery Rock; Jason, Lind-

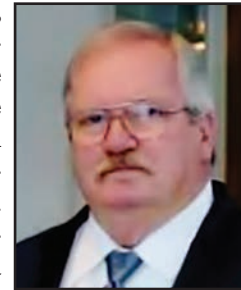
sey and Eleanor Shuty, of Columbia, S.C.; Jason, Beth and Sadie Morgenstern, of Camp Hill, Penn.; and Chris, Christy, Rachel and Ryder Morgenstern, of Dillsburg, Penn. Mr. Shuty was well loved and will be greatly missed.

Calling hours are 11 a.m. until noon, Saturday, Dec. 9, 2017, at Little Italy Restaurant, Nassawadox. A Celebration of Life service will follow at noon, at the restaurant, led by Pastor Tommy Kellam. Memorial contributions may be given to the American Diabetes Association (www.diabetes.org)

William East Stokes

Mr. William East "Billy" Stokes, 67, resident of Accomac, passed away Saturday, Nov. 25, 2017, with his loving children by his side.

Born May 15, 1950, in Nassawadox, he was a son of the late Joel Steven Stokes and Betty East Stokes. Mr. Stokes retired from Helena Chemical Co., where he was a truck driver for more than 20 years. He was a devoted member of Clark Presbyterian Church and a dedicated father and grandfather.



Mr. Stokes

Survivors include his daughter, Lindsay Stokes Drummond and husband, Daniel; son, William Richard Stokes, all of Accomac; four brothers, Steve Stokes and wife, Felicity, of Accomac, Harrell Stokes and wife, Ellen, of Poquoson, Burnie Stokes and wife, Susan, of Sharptown, Md., and A.J. Stokes and fiancée, April, of Parksley; four grandchildren, Gabriella, Tyler, Conner, and Kaiden; several nieces and nephews; and the mother of his children and dear friend, Joan Carrow.

A memorial service will be conducted from the chapel of the Williams-Parksley Funeral Home on Saturday, Dec. 2, 2017, at 11 a.m., with Rev. Thomas Kellam officiating. Private interment will follow in the Edgehill Cemetery. The family will receive friends at the funeral home one hour prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Accomack County Sheriff's Office Toy Drive at

ACSO, c/o Toy Drive, P.O. Box 149, Accomac, VA 23301.

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

Arrangements were made by the Williams-Parksley Funeral Home.

Ruth H. White

Mrs. Ruth H. White, 83, of Saxis, wife of the late James Hampton White, passed away Nov. 21, 2017, at Riverside Shore Rehabilitation Center in Parksley.

Born on Jan. 30, 1934, she was the daughter of the late John Lee Hopkins and Bessie Gunter Hopkins. She was member of Saxis United Methodist Church and loved spending time with her grandchildren.

Mrs. White is survived by two daughters; Cynthia Ellis, of Hallwood, and Patricia Martin, of Saxis; a sister, Faye Hopkins; a brother, John L. Hopkins; five grandchildren, Stacey Odell and husband, Brian, of Atlantic, Brittney Martin and Charlie, of Greenbush, Jamie Martin and husband, Nick, of Saxis, Adam Ellis, of Saxis, and Matthew Ellis and wife, Crystal, of Salisbury; and one great-grandchild, Zachary Ellis, of Salisbury.

Other than her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Deborah Ellis, and a son-in-law, Craig Martin.

A graveside service was held on Saturday, Nov. 25, 2017, from the Ellis Cemetery in Saxis with Rev. William Jefferson officiating.

Arrangements were made by the Thornton Funeral Home in Parksley.

To sign the guest book online, visit www.thorntonfuneralhome.net

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Nostalgic for Holiday Yard Display, Family Re-Creates It for a New Generation

By Linda Cicoira

Two sisters got a long-lost treat from their childhood recently, just in time for a perfect Christmas story. So we're kicking off the season with this feel good tale.

Mary Doughty, now of Willis Wharf, was 6 years old, and Rita Higbee, now of the Painter, was 3, when they posed together 63 years ago in front of their then Belle Haven home during the Christmas season of 1954.

The pair was surrounded by an old Coca Cola Santa, his eight reindeer and a sleigh made from a pattern their father, Lawrence Mears, a local sheet metal worker, used to construct the ensemble.

The girls were thrilled with it for six years and their Dad kept it up past the holidays, to their delight. "We felt the world of it because our Dad made it," the older sister said.

"It was always there for us every Christmas," Mary added. "And we just loved and adored it. That was the first Santa Claus we ever saw. We just thought it was the greatest thing in the world."

Then their parents divorced. Santa went with Dad and the girls went with Mom. Both remarried. "And we never saw that (Santa) again," Mary said. They went to live at Craddockville Neck. The Christmas figures weren't there.

Rita said she didn't think about the lawn decoration again for years.

In 1970, Mears died. Mary was 21. Her husband, Warren Scanlan Jr., was also killed in Vietnam that year. Rita had just gotten married to Ira Higbee, who is now her husband of 47 years.

"I had other things on my mind," Mary said. "We didn't think anything about" those

reindeer or their commander, she added. Rita agreed.

Then eight years ago, Rita called their stepmother to inquire. "If you would ever consider selling it or giving it away," Rita said, she wanted it. Another couple of years passed and the woman called to say, "Come get it. It's yours."

And so Rita and Ira did just that. Only, "Old Santa Claus, he's in pretty bad shape," Ira said. The fig-

ures were kept in a barn. "I thought it was painted," Rita said. "I saw it peeling. It was a paper pattern glued to it. The plywood behind it was coming apart like the rain had gotten into it," she said.

Of course more than a few decades had passed since the barn had become Santa's home. The couple wanted to reconstruct the scene. "Every year I would say we're going to do this," Rita said.

She added it to the top of her bucket list and before she retired she started an online search. "Somebody has got to have the pattern."

She looked for about two months. Finally, a picture came up of a California man with a parallel story. He bought the patent after also looking for the pattern so he could repair or rebuild. He was charging \$100. Included was Mrs. Claus and a cat.

The Higbees bought it and they and their two grandchildren, Wayland Cowling, 8, and Rhiella Cowling, 5, of Craddockville, spent months working on the project.

"They cut and cut and cut and cut and cut." Mary said. "Santa Claus is almost six feet tall. It's a hand me downer too," said Mary, as Rita and Ira plan on giving it to their grandchildren someday to display at their future homes.

The rest of the family is just learning about the Christmas surprise in this story. Ira was in charge of not only leading the crew in construction but setting it up, which he said took an entire day. Others can drive down Pennyville Road near Painter to see it covered with lights galore.

Merry Christmas!



Photos Courtesy of Rita Higbee

Above: Mary Doughty and Rita Higbee with the reindeer from the Christmas set that stood in their yard in Belle Haven in 1954. Building a new set was a family affair, with Rita (left), her husband, Ira, and their grandchildren Wayland (age 8) and Rhiella Cowling (age 5) pitching in.





Photos above and right by Linda Cicoira

Above, sisters Mary Doughty and Rita Higbee with the final product: a replica of the Santa, Santa's sleigh, and eight reindeer display they remembered from their childhood — plus Mrs. Claus and Kitty Claws.

Right, a night view of the fully-lit display.



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to contribute whatever resources he may benefit from the state as a fund for” Crockett’s daughter, the mother suggested.

That request was not discussed at the sentencing.

Crockett’s screams were heard by a co-worker who was also arriving at the facility on the day the murder occurred.

Amanda Butler testified in court as a witness to the murder. “He pulled her out of the car. He had her in the headlock ... I got close enough to see blood splatter. He was dragging her over by the dumpsters ... her face was up against the fence. He was repeatedly stabbing her. I could see the wounds and there was blood everywhere ... I was five or six inches from the back of his head. I screamed for him to get off of her. Anything to get him to

stop ... finally, he stood up.”
 “F**k it. Call the cops,” she recounted hearing him say. “I watched him walk away far enough so he would not come back at me,” she continued. She then tried to comfort her friend.

Another worker saw the disturbance and went to get help. When he returned with reinforcements, he saw Burton driving away. Earlier, he asked Burton to move his car because it was parked in an illegal spot. He said the defendant was cordial and drove away from the hospital.

In addition to the eye-witnesses who identified Burton. Five others, including his daughter, said he confessed his guilt to them within minutes of the killing. And there was a slew of scientific evidence to back up his guilt.

Free Showing of ‘White Christmas’

Roseland Cinema and Entertainment Center, Tyson Foods and Roseland Theater are jointly sponsoring a free screening of Irving Berlin’s holiday classic, “White Christmas,” on Thursday, Dec. 7, at 7 p.m. at the Roseland Theatre in Onancock. Admission is free and includes candy canes and a

popcorn/soda combo for moviegoers.
 The movie kicks off a holiday weekend in Onancock, which includes the holiday homes tour, Santa’s arrival at the town wharf by boat, the North Street Playhouse production of “The Best Christmas Pageant Ever,” and the Cokesbury Christmas Music Festival.



Photo by Linda Cicaira

A ‘Misty-cal’ Christmas

Chincoteague’s Christmas Parade, “A Misty-cal Christmas,” will be held Saturday, Dec. 2. The theme marks the 70th anniversary of Marguerite Henry’s classic children’s novel, “Misty of Chincoteague.” The Chincoteague homes tour is also Saturday from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. The photo above is from the 2014 parade.


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'A Beggar's Christmas' To Premiere Dec. 9 at the Palace Theater

By Wayne Creed

Special to the Eastern Shore Post

"A Beggar's Christmas," an original play set in Victorian England, will premiere Dec. 9 and 10 at Arts Enter and the Palace Theatre. The story follows the plight of siblings Jacob and Violet, forced into a life of begging on the street, but who hope to someday come to America. It also features Martina, a firebrand leader of street beggars, and their nemesis, Ebenezer Scrooge.

"In A Christmas Carol, there are references in the text and dialog to Union workhouses and prisons, and the people that Scrooge says belong there," said co-director Wayne Creed. "This story is from the perspective of the folks trying to avoid Scrooge and the workhouses."

"One thing we always try and do is remain as accurate to the period as we can. Wayne does that with the script, but our costume mistress Katherine Reid works overtime trying to get the costumes as accurate as she can," said co-director and choreographer Amy Watkins.

"A Beggar's Christmas" is a joint

production between the Arts Enter School of Dance and Arts Enter School of Dramatic Arts.

"I think this is the third time Wayne and I have done a show around "A Christmas Carol" theme," Watkins said.

"The story is already so rich," said Creed. "By integrating dance and vocal elements, it makes the production that much richer. Amy has done such a great job with the interpretation and choreography, the process of taking the idea, the narrative, and representing it in physical space is so inspiring ... and fun."

Ronnie Guinan and Luke Conrow star as Violet and Jacob, Grace Baker as Martina, and Palace favorite David Head as the miser Ebenezer Scrooge.

"The cast has been great to work with," Watkins said. "This was a very quick turnaround, for the actors, singers and dancers. Wayne and I were impressed and thankful for the hard work and dedication."

"A Beggar's Christmas" will be performed at the Palace Theatre in Cape Charles. Show times are Saturday, Dec. 9, at 7 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 10, at 3 p.m.



Photo by Phillip Spohn

Daniela Siegrist (left), Caelan Baker, and Wren Hadden rehearse a scene from "A Beggar's Christmas."

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Eastern Shore of Virginia Community Foundation Announces Grant Recipients

Submitted Article and Photos

Eastern Shore of Virginia Community Foundation Executive Director Julie Badger recently announced fall 2017 grant recipients.

Three grants were awarded by the foundation's board of directors to local agencies. The grant to the Community Fire Company of Exmore funded the replacement of several self-contained

breathing apparatuses. The Eastern Shore YMCA grant was for an expansion and upgrade of their facilities. A grant to the American Red Cross funded the purchase and installation of smoke alarms in the homes of low-income residents in Accomack and Northampton counties and will provide disaster assistance as needed.

Board Chairman Maureen Lawrence

expressed her thoughts on the Foundation's local funding efforts. "The Foundation assets have now grown to over \$9 million, and since 2004, we have made over 70 grants to local non-profits exceeding well over \$2 million," she said. "This level of community support allows us to meet the goals of our mission and truly make a difference in our communities. We are so very grateful for the support of our donors and fund owners."

"Unfortunately, there's no shortage of funding needs in our community," said Badger. "With the continued support of our donors, we are committed to working to meet those needs and I invite all non-

profits on the Eastern Shore of Virginia to visit our website and review our semi-annual grant criteria."

The following non-profits on the Shore received funding during the Spring 2017 round of grants: Occohannock on the Bay, the Eastern Shore Community College Foundation, the Tasley Fire Company, the Citizens for Central Park and the Shore Soccer League.

The Eastern Shore of Virginia Community Foundation is a permanent charitable endowment that provides grants to non-profits on Virginia's Eastern Shore. For more information, please visit our website at www.esvcf.org



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Foundation Grant funds will be used to upgrade YMCA facilities.

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Photo by Linda Cicaira

Spot Spotted Northbound on US-13

Photographer Linda Cicaira captured this unusual sight between Cape Charles and Cheriton Tuesday afternoon. It didn't appear to be too "ruff" of a ride for this tough guy.

CCA ANNOUNCES CLASSES

The Chincoteague Cultural Alliance has a great line-up of classes scheduled for this season, beginning Dec. 6, with "So You Can't Draw a Straight Line with a Ruler." In this class, Nancy Richards West will teach the basics of drawing — no experience, or ruler, required. The class is from 9 a.m. to noon and is limited to 12 students. The \$45 cost includes materials.

On Dec. 14, Cindy Faith will guide students step-by-step in creating a Vintage Santa painting to decorate for the holidays or give as a gift. The class is from 6:30-9:30 p.m. The \$45 cost includes supplies. Class size is limited to 15 students.

Faith returns Dec. 19 with a fun class for kids ages 8 and up, or kids at heart. Students will create holiday-themed works of art using the collage and mixed media techniques Faith employs in her own popular artwork. The class, 1 to 3 p.m., costs \$18, with all supplies included, and is limited to 10 students.

On Dec. 21, join Sarah Mason, from Poseidon's Pantry, for "Bubbly and Brie: Holiday Wine & Cheese Pairing." By the end of the class, students will be experts in pairing luxurious cheeses with food-friendly wines. The class, which is from 7 to 9 p.m., costs \$45, which includes lots of tastes. It is limited to 25 people ages 21 and up.

All of the classes are held at CCA's Community Center for the Arts, 6309 Church St. For more information and to register online, visit www.ChincoteagueCulturalAlliance.org or register at Sundial Books at 4065 Main St. (cash and checks only).

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Smart Beginnings Awarded \$7,100 From PNC Foundation

Submitted Article and Photo

Smart Beginnings Eastern Shore has been awarded a \$7,100 grant from the PNC Foundation to promote the well-being of young children on Virginia's Eastern Shore.

The agency will use the funds to sponsor two initiatives, Everyday Fun with Reading Workshops for families of pre-school-age children and the second annual Kids Count on the Eastern Shore Forum.

"I am delighted with the ongoing financial support of PNC for these two important programs that promote the welfare of the children of the Eastern Shore and their families," said Linda Schulz, chairwoman of Smart Beginnings Eastern Shore. "PNC's corporate giving through the Grow Up Great initiative is a model for corporations that want to give back to the community in a thoughtful and targeted way."

The foundation grant will allow the agency to provide free workshops for 200 pre-school-age children and their parents over the coming year. The goal of Every-

day Fun with Reading is to significantly increase the use of books in the home and help parents learn ways to provide an enriched language environment through reading to their 2- to 5-year-old children.

Staff from Accomack and Northampton public schools and the community facilitate the workshops, which are held at public schools and other locations on the Shore. The workshops are free to all families which would take home free children's reading books from each workshop. The schedule for the Accomack workshops will be announced later this fall. The Northampton workshops take place during the summer of 2018. This is the third year PNC has supported this program.

The grant will also be used to underwrite for the second year the Kids Count forum, "Strengthening Children's Well Being on the Eastern Shore," that will be held in the spring of 2018. This event will build on the highly successful Kids Count forum that took place in the spring of 2017. With the earlier forum as a spring-

board, and using an interactive, participatory process, the 2018 Kids Count forum will bring together local leaders, stakeholders, and the general public to identify community strengths and generate strategies for improving the outlook for children from birth to age 18 on the Eastern Shore.

Roberta Newman, Smart Beginnings Eastern Shore consulting coordinator, said, "PNC's support of these two programs help us to work toward meeting two of our most important goals — parent engagement in promoting their children's early literacy and school readiness and public awareness of the needs of children on the Shore through community collaborations designed to meet those needs."

Wendy Lilliston, branch manager of the Eastville and Onley branches

of PNC Bank, stated, "PNC is happy to support these wonderful programs that promote early literacy and well-being for all children on the Eastern Shore. The two projects are in alignment with the goals of the PNC Foundation's Grow Up Great Initiative."

Smart Beginnings Eastern Shore, founded in 2011, is a coalition of 40 agencies, organizations, businesses, and concerned individuals who share the principle that quality early childhood programs can reduce the effects of poverty prevalent among children on the Eastern Shore. Smart Beginnings Eastern Shore welcomes donations from the public in support of its early childhood initiatives. Contributions can be made at Northampton County Education Foundation, ncedufoundation.com

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From left, Linda Schulz, chairwoman, Smart Beginnings Eastern Shore; Wendy Lilliston, branch manager of the Eastville and Onley branches, PNC Bank; and Roberta Newman, Consulting Coordinator, Smart Beginnings Eastern Shore



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Health Matters Seasonal Affective Disorder

National Alliance on Mental Health

Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) is a form of depression that recurs regularly at certain times of the year, usually beginning in late fall or winter and lasting into spring. While the reported incidence of SAD in the general population is four to 10 percent, some studies suggest that up to 20 percent of people in the United States may be affected by a mild form of the disorder. The disease was officially named in the early 1980s, but seasonal depression has been described as early as the days of Hippocrates.

The symptoms of SAD include depressed mood, loss of energy, increased sleep, anxiety, irritability and difficulty concentrating. Many also experience a change in appetite, particularly a craving for carbohydrates, which can lead to weight gain. Some people report a heavy feeling in their arms and legs.

Scientists believe SAD is caused by a biochemical change in the brain, triggered by shorter days and reduced sunlight during the winter. In particular, two chemicals in the brain, sero-

tonin and melatonin, have been linked to changes in mood, energy, and sleep patterns. Low levels of serotonin are associated with depression. Serotonin production is activated by sunlight, so less sunlight in winter could lower serotonin levels, leading to depression. Melatonin regulates sleep and is produced in greater quantities in darkness. Higher melatonin levels could cause sleepiness and lethargy as the days get shorter. The combination of the changes in the levels of serotonin and melatonin could contribute to SAD.

There are various risk factors for the development of SAD. Females are up to four times more likely to be affected than males. Although SAD can affect children, it is reported mostly in people between the ages of 18 and 30, with incidences decreasing with age. Many have a family history of mental illness. Studies have shown that living farther away from the equator increases the occurrence of SAD. Those already experiencing clinical depression or bipolar disorder may see a worsening of their symptoms in winter.

Treatments for SAD include tradi-

tional psychotherapy and antidepressant medications. In addition, light therapy, a daily 30-minute exposure to a light box that simulates high-intensity sunlight, has shown promise in treating SAD. Interestingly, the ancient Greeks knew about the power of sunlight. Back in the second century, the physician Aretaeus instructed, "Lethargics are to be laid in the light, and exposed to the rays of the sun for the disease is gloom."

One theory suggests that SAD is an evolutionary adaptation in humans, similar to hibernation in animals. As food gets scarcer and the weather gets colder, animals adapt by storing fat and reducing caloric output. Applied to humans, this could explain the carbohydrate cravings, increased sleep and reduction in energy levels. It could also play a role in reproduction, where it is more beneficial for a female of childbearing age to conserve resources.

While these naturally occurring body changes may have helped our ancestors survive, depression in any form can be serious. Anyone affected by significant symptoms of depression should consult a physician.

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Front row from left: Nathaniel Cornelius, Samuel Ross, Easton Watson, Lucas Wilson, Ava Williams, and Trinity Phillips

Back row from left: Aiden Samuelson, Tobie Sharkey, Andrew Davis, Bill Mann, Wyatt Andrews, and Landon Easton



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ESHD/ESRH Emergency Preparedness Drill

The staffs of the Eastern Shore Health District (ESHD) and Eastern Shore Rural Health (ESRH) exercised emergency preparedness plans at the Onley Community Health Center during a recent drill. Using a scenario endorsed by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), 120 workers from both organizations, as well as Accomack County Sheriff's Office, volunteers from Eastern Shore Community Emergency Response Team and Eastern Shore Medical Reserve Corp, rehearsed the opening of a Neighborhood Emergency Help Center where they practiced dispensing preventive medications to the exposed.

The ESHD has partnered with ESRH since 2004 and exercised mass dispensing annually at community health centers located strategically throughout the Shore in order to be best prepared to handle a "mass exposure to a biological weapon" type of event that might require a large number of people to seek treatment in a limited window of time. In a real event, medication will arrive to the Eastern Shore from the United States Strategic National Stockpile, which must be dispensed to all who need it within 48 hours, according to the plan. Evaluators from both organizations provide suggestions for improvement and all participants are encouraged to provide feedback in order to improve the process at each location.

Both organizations are members of the Eastern Shore Disaster Preparedness Coalition (ESDPC). The ESDPC is a multi-agency, multi-jurisdictional emergency preparedness and planning group that works to promote emergency planning, training, exercising and response activities on the Eastern Shore. Any organization or interested citizen may become a member. For more information on the ESDPC, or to become a member, please contact J.J. Justis at JJ.Justis@vdh.virginia.gov or 757-302-4267.

EASTERN SHORE SPORTS

FIREBIRDS, WARRIORS GRAB HOOPS SEASON OPENER WINS

Story and Photos by Krystle Bono

The Arcadia Firebirds girls varsity team picked up a win in their first court battle of the season, edging out the Salisbury Dragons, 49-41, Monday in Salisbury.

Broadwater's girls varsity club dropped a close 43-40 home contest in their opener against the Norfolk Academy Bulldogs in Exmore, Nov. 21. The girls led through the first half, 18-14, but a tough battle-back from the Bulldogs in the latter part of the game would leave the Vikings just short the W.

Anna Sexauer led the Lady Vikings, netting 20 points; Palmer Smith

hooped 12 and Courtney Floyd and Carly Wardius sunk four points apiece. Sexauer also led the team in rebounds, grabbing 10, with one assist and three steals. Smith rebounded six, with five steals and four assists. Wardius and Floyd each rebounded five, with Wardius stealing three.

Monday night marked the first loss of the season for the varsity Lady Warriors, who fell 34-16 to Holly Grove Monday night in Onley.

Northampton's girls varsity team fell to the Lancaster Red Devils Tuesday night in an away tilt, 78-30.

The Nandua Warriors boys varsity club posted a convincing 56-35 win

over Holly Grove Monday night in Onley to open their season.

Nandua commanded the scoreboard through all four quarters of regulation, with help from Jaylen Smith, who led with 13 points, followed by Cade McGregor who netted nine and Tremere Summerville with eight.

Rodrick Bailey and Jaden Davis led the team in rebounds with four. Smith, Connor McIntyre, McGregor and Ryshawn Johnson each rebounded three. McGregor also helped lead the Warriors with five assists and stealing three; Smith had three assists and Johnson also stole three.

Broadwater boys varsity suffered a

69-27 deficit to the Norfolk Academy Bulldogs Nov. 21, in Exmore.

Scoring leaders for the Vikings were Brant Bloxom with seven, Ahmad Scarborough threw six points, Christian Scarborough potted five and Jashawn Wharton hooped four points total.

Mathew Behrens and Clay Wardius rebounded five each and Bloxom grabbed three. Christian Scarborough and Jackson Rose led the Viking assists with one each and Bloxom, Wharton and Wardius each stole one apiece.

The Arcadia Firebirds boys varsity lost by a 63-60 count against the Salisbury Dragons in Oak Hall, Monday night.



Nandua's Chris Locklear (3) goes for the net during Monday night's home opener against Holly Grove.

LOOKING AHEAD

Friday, Dec. 1 –

- 7 p.m.: Nandua Girls Varsity Basketball @ Middlesex
- Northampton Girls Varsity Basketball @ Northumberland
- Nandua Boys Varsity Basketball vs. Middlesex
- Northampton Boys Varsity Basketball vs. Northumberland

Monday, Dec. 4 –

- 5 p.m.: Chincoteague Girls Varsity Basketball @ Salisbury Christian
- 7 p.m.: Nandua Boys Varsity Basketball vs. Lafayette
- Northampton Girls Varsity Basketball @ Norfolk Christian
- Northampton Boys Varsity Basketball vs. Norfolk Christian
- Chincoteague Boys Varsity Basketball @ Salisbury Christian

Tuesday, Dec. 5 –

- 5:30 p.m.: Broadwater Girls Varsity Basketball @ Arcadia
- 7 p.m.: Broadwater Boys Varsity Basketball @ Arcadia

Thursday, Dec. 7 –

- 5:30 p.m.: Arcadia Girls Varsity Basketball @ Chincoteague
- Broadwater Girls Varsity Basketball @ Denbigh Baptist
- 7 p.m.: Chincoteague Boys Varsity Basketball @ Arcadia
- Broadwater Boys Varsity Basketball @ Denbigh Baptist



Ikera Johnson (5) shoots for the Warriors against Holly Grove in Onley on Monday.

ESY Swimmers Impressive at Second League Meet

Submitted Article and Photo

The Eastern Shore Family YMCA (ESY) swimmers were led by a duo of siblings at the second league meet of the winter season. The top ESY female swimmers were Madison Johnson and Morgan Johnson, scoring 53 and 51 individual points respectively. Sarah Bentley was ESY's third female scorer with 35 individual points. Brayden and Parker Shotwell were top ESY male swimmers with 56 and 47 individual points. Blaise Seigrist, who scored 45 individual points, finished the meet as the team's third male swimmer. The ESY swimmers finished fourth among teams in attendance.

Madison Johnson and Brayden Shotwell led ESY swimmers, combining for three first place finishes. Johnson finished first in the female 13-14 100-meter breast

stroke. Brayden Shotwell finished first in the male 11-12 50-meter breast stroke and the 11-12 male 100-meter individual medley. Shotwell's time in the 100 IM was a personal best.

Also recording first-place finishes were Sarah Bentley (female 9-10 50-meter butterfly), Morgan Johnson (female 9-10 50-meter freestyle), and Kaylie Pruitt (female 10 & under 100 meter individual medley). The ESY 11-12 mixed 200 meter freestyle relay team (Morgan Johnson, Sofia Whealton, Kaylie Pruitt, and Brayden Shotwell) also recorded a first-place finish.

The ESY swimmers' next event is a three-day lap-a-thon on Dec. 6, 7, and 8 at the Eastern Shore Family YMCA in Onley. They will continue to compete in league meets through the winter, including the final league meet at the Onley YMCA on March 10, and the YMCA league championship at the Albemarle YMCA on March 24.



Madison Johnson, swimming the butterfly leg of the individual medley, led the Eastern Shore Family YMCA's female swimmers at the second league meet of the winter season.





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ACPR Youth Basketball and Cheerleader Sign-Ups

ACPR Coaches Meeting

Accomack County Parks and Recreation will host a coaches meeting for all youth basketball and cheerleading coaches, Wednesday, Dec. 6, 6:30 p.m. at the Parks and Recreation Department's office, located at 24387 Joynes Neck Rd., Accomac.

Any persons interested in coaching should attend this meeting. For additional information, contact the Parks and Recreation office at 787-3900, 824-0314, 710-1947 or 678-2137.

SPORTS SHORTS

can be emailed to sports@easternshorepost.com

Accomack County Parks and Recreation's youth basketball and cheerleaders sign-ups will be held Saturday, Dec. 2, 9 a.m. to noon at Arcadia High School. The age groups for the youth basketball league are 5-8, 9-12 and 13-15.

Registration fee is \$35 per child if paid by Dec. 23, and \$40 after that date. Cheerleaders registration fee is \$45, and kids ages 5-13 are eligible to participate.

Contact the Parks and Recreation office at 787-3900, 824-0314, 710-1947 or 678-2137 should you have additional questions or concerns.

EASTERN SHORE STREET HOCKEY LEAGUE GAME SUMMARIES

By Michael Garbacz

Game 1: Delmarva Soil and Concrete Red Wings 1, Blues 3

On a beautiful fall afternoon, the five teams of the senior league produced perhaps the tightest set of regular season games ever, with nary a blowout to be seen. First up, the Blues and Wings got together for an affair that couldn't be decided in regulation. Despite peppering goalie Mark Stapleton with 26 shots, only Guy Shover was able to sneak one past the Parksley Original, splitting the defense on a nice breakaway in the first. But the Blues tied it up in the second thanks to Scott Millikin and held on to keep it even through the third. During the shootout, Danny Miller and Michael Pryor each put the biscuit in the basket to seal the win for the Blues. It's worth noting that the Wings relied on backup Joe Cornwell to handle the goaltending duties, as he showed strong poise despite inexperience.

Game 2: Charles E. Morgan Termite and Pest Control Penguins 2, EZ Loan Bruins 0

You'd best believe that goalie Ray Johnson was smilin' like a butcher's dog after this one, as he managed to hand the Smooth Criminal and his Killer Bs a goose egg after Thanksgiving. The Pens capitalized on some unexpected chances while playing an extremely conservative brand of hockey, frustrating the Bruins and limiting their shots to just eleven for the game. T.R. Hoyt twice tickled the twine, with the General and his mom, Kim Mills, each picking up a helper.

Game 3: Grounds Keepers Lawn Care Capitals 5, Delmarva Soil and Concrete Red Wings 4

The wildest tilt of the afternoon turned out to be the biggest nail biter as the Caps jumped out to an early lead only to have it severely threatened in the second and third periods by a series of clutch goals by the Wings. Despite a relatively low game shot count of 33, with nine total goals scored, these guys were makin' 'em count. Although missing their captain, the Pat Trick himself, the Capitals still showed an impressive

amount of cohesion, passing and play-making with apparent ease. The Red Wings, fighting a short bench on their second game of the day, just fell short of tying it up late in the third to force a shootout. Jesse West, "La Boca," led the charge, hammering home two goals and picking up an assist. Michael Vargas scored a goal and two assists; the Huntsman had one of each. For the Caps, Robby Parker produced a four point game, registering two goals and two helpers. Local hero Dean Dedicatoria also enjoyed a multi-point game, coming up with a goal and an assist. James Haley and Zach Webb each scored a goal.

Game 4: Blues 1, Charles E. Morgan Termite and Pest control Penguins 1

In a surprisingly open-ended and even game, the Pens and Blues each found only one path to the back of the net apiece, between three periods and three shootout attempts apiece. That's a pretty rare event around these parts. Ray Johnson and the Parksley Original got themselves into a virtual staring contest they'd probably still be at, if it were up to

them. T.R. Hoyt scored the Pens' goal on an assist from the General. Trae Merritt scored the Blues goal, on an assist from Scott Millikin. The Penguins just edged the Blues in shots, 19-18.

Game 5: EZ Loan Bruins 2, Grounds Keepers Lawn Care Capitals 3

The day's closing game fittingly found itself being decided by shootout, as Brad Ford and Guy Parks each performed the "dance of the netminder." Although the Caps were able to outshoot the Bs 18-13, they were able to make just as many deposits in the Bank of the Net as their opponents (one), so to extra time the game went. There, Robbie Washington and Robby Parker each solved the Ford riddle, while C.J. Jones was the only Bruin able to tame Ol' Plugalong. James Haley had the Caps' regulation goal, on assists from the Pat Trick and Robby Parker. For the Bruins, the Smooth Criminal scored on an assist from Dustin Aigner.

ESSHL regular season action resumes Sunday, Dec. 3, at 1 p.m. at Stapleton Rink, in Parksley.



Submitted Photo
Sam Sellard with a rockfish caught over the weekend on the Mean Jean.



Submitted Photo
Don Breneman aboard the Mean Jean with one of many rockfish caught.



Submitted Photo

Jean Sellard fished on the Mean Jean over the weekend, landing a good number of large rockfish on light tackle while jigging in Pocomoke and Tangier sounds.



Photo Courtesy of Captain Steve's Bait & Tackle

Robert Sparks with a 10-4 citation tautog caught over an undisclosed wreck off Chincoteague.

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Fishing from the Shore

By Bill Hall



We are entering that portion of the fishing calendar when rockfish (striped bass) action start to dominate the hearts, minds, and pocketbooks of local anglers. If you are an inshore tournament fisherman, rock season can be your own personal nirvana, with tournaments ranging in scope from small charitable fundraisers to mega events that attract hundreds of vessels and sport potential tournament payouts of six figures.

Unfortunately, it appears that most of the larger members of this species have not checked their own calendars and lag a few weeks behind their anticipated arrival. Two separate, but intertwined factors are the primary cause for the delay in the arrival of the trophy fishery. As of last week, it appears that the bulk of the body of big oceanic fish remained off the coast of New Jersey where both lower water temperatures and a good supply of bait, namely large menhaden, have combined to provide the fish with everything they need to be fat, happy and content. Cooler water temperatures will eventually push those fish south and hopefully inside the three mile limit where they will be available to local anglers.

Not all of the rockfish news is glum, however. When conditions are favorable, anglers fishing the open waters of Pocomoke and Tangier sounds are finding all of the smaller sized stripers they want under flocks of feeding birds. Most of these fish are just under the 20-inch minimum bayside limit, but there are enough 20-22 inch long fish for anglers to eventually weed through the schoolies and take home their two-fish limit.

The first trophy-class rockfish of the season have been weighed in at a local tackle shop this week, the largest fish tipped the scales at almost 50 pounds.

The last week has also seen a more consistent run of surf caught rockfish off the Shore's northern most barrier islands, with several fish meeting the 28-inch minimum seaside size limit; these

fish will slowly filter their way south over the next couple of weeks.

Rockfish are not the only fish still available to local anglers as catches of tautog have come from over both inshore and offshore structures.

And finally, it looks like this year's run of puppy drum will continue into the month of December.

Lower Shore – Chris Snook, at Chris' Bait & Tackle, had been anxiously awaiting the arrival of trophy rockfish for the shop's Rockfish Riot Tournament. She was not disappointed very long as Dan Mann brought in the first trophy fish of the season on Sunday, weighing in at 37-0. The fish was the largest of three fish landed out of four hooked by Mann's party. They were trolling live eels behind planer boards. Mann's lead was short-lived however as Clinton Lessard and Bill Doughty arrived at the scales late Monday evening with fish weighing 48-0 and 37.3 pounds, respectfully. The pair was part of the Sho-nuf Sportfishing/Charters party. Chris had also heard of some puppy drum catches still being made on some of the southern barrier islands, but anglers were having to deal with a large bycatch of undersized rockfish in the 20-22 inch range.

Central Shore – James Gang Charters out of Onancock reported that casters were finding all of the small stripers they wanted by fishing under working birds. Rumors of bigger fish from the Cut Channel have been whispered, but have not been confirmed, however. Puppy drum ranging from 18-28 inches in length were caught by surf fishermen fishing from Assawoman, Metompkin, and Cedar Islands using fresh and frozen cut mullet and bunker for bait.

Chincoteague – Jimmy Vasilou, at Captain Steve's Bait & Tackle, reported that an influx of striped bass arrived in the surf off Assateague over the week-end after Thanksgiving. Stripers, puppy drum and some late season speckled

trout were beached on cut bait. Inshore, the rockfish bite has picked up around the bridge pilings and off marsh points. Swim shad lures in chartreuse and bunker color patterns have been the go-to lure. Most of the fish have been shorts in the 22-26 inch size range, however a few fish up to 34-inches have been encountered. A brief run of stripers occurred inside Assateague Channel near the bridge mid-week. The offshore wrecks have given up some nice-sized tautog and even a few late season sheepshead.

Upper Shore – Captain Matt Abell, at the Sea Hawk Sports Center, reported that there are "tons and tons" of birds working over feeding schoolie stripers south of Watts Island, in Pocomoke Sound. A larger class of fish were caught by anglers jigging along the channel edges of Tangier and Pocomoke Sound. The majority of fish caught in the upper bay

this week were shorter in length than they were last week. Some vessels caught and released up to an estimated 200 fish on a single trip this week, however, the majority of the fish were just short of the minimum 20-inch limit.

Bill Hall was the first Eastern Shore resident to achieve Virginia Salt Water Master Angler Status. He has been named Virginia Saltwater Angler of the Year and Virginia Saltwater Release Angler of the Year and Virginia Saltwater Release Angler of the Year. Bill is an I.G.F.A. International Committee Representative and a longtime member of the Virginia Saltwater Fishing Tournament Committee. He is the Virginia Recreation Fishing representative on the ASMFC Striped Bass Management Panel and is a past recipient of the CCA-VA Virginia Outdoor Writer Conservation Leadership Award.



Photo Courtesy of Chris' Bait & Tackle
Clinton Lessard and Bill Doughty with 48.0 and 37.3 pound rockfish caught late Monday afternoon.

TIDE TABLE

		Friday, Dec. 1		Saturday, Dec. 2		Sunday, Dec. 3		Monday, Dec. 4		Tuesday, Dec. 5		Wednesday, Dec. 6		Thursday, Dec. 7
Seaside	Assateague Beach	H 5:53 p.m. L 12:09 p.m.	H L	6:24 a.m. 1:03 p.m.	H L	7:15 a.m. 1:56 p.m.	H L	8:07 a.m. 2:48 p.m.	H L	9:00 a.m. 3:41 p.m.	H L	9:53 a.m. 4:35 p.m.	H L	10:46 a.m. 5:31 p.m.
	Chinco Channel	H 5:57 p.m. L 12:08 p.m.	H L	6:28 a.m. 1:02 p.m.	H L	7:19 a.m. 1:55 p.m.	H L	8:11 a.m. 2:47 p.m.	H L	9:04 a.m. 3:40 p.m.	H L	9:57 a.m. 4:34 p.m.	H L	10:50 a.m. 5:30 p.m.
	Gargatha Neck	H 6:30 a.m. L 12:48 p.m.	H L	7:20 a.m. 1:42 p.m.	H L	8:11 a.m. 2:35 p.m.	H L	9:03 a.m. 3:27 p.m.	H L	9:56 a.m. 4:20 p.m.	H L	10:49 a.m. 5:14 p.m.	H L	11:42 a.m. 6:10 p.m.
	Folly Creek	H 6:23 a.m. L 12:33 p.m.	H L	7:13 a.m. 1:27 p.m.	H L	8:04 a.m. 2:20 p.m.	H L	8:56 a.m. 3:12 p.m.	H L	9:49 a.m. 4:05 p.m.	H L	10:42 a.m. 4:59 p.m.	H L	11:35 a.m. 5:55 p.m.
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	Machipongo	H 6:04 a.m. L 12:17 p.m.	H L	6:54 a.m. 1:11 p.m.	H L	7:45 a.m. 2:04 p.m.	H L	8:37 a.m. 2:56 p.m.	H L	9:30 a.m. 3:49 p.m.	H L	10:23 a.m. 4:43 p.m.	H L	11:16 a.m. 5:39 p.m.
Bayside	Tangier Sound Light	H 9:41 a.m. L 4:15 p.m.	H L	10:32 a.m. 5:08 p.m.	H L	11:23 a.m. 6:01 p.m.	H L	12:15 p.m. 6:01 a.m.	H L	1:06 p.m. 6:45 a.m.	H L	1:59 p.m. 7:48 a.m.	H L	2:54 p.m. 8:45 a.m.
	Muddy Creek	H 9:57 a.m. L 4:50 p.m.	H L	10:48 a.m. 5:43 p.m.	H L	11:39 a.m. 5:45 a.m.	H L	12:31 p.m. 6:36 a.m.	H L	1:22 p.m. 7:29 a.m.	H L	2:15 p.m. 8:23 a.m.	H L	3:10 p.m. 9:20 a.m.
	Guard Shore	H 9:49 a.m. L 4:46 p.m.	H L	10:40 a.m. 5:39 p.m.	H L	11:31 a.m. 5:41 a.m.	H L	12:23 p.m. 6:32 a.m.	H L	1:14 p.m. 7:25 a.m.	H L	2:07 p.m. 8:19 a.m.	H L	3:02 p.m. 9:16 a.m.
	Chescon. Creek	H 9:24 a.m. L 3:58 p.m.	H L	10:15 a.m. 4:51 p.m.	H L	11:06 a.m. 5:44 p.m.	H L	11:58 a.m. 5:44 a.m.	H L	12:49 p.m. 6:37 a.m.	H L	1:42 p.m. 7:31 a.m.	H L	2:37 p.m. 8:28 a.m.
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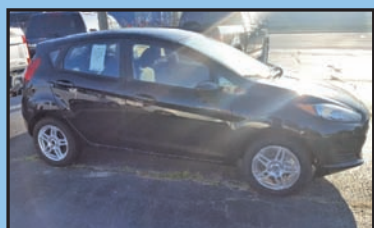
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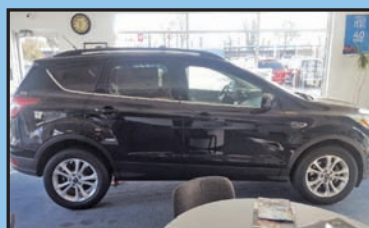
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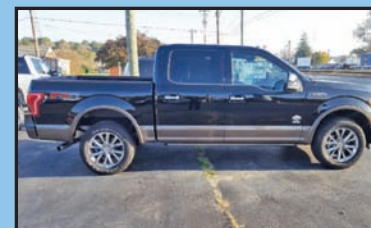
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Think You Know Cape Charles? Think Again.

New shops, a remodeled historic hotel, spiffed-up homes, a bustling harbor, along with reliable favorites, have tourists taking note and locals taking a fresh look

By **Connie Morrison**

If you want to know what visitors love about Cape Charles, one thing comes up over and over again: its small-town charm. While it's true the town has kept the quaint atmosphere people yearn to return to, it has also made the attribute the foundation of its renaissance.

Browsable shops fill historic buildings on Mason Avenue and Strawberry Street. Historic homes are rehabilitated as tourist rentals. The Northampton Hotel, once in disrepair, now stands stately, overlooking the harbor. A crisp new building on Mason Avenue, Strawberry Street Station, entices shoppers on the ground floor

and is home to residents above, mirroring the configuration of older buildings on the street. Servicing humble fishing boats to super-size luxury yachts, the Cape Charles Yacht Center is the focal point of the town harbor, and doubles as a event venue as it did last summer when it hosted experimental film premieres.

"When people come into town and see everything going on, it looks like something that has happened relatively quickly," said Mayor George Proto. "The good things you see now are the result of many people working over a long period of time to gradually improve things in town. The outcome of that is now be-

*Photo by Jay Diem*

Northampton Hotel has been painstakingly renovated. Although not yet renting accommodations, the gift shop will be open during Festive Fridays.

coming visible.”

The redesign of Central Park, the museum, trail system, beach bathrooms, the town pier and wastewater plant: all are pieces that have helped create the right atmosphere for revitalization.

The town has seen cycles of boom and bust before. It is a town built on the boom cycle of the railroad. Ferry service was relocated to Kiptopeke in 1950, leaving the town high and dry. The decline in rail transportation happened more slowly. Railcar barges ceased in the last couple of years and rail shipments from Bayshore Concrete have dwindled with its production.

“Cape Charles went through a bust when the housing market crashed,” said Proto. “Even though there was a drop in the value of real estate, I don’t feel our town suffered as badly as other places. I think it is because people who knew this place understood ... the value of its environment.” He continued, “A lot of citizens here held tight. They weren’t pushed into

making precipitous decisions.”

Another element that provides stability and a basis for improvement, says Proto, is the broad skills set of Cape Charles residents.

Central Park, Cape Charles Museum and the Waterman’s Memorial are all examples of harnessing volunteer skills, initiative and knowledge to accomplish something for the larger community. “I can’t think of a place with more committed volunteers,” Proto said. “The year-round population is around 1,000. When you look around and see all the activity, a large part is being done by volunteers. That’s incredible.” In all of these cases, volunteers saw something in the past worth preserving, honoring or expanding into an asset for current and future generations.

At the Cape Charles Museum and Welcome Center, for example, informed docents welcome visitors to the town and provide history and orientation through their extensive knowledge and perma-

ment and traveling exhibits. (The museum recently hosted a traveling Smithsonian Waterways exhibit.) Tuesdays, May through October, the grounds of the museum transform to host a farmer’s market showcasing the best of area growers’ vegetables, fruits, meat, poultry, eggs, honey, jam, baked goods and more.

All these elements work together to keep the town fresh and inviting. New businesses are another attraction. Downtown businesses added in 2017 include the global and eco-friendly gift shop Voiajer, Zest women’s clothing store, Paloma Healing (Reiki and guided imagery), Freestyle Yoga, Gallery V, Dacha Tea House, Gourmet Alley, Tresors Styling Studio, and Body by Jill Fitness Studio. Still others have relocated to larger spaces or more prominent storefronts on Mason Avenue.

More shops and downtown residences are expected next year with the second phase of Strawberry Street Station, possibly to include a new restaurant and as

many as six new shops. A Virginia distillery is establishing a tasting room elsewhere in the downtown area, and Cape Charles Brewing Company should be in operation by spring. Northampton Hotel is expected to open, and farther up Mason Avenue, bibliophiles are eagerly anticipating the opening of Peach Street Books.

The Cape Charles Business Association sees it all as very promising. “Watching entrepreneurs start a business and be successful is incredible to watch,” said the organization’s president and owner of Bay Haven B&B, Tammy Holloway. “Many businesses start in a smaller location and within a year they are moving to a larger store, making room for another start-up business to go into that small space.”

She attributes at least some of their success to the cooperative spirit among businesses. “The Cape Charles business community has discovered that we are much stronger as a group than as individuals,” she said.

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Cape Charles Has Free Family Fun During December's Festive Fridays

By Stefanie Jackson

Running each Friday until Christmas, Cape Charles' Festive Fridays is the beach town's premiere holiday season event.

What started as "almost a joke" has evolved into an initiative for "bringing back that revitalization of family-friendly 'Main Street' communities," said Tammy Holloway, president of the Cape Charles Business Association.

About four years ago, having finished a successful summer tourist season, local entrepreneurs wondered how they could maintain the momentum throughout the rest of the year and "continue with a thriving business community," Holloway said.

"Small Business Saturday" was mentioned, held every year on the Saturday between Black Friday and Cyber Monday. The idea caught on, and in the long tradition of Cape Charles folks doing things their own way, "Festive Fridays" was born.

Not only do Festive Fridays benefit businesses on and around "Main Street," or in Cape Charles' case, Mason Avenue, they add to the warm, friendly, Eastern Shore holiday spirit shared by many in this close-knit community. About 70 per-

cent of visitors who attend Festive Fridays are from the Shore, with folks traveling from as far as Salisbury to participate in the "small-town, Norman Rockwell Christmas experience" Cape Charles offers, Holloway said.

"Our number one goal is free family entertainment and experiences," Holloway added. On two Festive Fridays, Dec. 1 and Dec. 15, parents may drop off their children for kid-friendly fun at the Cape Charles Memorial Library and enjoy some child-free shopping before taking in a classic holiday family film at the Palace Theatre.

Each Festive Friday features a free showing at the Palace Theatre of a different, favorite holiday film at 8 p.m., sponsored by local businesses. (See ad on Page 37 for film titles.)

Strawberry Street serves as the hub for Santa's North Pole extension in Cape Charles. Every Festive Friday, between 5 and 8 p.m., Santa and Mrs. Claus will be found walking around town and meeting children at the Santa House in Strawberry Street Plaza. Though Santa and Mrs. Claus are no strangers to Festive



Photo by Linda Cicaira

Santa's workshop on Strawberry Plaza, Cape Charles.

ive Fridays, the Santa House is all-new.

On Dec. 1, 8, and 15, The Little Elf Shop at 12 Strawberry St., offers children their own Festive Friday experience where they can buy affordable gifts and baked goods. It is sponsored by Cape Charles Christian School. Childcare will be provided for parents wishing to get away for a bit and do some shopping of their own; donations are accepted for the service.

Most Festive Fridays, there are bal-

loon animals and face painting. On select days, there are also caricature artists or jugglers. A horse and carriage decorated with festive lights takes couples or small families up and down the town's main thoroughfare, from the newly-renovated Northampton Hotel at 1 Mason Ave. to Deadrise Pies at 425 Mason Ave. Holloway recommends checking the Festive Fridays Facebook page for the most up-to-date event details.



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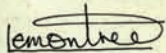
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Cookie Trail a Tasteful and Tasty Way to Tour the Town

By Stefanie Jackson

Historic Cape Charles' sixth annual Cookie Trail tantalizes day-trippers on either side of the Chesapeake Bay to treat themselves to a holiday walking tour that's both tasteful and tasty.

Cookie trail travelers on Friday, Dec. 10, will visit select bed and breakfasts and homes, decked out in their holiday splendor, and taste a different, delectable homemade Christmas cookie at each stop along the way.

The tour is free, though participants are asked to donate non-perishable items for the Cape Charles Food Bank. The excursion begins at the civic center, 500 Tazewell Ave., where tourists will receive a cookie trail map and details about each stop.

This is the first year the trail will include private homes in addition to the traditional bed and breakfast stops. Also for the first time, there will be a contest for the best cookies at a bed and breakfast and best cookies at a private home on the tour.

Festivities will last from 1-5 p.m. Select businesses in the historic district will participate in an "extended cookie trail," following the cookie trail into the heart of town from for Festive Fridays from 5-8 p.m.



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The Dec. 10 Cape Charles Cookie Trail is hosted by Bay Haven Bed and Breakfast, picture above in its holiday splendor, and Cape Charles House Bed and Breakfast.

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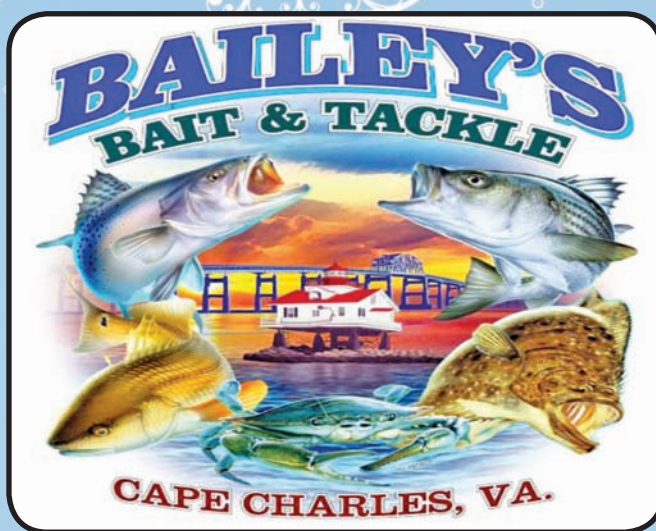
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The Insider's Guide to Cape Charles

Residents Tell What They Love Most About Their Town

By Linda Cicaira

It has small-town charm, a vast history, personable residents and town leaders, culture, art, sensational sunsets, revitalization, architecture, a great harbor, an awesome pier for strolling or fishing and **THE BEACH**.

Cape Charles is also a place where everyday people grow up, marry, raise children and start businesses. Others yearn to retire here and finally do.

Some found it by accident. Many wanted to stay close to home while leaving the rat race in Hampton Roads, and then fell in love with the place and now hardly ever cross the bridge.

"The majority of people are here because they want to be here, therefore the residents are happy," Jodi Outland said in answer to an Eastern Shore Post survey sent out to more than 400 Cape Charles folks Monday. "Everything they say about a small town is true. Everyone knows everyone, people watch out for one another. We love the coastal community, hearing

the fog horns at night, the smell of salt air. It can't be beaten."

"While there is an element of the tourist thing going on, it is also a working town where people are trying hard to make a living," Outland added. "It brings a feeling of trust and community to the town. Unlike many large suburban areas, it really doesn't matter here where you went to school, what you do or what size house you live in. People all are connected. It is by far the most accepting and welcoming place we have ever lived."

"We didn't want the hustle and bustle of Hampton Roads so we chose the Shore," she continued. "We also have family from the Shore and have had ties to the Shore for a very long time."

For Outland, "The beach!" is the best place. "There is a big energy in town. The arts community is thriving and that is very exciting. Everything is like a domino effect. As the economy has gotten better, more visitors have come, giving the stores and restaurants more reason to expand and grow,

bringing in more visitors. The town employees work hard to make it a good place to live and visit ... there are so many events going on in town, it is impossible to be bored."

"The true beauty of Cape Charles is its small-town charm, the quaint shops and the people that have lived there for years," said Charlene Hall Brady of Machipongo. "The houses and stores that had deteriorated are now mostly restored and absolutely gorgeous. I grew up in Cape Charles in the 1960s and 1970s. I've never really left due to my mother, Betty Hall, still living there in the family home of almost 60 years. My heart will always belong to my small hometown."

Brady said visitors shouldn't miss "the beach, Watson's Hardware, The Oyster Farm which was once Kings Creek, the harbor area, the Cape Charles Town Park, but the truly best spot in Cape Charles for the view is from the top of the 'old hump,'" the overpass to the harbor. "From there you can see the harbor, the old railroad station, the southern side of town and the

beach, the waterway leading into the harbor ... Need I say more? Everything about our small town is simply beautiful."

"The restoration of so many old buildings and homes, whether for business or for personal use, has brought it back to life over the past 10 to 15 years," Brady continued. "The expansion of the harbor area, the many organized activities that take place in town and the replenishment of the beach area. All of these things have helped bring the life back into Cape Charles."

Mary Harlow, of Nassawadox, grew up in Cape Charles and "brought my children up in the same house." She loves the beach. "The sounds of the gulls, the smell, the sense of peace when I close my eyes and listen to the lapping of the soft waves as they arrive to the shore" and "there are many wonderful people who have chosen to live there."

Mike Strub moved here eight and a half years ago. "It is an ideal location to retire," he said. Strub likes the "relaxed atmosphere with plenty of talented, diverse



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Interesting architecture and the historic downtown are draws for visitors.

folks. The beach has clean white sand and there is no litter. The sunsets are great,” one could imagine him smiling while writing. Why is the town better than ever? “No single change, just a steady growth over the last six or seven years.”

Patrick Murta lives in Louisville, Ky., but appreciates the area. “My favorite thing about Cape Charles is the combination of great house architecture, small-town appeal, ability to walk anywhere in town, and the proximity to the water,” he said. He

encouraged people to “visit Central Park when there is live music ... walk through ... and admire the ... architecture, especially near Bay Avenue and Tazewell. Strolls along Mason Avenue are a must. Dinner at Kelly’s Gingernut Pub is required!”

“Every time I visited, I didn’t want to leave,” wrote Kay Goffigon Phillips, who moved to Cape Charles 18 months ago. “My sister had been here for a few years and just loved it. The people ... are so warm and friendly. Breezes (Wellness



Photo by Jay Diem

Several survey respondents mentioned Cape Charles residential areas.

Spa & Boutique), because the clothes are adorable, the services are spectacular, and the staff is genuinely nice. Gourmet Alley opened. The Goffigon family has lived in and around Cape Charles since the 1600s.”

Nan Bennett lives in the Bay Creek area and came to Cape Charles for her husband’s job. “It’s like stepping back in time to my childhood,” she said. “Mayberry comes to mind.” She recommends following Trip Advisor’s lead of naming Brown Dog Ice Cream one of the top 10

ice cream parlors in the country. “The beautiful beach and the pier because of the awesome sunsets” and “Cape Charles Museum because it gives one a sense of who we are and how we came to be,” she said are her favorite endorsements.

A more recent notable location is “Central Park!” Bennett said, adding it is “great family-friendly fun, lots of events, and once again, a Mayberry feeling, for sure.”

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Thomas Purnell Powell is almost 80. He was born and raised in Cape Charles in a house on Randolph Avenue, "Where I and my three brothers were born, joined the Coast Guard out of high school, (and) married a girl (Nancy Lingo) from down the street. We kept her family home and come back every chance," he said. "Mother taught school there. Small town, most people look out for others, history, history, history, that most people are not aware of"

Powell said the things to check out are Kings Creek, the town park and the Palace movie house, where "I learned to run the projectors at the age of 17."

William (Bill) Brown Fine has a history with Cape Charles. Now living in Boca Raton, Fla., he spent his first 16 summers and all holidays in town. His favorite things are the "memories of growing up and past friendships, the beach, downtown stores, Palace and Radium movie theaters, popcorn from Wadells, crabbing, fishing, swimming, Cheese the barber, so many more, Cape Charles football team big win one Thanksgiving over Northampton High!"

He suggests visitors stop at the Cape Charles Coffee Shop, which was once

Brown's Department Store and was owned by his grandparents, William and Rebecca Brown. "My mother Pearle, and aunts, Evelyn and Edythe Brown grew up in Cape Charles and graduated from Cape Charles High School. Made many dear friends ... always had and will have a love for Cape Charles and its friendly people and many good times ... There was always great love and concern for the town. People from Cape Charles were different; just good caring people."

Fine's great uncles were in business in town too. Morton and Ruth Brown owned Standard Furniture, and Ben and Gertrude Brown owned Reliable Coal & Lumber. Also, Blanche Barban, an aunt, owned Adams Quality Shop. "I believe my grandfather arrived in Cape Charles in the early 1890s ... My aunt, Edythe Brown Sallar, lives in New York and is going to be 104 in April."

Lawrence Barron loves the pier, beach and surrounding area. "The beach (is) nice and clean — not crowded like New Jersey, Maryland and Delaware beaches." He said the new shops have made the town better than ever. He's a part-time resident. "A friend told us about the town."

Resident Bruce Brinkley moved to Cape Charles 10 years ago. "When someone asks



Photo by Jay Diem

A tractor on the grounds of the Cape Charles museum. One survey respondent chose the museum as a favorite "because it gives one a sense of who we are and how we came to be."

me if I have lived here all my life, my reply is, 'No, but I got here as fast as I could,'" he wrote in response to the questionnaire. Brinkley's description provokes a visual. "Art everywhere! Small town, big art."

Two must stops in town are "The library. It's the library, for Pete's sake. St. Charles Catholic Church is beautiful in-

side." Recent changes noted were "New people buying property and making the town nicer; renovating older properties."

Jane McKinley said there are "too many things to list as my favorite, but things at the top of my list include walkability, Central Park, shops and, of course, the beach. I moved to Cape Charles from

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Richmond in 2016. My passion for the Virginia Eastern Shore and Cape Charles was ignited when I joined the CBES (Citizens for a Better Eastern Shore) Between the Waters bike ride in 2014. I've ridden in that event every year since then."

"The ... coffee house is the quintessential Cape Charles go-to place. Food is great, feel is casual and the building is an excellent sample of old-time Cape Charles architecture," McKinley added. "Expansion of the Cape Charles Trail, of which Phase 3 was just completed," was also noted. "Although it is still a little new-feeling, it promises to extend the walkability of the town on the north side of the park. Especially love the wide walkway along Washington Avenue between Fig and Bay streets."

Michael and Jeanne Hollister came to Cape Charles on the way north on Route 13. "We stopped in and fell in love with the town. We hope to retire here in a few years. The town is very walkable and there are interesting things to see along the way." And they love the beach. "The sand is nice, the water is warm ... and the sunsets are spectacular!" They say improvements that have enhanced the town include "the fixing-up of the boarding house on Mason Avenue and the new wide sidewalks on Washington Avenue."

Kathy and Skip Fraas, of Jefferson Avenue, bought their home in 2002 and moved here nearly five years ago. "Our favorite thing about Cape Charles is

the people. We felt so accepted and welcomed right from the start. The small town feel sure beats the City! Visitors must stop by the beach at sunset. Completely the most beautiful we've seen," Kathy Fraas wrote.

"All the shops along Mason have really stepped up their game ... there is so much variety, from Brown Dog Ice Cream, new eateries to beachy trinkets ... Love."

"Sorry, can't single out one interesting person," she continued. "Too many of us!"

"Parades with penny candy tossed for kids are throwbacks to 50s" and a favorite for John Rathz of Eastville. "Community engagement from local plays to a myriad of other activities" is also up at the top of his list.

"Cape Charles Coffeehouse has great food, service and ambiance. A friendly gathering place of locals and visitors with coffee and desserts to die for."

What's made Cape Charles better than ever is "harbor renovation and new little shops opening every year have brought the town to the next level of quaintness. It's like a mini-Annapolis from years ago."

"There are many interesting people in Cape Charles," he continued. "Some with interesting past life experiences, others doing neat things today. Most are very friendly, engaging and humble."

Dave and Pam Hainsworth, of Fairfax, like the Chesapeake Bay, the harbor and the beach. They say they will move to Cape Charles one day.



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Periwinkles is one of the shops encountered while strolling Mason Avenue.



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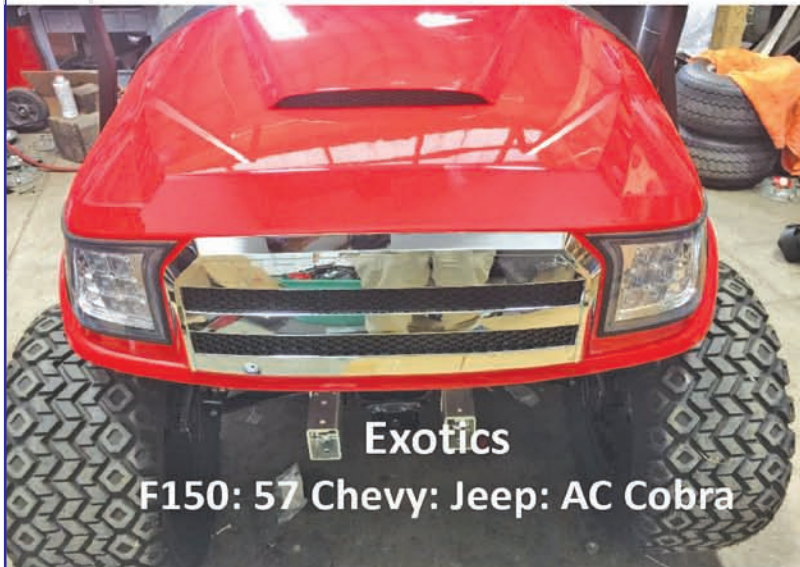
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Memorial Remembers Those Lost at Sea

By Ron West

The Eastern Shore Waterman's Memorial, a dream of many of those who have lived near or worked on the water, is slowly moving forward. It is being erected to honor the memory of those who have sought to earn a living from the waters of the Eastern Shore by venturing out to sea but who failed to safely return. Also honored are those intrepid rescuers who have gone to sea in an effort to save those watermen who needed help.

Ed Lewis, the man who has worked for 17 years in an effort to bring the dream to reality, has indicated the project, which sits near the Cape Charles town docks, has recently seen a few more additions. A year ago, through the efforts of those behind the memorial, a

replica of the Cape Charles Lighthouse was built and installed and will serve as a centerpiece for the memorial. Lewis noted that other recent improvements to the site include a circular railing that has been installed with chain to enclose the memorial.

Curbing will be added around the memorial and pavers installed once funding is obtained. Individuals may purchase pavers to help fund the continuing costs associated with the project.

In the coming days, Lewis is scheduled to meet with Tim Thompson, of Chesapeake Bay Magazine, in an effort to bring additional publicity to the area with a focus on the memorial.

Those who want to help with bring the memorial to a successful finish may contact Lewis at 757-705-6128.

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Nature Preserve One of Cape Charles' Best Kept Secrets

By Stefanie Jackson

One of the town's best kept secrets, Cape Charles Natural Area Preserve, is a great destination for a nature walk or birding venture. The nature preserve has remained largely unknown because of its unlikely location, quietly tucked away behind a local chemical laboratory.

To find the hidden gem, travel over "The Hump" (the overpass to Old Cape Charles Road), turn right onto Bayshore Road, then make another right onto Patrick Henry Avenue. Park behind the chemical lab and walk towards the sign bearing the emblem of the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation. The entrance is unassuming, a grassy path leading to the long boardwalk that winds through the 29-acre preserve.

Along the boardwalk, visitors will encounter a variety of natural habitats, from coastal beach to dunes, and a rare maritime dune woodland, where both deciduous and evergreen trees grow on

dunes largely protected from salt spray. Nature walkers should look out for historic loblolly pines, and coast bedstraw, a plant which grows between open, grassy areas and shaded areas with trees and shrubs.

Bird enthusiasts will particularly enjoy the preserve during fall migration, when songbirds and raptors stop to rest and feed on their journey across the Chesapeake Bay.

A keen eye can spot an endangered northeastern beach tiger beetle, a sandy-colored insect with dark markings similar to a tiger's stripes.

A variety of other wildlife can be encountered, from crabs to dolphin sightings at the beach habitat area.

The trail ends at a low bluff overlooking the bay. Due to the sensitive nature of the habitats surrounding the trail, no public beach access is offered, but visitors are welcome to explore all the sights and sounds of nature at this quiet and secluded preserve.



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Cape Charles Central Park Grand Illumination

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Furnace Town, Md.

Furnace Town Heritage Village will hold a 19th Century Christmas Celebration on Saturday, Dec. 2, from 1 to 4 p.m. At 3 p.m., a 19th century Christmas service will be presented in the Old Nazareth Church, by Rev. David Herr, of the Snow Hill Ministerial

Association.

The Delmarva Ramblers will perform. There will be wreath making, warm cider, hot cocoa, handmade gifts, jams and jellies, and a craft table for children to make Christmas ornaments. For more information about the free event, call 410-632-2032.

Melfa

Oak Grove UMC will hold a Free Soup Dinner for everyone at 30053 Seaside Rd., on Friday, Dec. 1, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Soups include chili, chicken noodle, bean and vegetable beef. The soup will be served with ham biscuits and other sandwiches, veggies, dessert and tea or coffee. For more information, call 757-710-4920.

Nassawadox

The Nature Conservancy will hold its annual Holiday Open House at Brownsville Preserve, 11369 Brownsville Rd., on Thursday, Dec. 14, from 4 to 8 p.m. There will be wagon rides around the preserve and a campfire. Apple cider and homemade sweets will be served as guests chat with staff and tour the historic Brownsville Home. For more information, call 757-442-3049.

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- Dec. 1: 5-8 p.m.—Festive Fridays: The Littlest Elf Shop at Cape Charles Christian, Santa & Mrs. Claus in Strawberry Plaza, Jim Newsom Performs at Lemon Tree Gallery, Carriage Rides & more—Cape Charles
- Dec. 1: 5:30 p.m.—Festival of Lights—Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital, Onancock—Music & Refreshments
- Dec. 1: 7:30 p.m.—Madrigals' Christmas Program—Franktown UMC—\$10/Adults; \$5/12 and Younger
- Dec. 1: 8 p.m.—Movie Night: The Polar Express—Historic Palace Theater, 305 Mason Ave., Cape Charles—Free Admission
- Dec. 1-8: 9 a.m.-3 p.m.—Letters to Santa—Pocomoke Library
- Dec. 2: 1-4 p.m.—19th Century Christmas Celebration—Furnace Town, Md.
- Dec. 2: 7 p.m.—Chincoteague Old-Fashioned Christmas Parade—Main Street and Maddox Boulevard
- Dec. 3: 11 a.m.-4 p.m.—46th Annual Christmas Bazaar—Worcester Preparatory School, 508 South Main St., Berlin, Md.
- Dec. 3: 3-5:30 p.m.—2nd Annual Christmas Crab Pot Tree Lighting—Saxis Fire Hall, 8337 Free School Ln.—Santa, Caroling & Snacks
- Dec. 3: 3 p.m.—Madrigals' Christmas Program—Island Theater, Chincoteague—\$10/Adults; \$5/12 and Younger
- Dec. 5: 10:30 a.m.—Holiday Science: Reindeer Games—Pocomoke Library—ages 3 to 7
- Dec. 6: 7 p.m.—Free Holiday Concert By U.S. Fleet Forces Band—Nandua High School, Onley
- Dec. 7: 7 p.m.—Free Movie Night: White Christmas—Roseland Theater, Onancock—Free Admission + Free Medium Popcorn & Drink
- Dec. 8: 5 p.m.—Second Fridays—Downtown Onancock
- Dec. 8, 9, 10, 15, 16 & 17: 6 to 9 p.m.—Walk Through Bethlehem—Lynnhaven Baptist Church, Pocomoke, Md.
- Dec. 9: 10 a.m.-noon—Santa Comes to Library—E.S. Public Library, Accomac—Each child gets a book in English or Spanish, & a candy cane
- Dec. 9: 11 a.m.—Santa Comes By Boat—Downtown Onancock
- Dec. 9: 1-5 p.m.—Onancock Christmas Homes Tour—Six Homes—Tickets At Book Bin, C.D. Marsh, Chamber of Commerce, Ker Place & More
- Dec. 10: 9:30 a.m.—Christmas Program—Craddockville UMC
- Dec. 16: 8 a.m. to noon—Greens, Gifts and Goodies Holiday Sale—Woman's Club of Accomack County Clubhouse, Onley
- Dec. 16: 1-3 p.m.—A Visit From Santa—Chincoteague Police Dept.
- Dec. 16: 1-3 p.m.—Cookies By the Pound Sale—St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Pocomoke, Md.
- Dec. 17: 10 a.m.—Christmas Service & Dinner—Tabernacle Baptist Church, Horntown

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**FRIDAY
DEC. 1**

★noon & 5:30 p.m. - **AA mtg.** - United Methodist Church, 75 Market St., Onancock

- ★12:30 p.m. - **Science & Philosophy Seminar: Just Another Assassination in Africa** - ESCC, lecture hall, Melfa
- ★5-8 p.m. - **Station 1 Pizza Night** - 4264 Firehouse St., New Church - \$12/cheese, \$1/additional topping (sausage and pepperoni) - drive-through and tables
- ★5:30 p.m. - **Festival of Lights** - RSMH, Onancock
- ★6 p.m. - **Celebrate Recovery Group mtg.** - Onancock Baptist Church
- ★7 p.m. - **Life Teach Series** - Rachel/Leah Covenant Ministries Center - 757-787-2486
- ★7:30 p.m. - **Bingo** - Exmore Moose Lodge, Belle Haven

**SATURDAY
DEC. 2**

★8-10 a.m. - **Soroptimist Club Frozen**

- Food and Bake Sale** - Onley UMC
- ★9:30 a.m. - **E.S. Cancer Support Group mtg.** - Sage Diner, Onley - \$5/Breakfast
- ★9:30 a.m. - **Sunrise Yoga On The Beach** - Kiptopeke State Park - \$8/class
- ★noon-2 p.m. - **Free Coat Closet** - St. Luke AME Church, Daugherty
- ★noon & 7:30 p.m. - **AA mtg.** - Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 66 Market St., Onancock
- ★7 p.m. - **Delta Sigma Theta Winter Ball** - Mary N. Smith Cultural Center, Accomac - 302-222-5290
- ★7:30 p.m. - **Bingo** - Eastville Vol. Fire Co.

**POST TIMES
Dec. 1-7**

**SUNDAY
DEC. 3**

★8 a.m. - **UMM Breakfast** - Craddockville UMC - also, poinsettia orders due (\$8, see Sue Henderson)

- ★11 a.m. - **148th Church Anniversary Service** - New Allen Memorial AME Church, Franktown
- ★11 a.m. & 3 p.m. - **Tenth Pastoral Anniversary Service** - New Metompkin Baptist Church, Parksley
- ★12:15 p.m. - **Pot Luck Lunch** - Hollies Baptist Church, Keller
- ★2 p.m. - **Bingo** - VFW Post 2296, Tasley
- ★3 p.m. - **Pastor's Aide Chorus Anniversary** - Tabernacle Baptist Church, Horntown
- ★7 p.m. - **AA mtg.** - Christ Episcopal Church, Eastville
- ★7:30 p.m. - **AA mtg.** - Grace UMC, 18484 Wilson Ave., Parksley

**MONDAY
DEC. 4**

★11 a.m. - **Northampton Chap. AARP mtg.** - Cheriton Rescue Squad

- ★noon - **AA mtg.** - St. Peter's Catholic Church, Onley
- ★5-6 p.m. - **Al-Anon mtg.** - Holy Trinity Episcopal, Onancock
- ★6 p.m. - **Bingo** - Elk's Lodge, Tasley
- ★6:15 p.m. - **Central Shore Lions Club mtg.** - Sage Diner, Onley
- ★6:30 p.m. - **Cub Scout Pack 300 mtg.** - Grace UMC, Parksley
- ★6:30-8:30 p.m. - **Free English for Speakers of Other Languages** - Metompkin Elementary School, Parksley - 757-789-1761
- ★7 p.m. - **AA mtg.** - Christ Episcopal Church, 16304 Courthouse Rd., Eastville
- ★7 p.m. - **AA mtg.** - Rock Church, Onley
- ★7:30 p.m. - **AA mtg.** - Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Temperanceville

**TUESDAY
DEC. 5**

★9 a.m. - **Al-Anon mtg.** - Refuge Inn, Chincoteague
★9:30 a.m. - **MOMS mtg.** - Onancock Baptist Church, upstairs - 709-9351 - bring a snack & your kids

- ★10 a.m. - **Bingo** - Accomack Senior Village, Onancock - 787-3900
- ★10 a.m. - **Zumba** - Franktown UMC
- ★11 a.m. - **Duplicate Bridge** - Fairgrounds, Onancock - 757-787-2432
- ★5:30 p.m. - **Onancock Business & Civic Assn. mtg.** - Naomi Makemie Presbyterian Church, Onancock
- ★5:30 p.m. - **AA mtg.** - St. James' Episcopal Church, Accomac
- ★6 p.m. - **Rachel Leah Ministries** - 787-2486 (call for location)
- ★6 p.m. - **Bingo** - Pocomoke Elks, next to YMCA
- ★6-8:30 p.m. - **GED Class** - ESCC, Class A-51, Melfa
- ★6:30 p.m. - **Vietnam Veterans' E.S. Chapter 614 mtg.** - Chapter Bldg., 25534 Main St., Onley
- ★7 p.m. - **Northampton Cty. Democratic Committee mtg.** - Northampton Cty. Social Services Bldg., Eastville
- ★7:15 p.m. - **Disabled American Veterans' mtg.** - Chapter Bldg., Onley
- ★7:30 p.m. - **Central Masonic Lodge mtg.**
- ★7:30 p.m. - **AA mtg.** - Atlantic UMC
- ★7:30 p.m. - **Bingo** - Cheriton VFC - smoke free

**WEDNESDAY
DEC. 6**

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

- ★10 a.m. - **TOPS mtg.** - Market St. UMC, Onancock - 757-787-4718
- ★10:30-11:30 a.m. - **Overeaters Anon. mtg.** - Rock Church, Onley - 757-655-4834
- ★10:30 a.m.-noon - **Riverside Shore Hospice Grief Support Group mtg.** - Onley UMC, 25642 E. Main St. - 789-5000
- ★11 a.m. - **Prayer Time** - Downing's UMC, Oak Hall
- ★11 a.m.-1 p.m. - **Soup Kitchen** - Corner Stone Seventh Day Adventist Church, 3431 Main St., Exmore
- ★11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. - **Debedeavon Toastmasters' mtg.** - NASA/Wallops Base - Call Owen Hooks at 824-1941 for base access.
- ★noon - **AA mtg.** - United Methodist Church, 75 Market St., Onancock
- ★5-7 p.m. - **Soup Kitchen & Clothes Closet** - Grace and Truth Ministries, 19 Boundary Ave., Onancock - Donations: 757-789-5369
- ★5:30-6:30 p.m. - **Free Meals for the Hungry** - Epworth UMC, Exmore - 757-442-6391
- ★6 p.m. - **AA mtg.** - Downing's UMC, 7291 Lankford Hwy., Oak Hall
- ★6-7 p.m. - **Prayer Line Open (St. Matthew's Church, Onley)** - Call 665-7403, 387-7021 or 894-1521 w/prayer requests
- ★6:30-8:30 p.m. - **Free English for Speakers of Other Languages** - Metompkin Elementary School, Parksley - 757-789-1761
- ★7 p.m. - **AA & Al-Anon. mtgs.** - Franktown UMC
- ★7:30 p.m. - **Bingo** - Painter VFC

**THURSDAY
DEC. 7**

★10:30 a.m. - **Story Time: Food for Thought** - Cape Charles Memorial Library (babies & toddlers downstairs/preschoolers upstairs)

- ★10:30 a.m. - **Children's Story Hour** - library, Accomac
- ★3:45-5:15 p.m. - **The Good News Club mtg.** - Hollies Baptist Church, 17691 Hollies Church Rd., Keller - transportation from Pungoteague Elementary provided
- ★5:30 p.m. - **Shore Losers mtg.** - Drummondtown Baptist Church, Accomac - \$1/wk.
- ★5:30 p.m. - **TOPS VA-550 mtg.** - Zion Baptist Church, Parksley - 787-7099
- ★6-8:30 p.m. - **GED Class** - ESCC, Class A-51, Melfa
- ★6:30 p.m. - **American Legion Post 101 mtg.** - Chapter Bldg., Onley
- ★6:30 p.m. - **Kiwanis Club mtg.** - St. Andrew's Catholic, Chincoteague
- ★7 p.m. - **Republican Party mtg.** - Little Italy, Nassawadox
- ★7 p.m. - **E.S. Shooting Club mtg.** - Exmore Fire Dept. Hall - 678-9038
- ★7 p.m. - **Celebrate Recovery Group mtg.** - Chincoteague Church of God
- ★7 p.m. - **NA mtg.** - Painter Garrison UMC
- ★7-8 p.m. - **Debedeavon Toastmasters' mtg.** - Market St. UMC, Onancock
- ★8 p.m. - **AA mtg.** - Christ UMC, 6253 Church St., Chincoteague

Eastern Shore Trading POST

Announcements

Thanks to the employees of the Exmore McDonald's for finding and holding my checkbook on the afternoon of Nov. 21.

They were as happy finding and holding it for me as I was to hear the words, "Yes, you left it here and we're holding it for you." What a great feeling I experienced when hearing that "Yes." Sometimes our fast food employees do not get the appreciation they deserve. We should be more thankful for these employees who work these jobs and, hopefully, go forward to a nice career, as the young man in the McDonald's commercial. That is one of the things I am thankful for this Thanksgiving season.

~Lorraine Edmonson, Willis Wharf



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Help Wanted

Accomack County Sheriff's Office is accepting applications for the following position: **Full-Time Correctional Officer**. Applications may be obtained from the Accomack County Sheriff's Office or online at accomackcountysheriffsoffice.org. Applications must be returned to this office by Monday, December 18, 2017, by 5:00 p.m. Accomack County Sheriff's Office is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Full-Time & Part-Time Experienced Police Officer

The Town of Eastville is hiring a full- & part-time police officer. Requirements: **DC/JS CERTIFIED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER ONLY: SEND RESUME TO: eastvillepd@esva.net** or mail to: Eastville Police Department, PO Box 747, Eastville VA 23347.

Salary: depends on qualifications and experience, benefits provided. Position is open until filled.

Jonny Stevenson, Town Clerk

The Town of Onley has an immediate opening for a Full-Time Clerk/Treasurer. The successful candidate must have the ability to maintain an effective working relationship with Town Officials and the general public. A complete job description is available at townofonley.org. Applications will be received at the Onley Town Office, 25559 E. Main Street, Onley VA 23418. The Town of Onley is an equal opportunity employer.

The Town of Onley has an immediate opening for a Full-Time Town Manager. The successful candidate must have the ability to maintain an effective working relationship with Town Officials and the general public. A complete job description is available at townofonley.org. Applications will be received at the Onley Town Office, 25559 E. Main Street, Onley VA 23418. The Town of Onley is an equal opportunity employer.

Scale Operator, Landfill & Transfer Station P/T position

Rate: \$ 10.90 hourly

The County of Accomack is seeking applications for the part-time position of Scale Operator, based at the Accomack County Landfill and Transfer Station locations. This position may also be asked to fill shifts for the Convenience Centers as an attendant. The position is responsible for operating the scales and collecting the appropriate fees from customers. Applicants must be able to work weekends and holidays as well as filling in during the absence of the primary scale operators.

Bi-lingual capabilities not required but a plus. Minimum Qualifications are: A high school diploma or GED; satisfactory completion of a background check and drug screening prior to employment. Reliable transportation a must.

A job description and application can be obtained from the County's website:

<https://www.co.accomack.va.us/residents/job-opportunities>

First consideration will be given to applications received prior to 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 13, 2017.

Accomack County is committed to an inclusive and diverse workforce.

FIRE MEDIC (full and part time shifts available), Salary: based on experience and certifications,

Accomack County is currently accepting applications for the positions of Fire Medic I, and/or Fire Medic II. Minimum requirements are: High School diploma or GED, valid Driver's license and current EMT certification. Starting salary is based on certifications and experience. Please indicate in your application packet any certifications in process and any other related experience, including volunteer service. **The deadline for applications is 4:30 p.m. on December 7, 2017.**

Testing Day is: Saturday, December 16, 2017, at the Fire Training Center in Melfa. You must be there before the 9 a.m. start time. **All applicants are expected to be there for Test Day.** If you are unable to attend, please contact HR for the alternate Testing Day date. Both the written test and physical agility test are administered on Testing Day at the Fire Training Center in Melfa. Additional details are available online: <https://www.co.accomack.va.us/residents/job-opportunities>

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PART TIME PARAMEDIC POSITIONS (hourly rate based on experience and credentials)

Accomack County is currently accepting applications for part-time paramedics. Starting salary is based on current certifications and experience. To be eligible, you must have current paramedic certification as recognized by the Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services or ability to obtain reciprocity from an out of state credential. Availability requires a minimum of availability for four (4) shifts per month, with at least two (2) shifts worked each month. **The deadline for applications is 4:30 p.m. on December 7, 2017. Testing Day is: Saturday, December 16, 2017 at the Fire Training Center in Melfa.** You must be there before the 9 a.m. start time. **All applicants are expected to be there for Test Day.** If you are unable to attend, please contact HR for the alternate Testing Day date. Both the written test and physical agility test are administered on Testing Day at the Fire Training Center in Melfa. Additional details are available online: <https://www.co.accomack.va.us/residents/job-opportunities>

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

- Senior Clinician/Clinician
- Developmental Disabilities Aide (PCAs & CNAs welcome)
- Substance Abuse Outpatient Clinician (CSAC required)
- Part-time Driver
- Mental Health Skill-Building Specialist
- Health Information Technician

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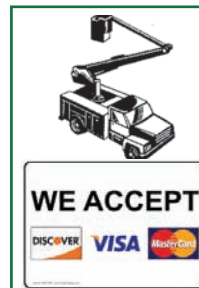
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December 18, 2017 at 1:30 PM

improved real property, with an abbreviated legal description of Description: All that certain lot or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon, situate north of Bloxom, Metompkin Magisterial District, Accomack County, Virginia, as shown on a survey entitled "Location Survey for Estella V. Armstrong," dated September 25, 1998, and made by John H. Plummer & Assoc., Inc., said survey being attached to and made a part a certain deed recorded immediately prior hereto for a more particular description of the property conveyed herein. Being bounded generally as follows: on the North for One Hundred Fourteen and Twenty-Four One Hundredths feet (114.24 ft.), by remaining lands of Estella Armstrong and Addie B. Handy; on the East for Eighty-Six feet (86 ft.), by the centerline of a Twenty-foot driveway separating this lot from the lands to be conveyed from Estella Armstrong and Addie B. Handy to Addie B. Handy; on the South for One Hundred Eight and Twenty-Eight One hundredths feet (108.28 ft.), by Payne Road, RTE. 683, 30' R/W; and on the West for Eight-Six feet (86 ft.), by the lands now or formerly of Penn Central Railroad Company, and as more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

TERMS OF SALE: The property will be sold "AS IS," WITHOUT REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY OF ANY KIND AND SUBJECT TO conditions, restrictions, reservations, easements, rights of way, and all other matters of record taking priority over the Deed of Trust to be announced at the time of sale. A deposit of \$20,000.00, or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, in cash or cashier's check payable to the SUBSTITUTION TRUSTEE will be required at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price, with interest at the rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date said funds are received in the office of the SUBSTITUTION TRUSTEE, will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale. In the event of default by the successful bidder, the entire deposit shall be forfeited and applied to the costs and expenses of sale and Substitute Trustee's fee. All other public charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges, whether incurred prior to or after the sale, and all other costs incident to settlement to be paid by the purchaser. In the event taxes, any other public charges have been advanced, a credit will be due to the seller, to be adjusted from the date of sale at the time of settlement. Purchaser agrees to pay the seller's attorneys at settlement, a fee of \$445.00 for review of the settlement documents.

Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustees a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE SALE 15049 Shields Bridge Road, Belle Haven, VA 23306

By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust dated February 27, 2008, and recorded at Instrument Number 200801110 in the Clerk's Office for the Circuit Court for Accomack County, VA, securing a loan which was originally \$130,500.00. The appointed SUBSTITUTION TRUSTEE, Commonwealth Trustees, LLC will offer for sale at public auction at main entrance of the Accomack County Circuit Court, located at 23316 Courthouse Avenue on:

January 4, 2018 at 12:00 PM

improved real property, with an abbreviated legal description of All that certain lot or parcel of land situate near the Town of Belle Haven, Pungoteague Magisterial District, Accomack County, Virginia, and described in metes and bounds as follows: Beginning at a pipe at time Northwest corner of the land hereby conveyed on the northerly right-of-way line of State Route No. 178, hereby designated as the "Point of Beginning," thence running North 32 deg 33 min 11 sec East a distance of 200 feet to another pipe; thence turning and running South 57 deg 26 min 49 sec East a distance of 100 feet to another pipe; thence turning and running South 32 deg 33 min 11 sec West a distance of 200 feet to another pipe; thence turning and running along the right-of-way of State Route No. 178 North 57 deg 26 min 49 sec West a distance of 100 feet to the original "Point of Beginning." Said lot is designated as "Lot 2" on a plat of survey entitled "Plat Showing Lots near Belle Haven, Accomack County, Virginia, as Laid Out for Shores Homes, Inc., and Others on Part of Farm Formerly Owned by Paul R. Byrd and Ruth S. James," made by Floyd E. Sheckler, C.S. and dated February 20, 1972, and of record in the Clerk's Office for the Circuit Court of Accomack County, Virginia, with a certain Deed from Beatrice E. Vincent, et als, to George T. Vincent, Jr., dated March 6, 1972, in Deed Book 313, Page 336. Said lot or parcel of land is bounded generally on the North by the Land of Shore Homes, Inc. et als; on the East by Lot I on the aforesaid plat; on the South by State Route No. 178 leading from Belle Haven to Shields; and on the West by Lot 3 on the aforesaid plat, and as more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

TERMS OF SALE: The property will be sold "AS IS," WITHOUT REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY OF ANY KIND AND SUBJECT TO conditions, restrictions, reservations, easements, rights of way, and all other matters of record taking priority over the Deed of Trust to be announced at the time of sale. A deposit of \$20,000.00, or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, in cash or cashier's check payable to the SUBSTITUTION TRUSTEE will be required at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price, with interest at the rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date said funds are received in the office of the SUBSTITUTION TRUSTEE, will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale. In the event of default by the successful bidder, the entire deposit shall be forfeited and applied to the costs and expenses of sale and Substitute Trustee's fee. All other public charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges, whether incurred prior to or after the sale, and all other costs incident to settlement to be paid by the purchaser. In the event taxes, any other public charges have been advanced, a credit will be due to the seller, to be adjusted from the date of sale at the time of settlement. Purchaser agrees to pay the seller's attorneys at settlement, a fee of \$445.00 for review of the settlement documents.

Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustees a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Town of Belle Haven

The Mayor and the Town Council will hold a public hearing on December 5, 2017, at 7 p.m., in the ESO Building located at 15293 King Street, Belle Haven, Virginia 23306

RE: Tax Map No 119A0A000011200

The Reason for this Meeting is to discuss the Real Estate Property Sale of 15293 King Street, Belle Haven, Virginia 23306

Seller: Town of Belle Haven, Virginia. Mailing address P.O. Box 238, Belle Haven, Virginia 23306

Buyer: Eastern Shore's Own, Inc. a Virginia Limited liability company. Mailing address P.O. Box 147, Belle Haven, Virginia 23306

Anyone who is interested in the above matter should attend the public hearing to voice their opinions and make their views known.

Kimberly Frisch
Town Clerk of Belle Haven
757-442-5031

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 25486 Coastal Boulevard Onley, VA 23418

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of \$108,000.00, dated August 31, 2006, recorded among the land records of the Circuit Court for Accomack County on August 31, 2006, as Instrument Number 200605443, the undersigned appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction, at the **main entrance of the courthouse for the Circuit Court of Accomack County, 23316 Courthouse Ave, Accomac, VA on December 20, 2017 at 11:30 AM**, the property described in said deed of trust, located at the above address and briefly described as: ALL THAT certain tract or parcel of land situate in the Town of Onley, Lee Magisterial District, Accomack County, Virginia, having a frontage of 60 feet on the main street leading through Onley and running back 200 feet between parallel lines to a 20 foot alley, the same being bounded on the Northwest, by said alley; on the Northeast, by the land now or formerly of Lillian Marsh; on the Southeast, by said street or highway; and on the Southwest, by the Broughton lot now or formerly belonging to Mae Evans Kellam. Tax ID: 093C1A000007700.

TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of \$10,000.00 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required in the form of a certified or cashier's check. Cash will not be accepted as a deposit. Settlement within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Trustee may forfeit deposit. Additional terms to be announced at sale. This is a communication from a debt collector. This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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Northampton County

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of \$83,000.00, dated July 3, 2008, recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the Northampton County, Virginia, in Document No. 080001561, 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 **front entrance of the Northampton County Courthouse, 5229 The Hornes, Eastville, on December 18, 2017, at 11:45 AM** the property described in said deed, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Containing 10 1/2 A., more or less, but same is conveyed in gross and without accountability for any excess or deficiency, and being more particularly described as follows: Starting at a point in the Northeast boundary line of Virginia State Route 617 where the Northwest boundary line for the Red Bank Baptist Church cemetery intersects said highway, said point being marked by a cement marker, and said point being hereby designated as the "point of beginning"; and running thence binding along the Northeast side of said Virginia State Route 617 in a westerly direction for a distance of 523', more or less, to an iron stob; thence turning in a Northeast direction binding along the lands now or formerly owned by M. H. Wood et vir, for a distance of 1,020', more or less, to an iron stob in the property line separating the lands hereby conveyed from the lands now or formerly of J. C. Bell, Jr.; thence running in a southeasterly direction binding along the lands now or formerly of J. C. Bell, Jr., for a distance of 325', more or less, to a certain point; thence turning and running in a southwesterly direction binding along the tract or parcel conveyed by S. O. Rodgers et ux, by deed dated February 21, 1989, to A. S. Boyer et ux, for a distance of 398', more or less, to a certain point marking the intersection of the tract or parcel herein conveyed with the Southwest corner of the tract or parcel conveyed to the said A. S. Boyer et ux; thence turning and running in a southeasterly direction binding along the Southwest line of the tract or parcel conveyed to the said A. S. Boyer et ux, for a distance of 150' to a certain cement block/iron stob designated the intersection of the tract or parcel conveyed to the said A. S. Boyer et ux, other lands of the said A. S. Boyer et ux, and the land now or formerly of Red Bank Baptist Church; thence running in a southwesterly

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Board of Zoning Appeals of the Town of Chincoteague will hold a public hearing on December 14, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at 6150 Community Drive to receive public comments and views on the following zoning matter:

Appeal 17-12-1 A request from Donald Wyrick, 8077 Mire Pond One for a variance from Article 6, section 6.5.2 of the zoning ordinance of the Town of Chincoteague. The applicant had constructed an addition to the side and rear of his camper. Current zoning requires the addition to be placed no closer than 10' from the side and rear lot lines. The addition is located 0' from rear lot line and 2' from side lot line. Section 6.5.2 also restricts additions to campers to not exceed the size of the camper. Both side and rear additions exceed this size limit. The property is located in R-4 Residential.

Kenny L. Lewis
Zoning Administrator

direction binding along the land now or formerly of Red Bank Baptist Church for a distance of 242', more or less, to a cement marker; thence running in a northwesterly direction binding along the cemetery lands now or formerly of Red Bank Baptist Church for a distance of 149', more or less, to a cement marker; thence running in a southwesterly direction binding along the cemetery lands now or formerly of Red Bank Baptist Church for a distance of 235', more or less, to the "point of beginning". Said tract or parcel is bounded on the Northeast by the land now or formerly of J. C. Bell, Jr., and the land now or formerly of A. S. Boyer et ux; on the Southeast by the land now or formerly of A. S. Boyer et ux, and Red Bank Baptist Church; on the Southwest by Virginia State Route 617 and the land of Red Bank Baptist Church; and on the Northwest by the land now or formerly of M. H. Wood et vir., 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. (57242)

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By Linda Cicaira

Interesting people have an intense impact on their surroundings. That being said, it's no wonder Cape Charles appears to be thriving. The town is overflowing with such folks.

There's a special section in this week's paper about Cape Charles. I made a survey of 435 residents via email and got a great response. So I'm hoping the participants will give me their opinions about all sorts of stuff in the future.

They picked the most interesting from the population and I was off to photograph their choices and met a few others in the process. What a blast!

Thank you, Nan Bennett, for getting me together with Roxie Duncan. "Roxie is certainly an interesting and famous person in Cape Charles," Nan wrote. "She is a shining light with a smile and always good stories."

Nan was so right! Roxie, who is 89 years old and washes dishes a couple of hours a day at Rayfield's Pharmacy, has to be the most fun-loving woman ever. She was born in what she described as a little shack not far from where she went to school and was married for 60 years.

"I used to be young and restless," she told me. "Now I am young and rusty." Needless to say, we hit it off. We agreed, we both still "have it." We met at the parking lot of her great-granddaughter's school after I tracked her down running errands with her granddaughter. They are a pair.

I also went to Watson's Hardware in search of Chip Watson. Kay Goffigon Phillips chose him because



All photos by Linda Cicaira
Roxie Duncan's still got it!



Chip Watson in his designated chair.

He gave me one. Thank you, Kay. Thank you, Chip. My next adventure was to find a statue of a pig on Monroe Avenue. Apparently, a resident lived with one, which was the cause of the town passing an ordinance against swine living in private homes. That would be a matter of opinion, now, wouldn't it? I went up and down the streets and finally found a double memorial. On the front porch of a festive-looking house was a Christmas pig all adorned with lights and a more statue-like smaller piglet sort of snorting. Hey, it's my story.

I was taking pig pics when another local celebrity, Frank Russell, also known as Freshwater Frank, came from a neighboring dwelling and struck up a conversation. He studied at the former Shenandoah Conservatory of Music, now known as Shenandoah University, in Winchester. I lived not far from there for about two decades, so I had an appreciation. He also played with Black Elvis, aka Clarence Giddens, a fellow Central High School student. It is a small world.

Frank let me take his photo and expressed his admiration for the Beatles, something we can all relate to. Yippee! Play on, Frank. Unfortunately, I had to scurry away to catch Roxie so that was the end of the conversation.

Nan also gave me some interesting trivia. I think

"He makes me laugh." I was hoping for a chuckle or two.

Chip is much drier than Roxie. I arrived at the store, greeted and shook his hand, and we went outside to his special chair for a photo shoot. He doesn't let anyone else sit in his seat. He had to unhook a chain over it. In addition to being into hardware, Chip is a real estate agent. He talked about the town's growth and mentioned that he had recently listed a house that sold for \$75,000 a few years ago and will probably go for \$250,000 or more.

Frank Russell knows the score (so to speak).



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she might be among the most interesting people. She said Alexander Cassatt, one of two men who started the local railroad was the brother of Mary Cassatt, the famous painter of Impressionism. Oh, yippee! I love her work. No wonder art is rampant in Cape Charles.

I could write all day about this town. Mary Harlow said she finds Young Marshall Romero at the local coffee house to have interesting information to share. Unfortunately, I arrived at the restaurant when it was closed. Ugh! Mary also said Cape Charles "might be the only town with an overhead bridge called 'the hump.'" I believe she is correct.

Jodi Outland reported a scary story. "The 200 blocks of Tazewell and Randolph are known to have many ghosts," she wrote. "These ghosts have never hurt anyone and many are just keeping watch on their domiciles."

I'm going to leave that story to a braver reporter.

She also said Vice Mayor Chris Bannon, owner of Seagate Bed and Breakfast, is an interesting guy. "He volunteers more of his time than anyone I know," she said. "He is friendly and hospitable and has the most interesting stories and background on the town. He is a character that everyone loves."

Bruce Brinkley, likely a relative of Edward S. (Ned) Brinkley, said Ned is the most interesting person in town. "He is brilliant, an author, university professor, German interpreter, scholar (and) teller of great jokes and stories.

I so wish I could have met them all. Russell Goodrich, pastor of Cape Charles Baptist Church, was noted "for his energy and dedication to his church and mission and his happy warrior nature." I don't know what that last part means.

Thomas Purnell Powell said the town cemetery is the only one in the country that uses electric lights. He said Jan Neville was the most interesting person around. "You just have to talk to him and you will know why," he wrote.

Michael and Jeanne Hollister chose "Miguel Rodriguez because he can build/make almost anything and has lived an interesting life from Cuba, to New Jersey to Florida to Virginia and has gotten to know a lot of people in town in such a short period of time."

I have that connection now. Three cheers for Cape Charles!

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