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New Ravenna Holiday Fair

Exmore-based New Ravenna, maker of custom mosaics, held a holiday open house Tuesday to show off its work and provide an opportunity for select local artisans to do the same. The glass mosaic above is called "The Glade," and is part of Cean Irminger's Kiddo line.

Accomack To Recoup Sewer Overpayment to Onancock

By Linda Cicoira

Accomack and Onancock officials reached an agreement this week that will credit about \$44,000 in fees overpaid by the county due to a defective meter for the Central Accomack Sewer System.

The amount is half what was initially requested by the county for charges paid between March 2017 and September 2018. Since then the county installed a new meter. The money will be credited for future charges, officials said.

Representatives of the two governments have been meeting to discuss the issue since May and determined a split of the bill was fair to both parties. Votes to that effect were made Monday by the town council and Wednesday by county supervisors. John Custis, Onancock's lawyer, and County Attorney Cela Burge will review the current contract between the two entities so that future mitigations go smoothly.

In another matter, Zane Hadzick, of FEMA (the Federal Emergency Management Agency), presented a plaque to the supervisors to honor the county surpassing minimum standards in locally administrating the National Flood Insurance Program. Accomack has a rating of six, which Hadzick said is the highest in any jurisdiction and has saved more than 1,000 flood insurance policy holders \$177,576 annually.

The supervisors also agreed to send a letter to Gov. Ralph Northam to ask for funds for Accomack schools to help the schools offer competitive wages to teachers, thereby increasing retention rates. In the Northern Virginia area, 18 school divisions receive the monies. "Accomack County faces many of the same obstacles," according to agenda documents. "Accomack competes against lower Maryland localities, particularly Worcester County," where "property values and per capita income are vastly superior."

An update regarding the Northern Spur Water & Wastewater Project was given by Deputy County Administrator Stewart Hall. It involves extending services from

Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital up the road to the Shore Bank building, behind Chesapeake Square Shopping Center to the pond near ANEC. Plans and specs have been written and pending agency reviews will be put to bid in February with bid openings in March. Hall said the project should be completed by the end of 2019.

"It's going to open doors for that whole area," Chairman Robert Crockett said. "It's a huge investment for the county."

Five of nine members of the Accomack Planning Commission were reappointed. The terms were set to expire at the end of the month. Those who were put back to work were Roy Custis, Lynn Gayle, David Lungair, James Arnold, and Angela Wingfield.

Karen Emerson, of Onancock, was appointed to the Eastern Shore of Virginia Resource Conservation and Development Council to fill the unexpired term of David Vaughn, who resigned several months ago. The supervisors are still looking for someone to fill another seat that will become vacant when Kenneth Savage's term expires Jan. 1.

"I believe the best thing available on the Eastern Shore of Virginia is its great environmental resources," Emerson wrote in an application. "I would like to have an opportunity to help others appreciate what we have."

Because of term limits, Gina Crockett was not eligible for another stint on the Eastern Shore Community Services Board. Eve Belote, of Melfa, expressed interest and was appointed.

It was also reported that full-time EMS staff were stationed at Melfa, Saxis, and Greenbackville Dec. 3. In addition, work on the county airport runway and lighting rehab project has been completed. The runway re-opened Dec. 7.

Accomack officials were recently notified that property damage during Hurricane Florence did not meet the financial threshold for recovery from FEMA, County Administrator Mike Mason said. The road that washed out at Hillsborough, near Belle Haven, was damaged a couple of days prior to the storm, he said.

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Arizona Authorities Continue To Investigate Death of Shore Native

By Linda Cicaira

The death of Kain Michael Turner, a Northern Arizona University student from Modest Town, is continuing to be investigated by Flagstaff, Ariz., police. The cause and manner of death have not yet been determined by the medical examiner's office there.

On Dec. 3, Turner's body was found facedown in about two feet of water in the Rio de Flag canal, near where he was last seen.

A 30-page police report was released to the Eastern Shore Post this week. According to the document, Turner had gone to a sorority semi-formal on the evening of Dec. 2. "He was very intoxicated by the end of the formal, but he went home and changed into clothes to go out to the bars downtown." At about 1 a.m., he was "kicked out of a bar."

Turner's fraternity brothers from the Nu Alpha chapter of Phi Gamma Delta went looking for him the next day after learning of his disappearance. They read on social media about the women who offered to help him. A report of Turner's disappearance had been made to college police.

Austin Jones, a frat brother, "stated he and his friends were advised by NAU Police to not search for Kain, but they decided that they were going to search for him anyway." During the search, Jones saw "what he thought was a backpack in the shallow, iced-over creek water. Upon closer inspection, he realized that it was a body, and it matched the description of what Kain was last seen wearing."

After removing Turner's body from

the water, officers returned to the stream and raked the bottom where they found a wallet containing Turner's ID, credit cards, photos, a cell phone, a vape, and a receipt from a local grocery store for alcohol Turner had purchased on Dec. 2.

Kristen Carney, of Flagstaff, told police she was downtown with two friends and saw the man she later learned was Turner, walking through shallow creek water. "She told me he looked extremely intoxicated," an officer wrote. "He got out of the water ... and then tried to jump in a pile of snow, but didn't make it and instead, he fell into the snow."

Carney said she tried to help him but he indicated that he didn't need any assistance. "Kristen noted he was stumbling as he walked away, walking westbound on Phoenix (Avenue)." Many hours later, after seeing a post published online by his friends, she went back to see if he had dropped anything that would help find him. She found nothing.

Another woman, who had been with Carney, said as Turner walked on Phoenix, they followed but lost sight of him near a bus transfer station. A worker from the medical examiner's office said it was typical for it to take up to six weeks for a cause of death to be determined.

Turner had a black belt in karate and was a star high school wrestler and soccer player at Arcadia High School. His obituary said, "Kain had an infectious zest for life and was a born leader, always there to help those in need without question or complaint."

Two Troopers Recognized by MADD

Two state troopers who are stationed on the Eastern Shore were recently recognized by MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving).

Trooper Brandon Tripp and Sr. Trooper Kurt J. Johnson received 2018 MADD Virginia Law Enforcement Awards and were part of a long list of those being honored from across the state by the group this month.

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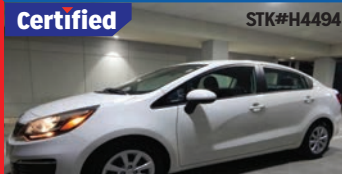
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Northampton Supervisors OK Funding for Auditorium Wall Repair

By Stefanie Jackson

A Northampton budget appropriation request for \$33,426 to start immediately needed repairs on the high school's auditorium walls prompted objection from one supervisor Dec. 11.

Northampton schools will combine the funds with \$65,116 left over from cafeteria wall repairs made about three years ago, for a total of \$98,542, exactly double the bid made by the contractor hired.

Based on past experience with the cafeteria walls, school division staff suspects that once the brick veneer is removed from the auditorium walls, significant damage will be revealed, increasing project costs.

But Supervisor David Fauber said, "We had numerous engineers in there ... nobody has pointed this out as being a real problem except for Speight, Marshall, Francis," the school division's regular structural engineer. He was referring to engineers who were interviewed to conduct a formal investigation of the high school's condition.

"I've got a real problem with spend-

ing \$65,000 on one spot in this whole scheme of things," Fauber said. "If this needs to be done now and if this is twice what the project is really going to cost, then I say let the school board take it out of their maintenance budget and then fix it."

Superintendent Eddie Lawrence answered, "Mr. Fauber, that is the request we're making. ... I would remind you, humbly, if I could, none of the engineering firms were taken up on top of that building to look at this particular wall. That was not part of the mandatory walkthrough in the request for proposals."

An April letter to Northampton schools' Director of Operations Chris Truckner from professional engineer Daniel Speight reported the auditorium walls have bowed eight to 12 inches and need to be repaired to prevent partial collapse.

Speight also said "the entire facility can best be described as fair to poor," including the original 1954 building and the 1978 addition.

Northampton County's finance di-

rector, John Chandler, views the high school's woes as a cautionary tale. He recently discovered the courthouse's nearly 14-year-old HVAC system has been failing for the past year. The building has been using emergency heat since last winter and the air conditioning didn't work at all on several days over the summer.

The air conditioning was fixed, but it will cost \$50,000 or more to repair the heating system, Chandler said.

He said, "I think what's happened is, this is one of those projects similar to what could happen with the school. They fix what they thought was the problem and then, now there's another problem, and another problem, and another problem."

Chandler added the county will need to spend about \$30,000 to extend the life of the courthouse roof another five years.

Spencer Murray, chairman of the board of supervisors, lamented the costs and advised staff to check the warranties on the HVAC system and roof.

"This is absolutely ridiculous," he

said. "I cannot believe we can't build a building in this county that doesn't last more than 14 years (without) major problems."

But the county has an undesignated fund balance of about \$8.5 million or \$9 million saved for such unforeseen expenses, he added.

Fauber also disagreed with Northampton contributing \$10,000 to the cost of the Hampton Roads Sanitation District conducting an engineering study to connect the sewer systems in Exmore, Nassawadox, Melfa, and Onancock. Each town will also contribute \$10,000 toward the \$100,000 study.

"Once this is engineered ... is there any hope that it'll ever be constructed?" he questioned.

Fauber pointed out Northampton previously paid for engineering of sewage projects in both the northern and southern ends of the county, but funding was never obtained.

Murray said the Northampton County Public Service Authority had

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Murray said the Northampton County Public Service Authority had planned to borrow the money for those projects. Now the county plans to seek “external funding” for its sewage needs.

But the two old sewage projects are “ready to roll,” Fauber said.

“Are you talking about the pipe to nowhere from Cape Charles to Route 13?” Murray asked.

The county had paid engineering firm Hurt & Proffitt \$177,000 to examine that project, but it was abandoned when only two customers signed up, he said.

Fauber blamed the county for failing to “get behind” the project and doesn’t foresee the new project garnering support.

It would require a sewer pipe covering a distance of about 25 miles, ending in Onancock, where the wastewater would be treated.

“How far is it from Cheriton to Cape Charles? Two miles,” Fauber said. “The point is, Cheriton’s got the same sewer problems everybody else has.”

Cape Charles’ sewage plant has a capacity of 250,000 gallons and pro-

cesses about 150,000 gallons of wastewater per day.

Onancock Town Manager Bill Kerbin said Onancock’s sewage plant has a capacity of 750,000 gallons and processes about 250,000 gallons of wastewater per day. The new engineering study would determine if Onancock could handle its own sewage and that of three smaller towns.

Exmore and Nassawadox need additional sewer service so both towns can expand. Nassawadox has no sewer service of its own; seven customers near the former location of Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital are connected to a sewer system owned and operated by Riverside Health System, Murray said.

Supervisor John Coker advised that the study should be done so Northampton can be among the first to apply for federal funding for infrastructure if it becomes available in 2019.

Supervisor Oliver Bennett made the motion to contribute \$10,000 to the engineering study, seconded by Fauber and passed unanimously.

“I’m absolutely for it. My problem with any of it is that I’d hate to do another study that’s just going to sit on the table,” Fauber said.



Photo by Linda Cicoira

Getting to Know You

Congresswoman-elect Elaine Luria toured the Shore this week in a series of briefings organized by Sen. Lynwood Lewis to learn about Shore-specific issues that require federal dollars and legislation.

Luria is pictured above (center) with Lewis (right) and Chincoteague Chamber of Commerce Director Evelyn Shotwell (left).

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, following this meeting, the date, time and place of the regular work session meeting of the Northampton County Board of Supervisors shall revert to the 4th Monday of each month, commencing at 5:00 p.m. in the Board Chambers of the County, 16404 Courthouse Road, Eastville, Virginia.

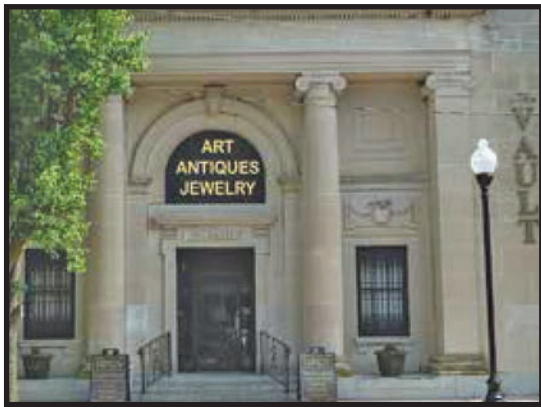
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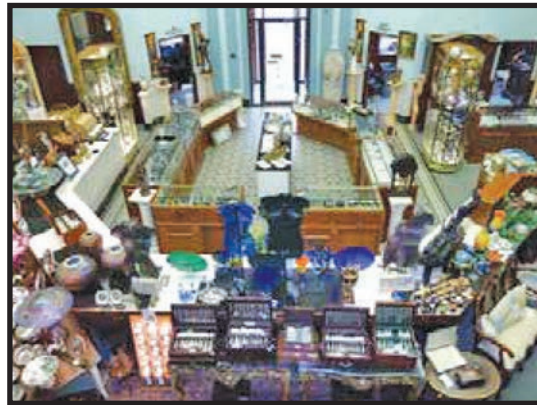
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New State and Federal Requirements Bring High School Testing Changes

By Stefanie Jackson

On Tuesday night, the Accomack school board learned about the latest requirements under the state Standards of Accreditation (SOA) and the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and the heavy impact those requirements will have on local public schools.

Director of Accountability and Curriculum Sandy Drummond explained that the new SOA mandates only affect high school students and Standards of Learning (SOL) testing as related to graduation requirements.

Students who pass a course and the accompanying SOL test (or another assessment approved by the Virginia Board Of Education) receive what is called a verified credit.

Students who have earned all the verified credits they need to graduate are not required take any more SOL tests, even if SOL tests are available for the courses they are currently taking.

It's a "completely new way of thinking," Drummond said.

Eliminating unnecessary testing may seem like a positive outcome, but

there's a catch for school staff: they must account for every end-of-course test taken by each student, an exceedingly long and arduous task.

Additionally, if a student unintentionally takes one too many tests, staff must file a testing irregularity report within 24 hours of discovering the discrepancy.

The extra work falls on school testing coordinators.

School board member Gary Reese asked Drummond if that is the reason Gov. Ralph Northam wants Virginia schools to hire more guidance counselors.

Accomack school guidance counselors will not be burdened with the extra workload, but hiring more guidance staff would help the division more closely align with Northam's goal of maintaining a ratio of one guidance counselor for every 250 students in Virginia schools.

The current state average is one guidance counselor for every 425 students.

Furthermore, state and federal guidelines discourage schools from exempting students from exams as a reward for passing the SOLs, except for Algebra I, biology, and English reading and writing.

School board member George Waldenmaier disagrees with exempting students from exams for any reason.

"At the risk of being boringly redundant, I remain skeptical about exempting students from exams in general. I believe it disadvantages college-bound kids, to go to college where they're going to live and die by exams, and then we minimize their exam exposure," he said.

Director of Secondary Education Karen Taylor answered, "And with this policy change, they're all going to be taking exams now."

Waldenmaier also said that exempting students from exams influences their "lack of success on AP (advanced placement) tests, where kids are not used to the rigor."

Taylor asserted that students struggle with AP tests because they are timed, whereas SOLs are not.

ESSA requires all high school students to take at least one science SOL and one math SOL before graduating. Virginia specifies the biology SOL and the Algebra I SOL as the required tests.

This incentivizes students to perform better in biology, because they

can no longer rely on another course such as earth science to give them the verified credit in science needed for graduation, Taylor said.

Virginia high school students who entered ninth grade between the 2011-2012 and 2017-2018 school years must earn at least six verified credits to graduate. A student with six verified credits and 22 standard credits earns a standard diploma. A student with 26 standard credits and nine verified credits earns an advanced diploma.

Students working toward a standard diploma must earn two verified credits in English, one in math, one in lab science, one in history or social science, and one in any additional course of their choice.

Students working toward an advanced diploma must earn two verified credits in English, two in math, two in lab science, two in history or social science, and one in any additional course of their choice.

The new testing requirements take effect immediately; letters notifying parents of the changes will be sent home after Christmas break.

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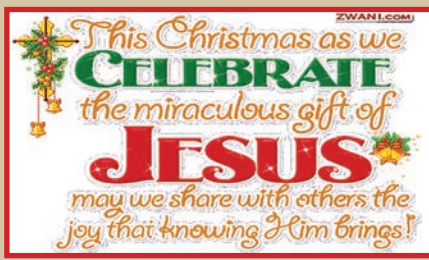
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Court Postings

By Linda Cicaira

Hallwood Man Sentenced for Assault

A Hallwood man will be sentenced next year for assaulting an Accomack County Public School administrator and a police officer, according to court records.

Thomas Wayne Bowden, 19, of Savannah Road in Hallwood, pleaded guilty to misdemeanor assault and battery of Deputy Mark Anthony Coulbourne and Assistant Principal Shaun O'Shea of Arcadia High School. Sentencing was scheduled for March 21. He was initially charged with felony assault and battery of an officer.

Coulbourne said he was called to the office to deal with an unruly student, the file stated. "I was told by Mr. O'Shea that he was assaulted ... When I went to control Bowden, he came behind me and tackled me on to a table. Mr. O'Shea had to assist to restrain Bowden as I proceeded to handcuff him." The incident occurred on April 4.

In another case, Akease Da'Zhonn Downing, 22, of Pratt Lane in Onancock, pleaded guilty to eluding police in connection with a May incident. A presentence report was ordered. A count of reckless driving was not prosecuted. Sentencing was set for March 28.

Cynthia Lowe, 60, of Crisfield, Md., pleaded guilty to grand larceny of property belonging to Island Foods. The incident occurred Nov. 9, 2017. A short-form presentencing report was ordered. Sentencing was set for March 14.

Joshua Landon Russell, 45, of Sand Cove Road in Accomack, pleaded guilty to two counts of felony theft from Walmart. The crimes occurred in December 2017. Russell was remanded to jail to await sentencing on March 14.

Judgment was withheld for Jeffery Wayne Snead, 54, of Chicken City Road on Chincoteague, who was charged with illegal possession of fentanyl. The case was continued until Dec 12, 2019.

Also treated as a first offender was Colston Lee Holden, 63, of Vernon Road in New Church, who was indicted in April for possession of cocaine. His case was also continued for a year.

Bond was denied for Wesley Wilson, 40, of Shirley Circle of Parksley, who

was charged with making a bomb/burn threat on Nov. 25. A preliminary hearing is scheduled in Accomack General District Court in February. Wilson is being held without bail in Accomack Jail.

Peter Alan Ward Jr., 49, of Horn-town, was granted a secured bond of \$10,000. Ward was indicted earlier this month on a count of assault and battery of Officer David Gladding of the Chincoteague Police Department. The incident occurred in September.

Larry William Austin Jr., of Watts-ville, did not show up for his trial. He was charged with unlawful bodily injury in connection with a January 2017 incident. An arrest writ was ordered.

Melfa Man Arrested In Connection With Violent Crimes

A Melfa man, accused of robbery, malicious wounding, and use of a firearm in a felony, was arrested last week in connection with the March offenses.

Edward Warner Byrd, 36, of Airport Drive, was arrested Dec. 11. He was appointed an attorney, Garrett Dunham, on Dec. 12.

The sheriff's office received a report at about 7:45 p.m., March 18, regarding a man who had been shot on Seaside Road in Painter. Upon arrival, deputies found the victim and he was taken to the local hospital for treatment. It was later determined that three males dressed in dark clothing approached the victim outside of his residence and shot and robbed him.

In another case, Dustin Earl Godwin, 31, of Allen Lane in Onancock, was charged with breaking and entering a dwelling house and felony intentional damage to property of more than \$1,000. The incidents occurred Aug. 2. Godwin was arrested Dec. 13. Deputy N. Kugler, of the Accomack County Sheriff's Office, investigated.

Sejour Richerson, 43, of Daugherty Road in Tasley, was found to be incompetent to stand trial for possessing child pornography on July 14 and showing it, via a cell phone, to two fellow workers at Perdue Farms, in Accomack. He was ordered to get treatment on an outpatient basis to become competent.

Jesse Paul Juarez-Perez, 22, of Bennett Street in Parksley, was charged with felony intentional damage to prop-

erty of more than \$1,000 in connection with an incident that occurred Dec. 15. Secured bail was set at \$2,000. Deputy K. McGregor, of ACSO, investigated.

Damien Cordero Wyatt, of Cheriton, was charged with forgery and uttering in connection with Nov. 28 incidents, according to records filed in Northampton General District Court this week. He is being held in the Eastern Shore Regional Jail. Wyatt was arrested Dec. 12. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for Jan. 24.

Tangier Man Sentenced For Drug Crimes

A Tangier Island man was sentenced Monday in Northampton Circuit Court to five years in prison for a drug crime.

All but four months was suspended for William Brent Laird, 37, of Banny's Lane, for possession with intent to distribute Subutex. He was put on indefinite probation and his driver's license will be suspended for six months upon release. The crime occurred Aug. 10, 2016.

A charge of grand larceny of an outboard motor was dismissed against

Sharon Yvonne Royster, 50, of Seaside Road in Cape Charles. Royster was indicted in May for the March 15 offense.

Green Alfred Bellamy, 40, of Bayside Road in Nassawadox, was sentenced to six months in jail, with five months suspended, for driving after being declared an habitual offender. He will be allowed to serve his time on weekends. The incident occurred July 31, 2017.

Hakeem Lamarr Johnson, 23, of Windsor Court in Newport News, Va., pleaded guilty to possession with intent to distribute marijuana in connection with a Nov. 3, 2017, offense. Sentencing was set for April 8.

Derick Clay Klein, of Cape Charles, was given a three-year suspended sentence for stealing a firearm. He pleaded not guilty in June to the Dec. 5, 2017, charge. Indefinite probation was ordered.

Robert Lee Giddens, of Exmore, will not be prosecuted for a count of unlawful injury of a law enforcement officer on Feb. 24. He pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor count of reckless driving and was fined \$380. He also admitted guilt to misdemeanor charges of failure to yield to an emergency vehicle.

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Kathleen Elaine Benson

Ms. Kathleen Elaine Benson departed this world on Dec. 9, 2018. She was born on Dec. 17, 1950, in East Hartford, Conn., the second eldest child of Bernal and Gloria Benson.



Ms. Benson

From the start, Kathleen (known as Kathy by her friends and family, Mama to her daughters and grandchildren) exhibited a deep love and appreciation for nature which continued throughout her life. Her beloved menagerie over the years included not only rescued dogs and cats, but also parakeets, squirrels, turtles, ducks, geese, chickens, raccoons, and mourning doves. She possessed the deepest shade of a green thumb and could regularly be found happily tending to her thriving flower gardens, veggie gardens, herb gardens, and lustrous array of indoor plants. Every August she loved to gather with her family under the dark summer skies and watch the Perseid meteor showers rain celestial embers overhead. Her connection to the skies above, reverence for the ground under her feet, and gratitude for the creatures she encountered was a vital part of her being, and one she imparted to her three daughters with every opportunity she had.

Kathy was a rarity in this often hard and cynical world. She possessed a sweet nature and a trusting and loving soul. She was compassionate, sincere, and earnest; opening her heart to every soul she encountered, whether those she knew for years or people she encountered on her daily errands. She had a brilliant wit which delighted all those who knew her. Her eccentric and silly outlook on life frequently illuminated those fortunate enough to be within her orbit.

An artist at heart, Kathy loved to paint watercolor landscapes of the local Eastern Shore countryside, weave dreamcatchers and God's eyes, and sing along, in her beautiful soprano, with her favorites, Carly Simon, Air Supply, and Stevie Nicks, just to name a few.

Kathy is survived by her three daughters, Willow Zieger and her husband, Ad-

am, of Eastville, Robyn Hartley and her husband, Joseph, of Richmond, Va., and Larisa King and her husband, Perry, of Davis, Calif. She frequently expressed pride and love for her daughters, into whom she instilled kindness, open-heartedness, gratitude, and awe for the magical world she brought them into. She also leaves behind her mother, Gloria Benson, of East Hartford, Conn.; three sisters, Karen Tavernier and her husband, Dave, Kim Beaver and her husband, Rick, and Kris Benson, as well as one brother, Keith Benson and his wife, Anna, all of Connecticut. She leaves her five grandchildren, Linsey Otto and her husband, Tyler Thornes, of Virginia Beach, Va., Lily and Noah Hartley of Richmond, Va., and Atticus and Coen King of Davis, Calif.; a great-granddaughter, Luna Thornes, of Virginia Beach, Va.; and her beloved doggy and longtime best friend, Munchkin.

She is predeceased by her father, Bernal Benson; two sisters, Kelly Benson and Kaye LeBrun, and by her longtime partner, Floyd Gaskill.

To honor her request, a private service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the SPCA Eastern Shore, Inc., P.O. Box 164, Onley, VA 23418.

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

Arrangements were made by the Doughty Funeral Home in Exmore.

Janice Elizabeth Bickel

Mrs. Janice Elizabeth Bickel, 84, of Chincoteague Island, passed away on Dec. 16, 2018, at Hartley Hall in Pocomoke City, Md. She was born in Tyrone, Pa. on March 28, 1934, to the late Clair and Millie Phillips Ray Sr.

She was a member of Union Baptist Church and Daughters of Ruth Sunday School Class.

Mrs. Bickel is survived by her son, Kenneth Lee Clark, of Cresson, Pa.; husband, George Bickel, of Snow Hill, Md.; brother, Clair Leroy Ray Jr. and his wife, Leah, of Tyrone, Pa.; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Carmen Phillips Walk.

A graveside service was held on



Mrs. Bickel

Dec. 19, 2018, at the Daisey Cemetery, Church Street, Chincoteague, with the Rev. Kevin Eley officiating.

Donations may be made to Union Baptist Church, 6365 Church Street, Chincoteague, VA 23336.

Services were entrusted to Salyer Funeral Home Inc. on Chincoteague. Condolences may be made online at www.salyerfh.com

Patrick C. Boole

Mr. Patrick C. "Buddy" Boole, 86, of Franktown, passed away peacefully on Dec. 13, 2018, at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital. He is survived by Connie Neff Boole, his devoted wife of 51 years.

Born on May 23, 1932, he was the son of Patrick C. and Margaret Viola Boole. He fought a long courageous battle against polio as a child and became a successful farmer in the Franktown area. He loved horses all his life and for many years had several horses involved in harness racing. He also enjoyed hunting and fishing. He was a loving Christian and member of Franktown United Methodist Church.

Other than his wife, he is survived by three daughters, Deanna (DeeDee) Boole, Monica (Mimi) Layne and her husband, Douglas, of Franktown, and Patricia "Patti" Royston and her husband, James, of Boyce, Va.; and seven grandchildren, Rebecca Espinosa (Fernando), Joseph Boole, Richard Colona, USCG Fireman Robert Freschi III, Caleigh Freschi, Ori Royston and Emmalee Royston; four sisters, Rose Johnson, of Exmore, Frances Ball, of New York, Margaret "Peggy" Downing, of Franktown, and Dorothy Stauffer (Lynn), of Melfa; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Richard Floyd Boole; and several beloved nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was conducted Dec. 17, 2018, at Franktown United Methodist Church.

In lieu of flowers, the family request donations may be made to ARC Eastern Shore, P.O. Box 626, Exmore, VA 23350, or to the charity of one's choice.

Dawn Evans Dize

Mrs. Dawn Evans Dize, 79, beloved mayor, longtime councilwoman, and lifelong resident of Onley, passed away peacefully on Sunday, Dec. 16, 2018, with her loving family at her side.

Born June 14, 1939, in Onley, she was the daughter of the late James Twyford Evans and Winnie Core Evans and de-

voted wife of the late Richard Wayne Dize Sr. She is survived by her two children, Wayne Dize and wife, Anne, of Onancock, and Cyndi Franklin, of Locustville; brother, Jerry Evans and wife, June, of Onley; nephew, Terry Evans and wife, Julie; niece, Beverly Dize; and great-nephews, Josh Evans and wife, Amanda, and Cody Evans. In addition to her parents and husband, she was predeceased by her niece, Holly June Evans.

Following high school, Mrs. Evans began working for Watson Furniture Company, where she remained until she and Dickie started a family. After working various places, including Fashion Eye, while her children were school age, she accepted a position as bookkeeper for the Eastern Shore News, retiring as credit manager for the Daily Times with 42 years of dedicated service to the Gannett Company. As the current mayor of Onley, Mrs. Dize was very passionate about her hometown, also serving more than 18 years on the town council and was a faithful member of the Onley Baptist Church.

Sweet, strong, selfless - words that describe an incredible woman, wife, mother, sister, and friend who will be greatly missed by loved ones and her community. Funeral services were held at the Onley Baptist Church on Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2018, with the Rev. John Burr officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Riverside Shore Cancer Center, P.O. Box 430, Onancock, VA 23417.

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

Arrangements were made by the Williams-Onancock Funeral Home.

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Benjamin Davis Hutchinson

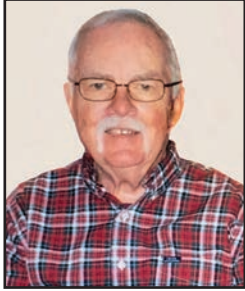
Mr. Benjamin Davis Hutchinson, 81, husband of Shirley Custis Hutchinson and a resident of Onancock, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2018, at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital.

He was born on June 2, 1937, in Davis Wharf, to the late Leonard S. and Elizabeth D. Hutchinson. Mr. Hutchinson graduated from Central High School, attended the University of Virginia, graduated from Goldey-Beacom College, and served in the U.S. Army. Mr. Hutchinson served as finance director for the Acco-



Mrs. Dize

mack County School Board Office, retiring in 1992. He was a member of the Onancock Elks Lodge, B.P.O.E. #1766, Peninsula Tractor Organization, and the original local Antique Automobile Club. He was an avid collector of antique toys, tools, and cars and could be found at most local auctions.



Mr. Hutchinson

In addition to his wife of 45 years, he is survived by two sons, B. Jeffery Hutchinson (Amy) and David R. Hutchinson (Carrie), all of Melfa; stepdaughter, Polly G. Stern of Exmore; sister, Mary Porter Lumgair (Dave) of Craddockville; grandchildren, Walker F. Stern, Parker C. Stern, Nicholas E. Hutchinson, and N. Evan Brown; nephew, David Lumgair; nieces, Beth Lumgair and Melanie Pruitt; and sister-in-law, Janet Hickman. The family would like to acknowledge the kindness and caring of his caregiver, Michael Harmon.

A funeral service was conducted from the graveside at the Fairview Lawn Cemetery on Dec. 16, 2018, with the Rev. J. Barton Weakley officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Michael J. Fox Foundation, Donation Processing, P.O. Box 5014, Hagerstown, MD 21741-5014 (www.michaeljfox.org), or to Riverside Shore Hospice, P.O. Box 616, Onley, VA 23418.

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

Arrangements were made by the Williams-Onancock Funeral Home.

Janet Catherine Janos

Mrs. Janet Catherine Janos, 79, wife of Frank Janos and a resident of Quinby, passed away Sunday, Dec. 16, 2018, at her residence. A native of Atlantic County, N.J., Mrs. Janos was a retired upholsterer and was a lover of family, music and sewing.



Mrs. Janos

She is survived by a son, Paul Champion and his wife, Mary; a daughter, Jannette DeStefano and her husband, Mike; a grandson, Michael P. DeStefano and his wife, Melissa; a brother, Robert Noll; three sis-

ters, Maryann Whitehurst, Patricia Miller and Jean Perla; and many nieces and nephews.

A service will be held in New Jersey at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Riverside Shore Cancer Center, P.O. Box 430, Onancock, VA 23417 or Riverside Shore Hospice, P.O. 615, Onley, VA 23418.

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

Arrangements were made by Doughty Funeral Home in Exmore.

Otho Washington Mears

Mr. Otho Washington "O.W." Mears, 93, of Parksley, passed away Dec. 12, 2018, at the same residence where he was born on Dec. 19, 1924.

He slept in the same bedroom for all of his life and shared it with his beloved wife, Violet P. Mears, for over 70 years. He was predeceased by his parents, Otho Stewart and Myrtle Smith Mears.

Mr. Mears' life's work included farming, raising chickens, auctioneering, and consulting in antiquities. He and Mrs. Mears were the proprietors of Barnyard Auction from 1973 to 2000.

As a self-proclaimed antique fanatic, Mr. Mears spent the past several years creating his own museum of agricultural history, where he spent endless hours researching, displaying, and sharing unique items acquired primarily from the Eastern Shore. This "hobby" led him to write his own book entitled "Back in Time with O.W. Mears" earlier this year.

In the 1950s, Mr. Mears became one of the first deer hunters on the Eastern Shore, and this passion remained an important part of his life right up until last month when he and Lennie hunted, and Mr. Mears bagged his last deer.

While his activities varied from time-to-time, two times of the day were rarely missed. Meeting friends at The Club Car each morning offered him a chance to catch up on the news around town, and just as important, a chance to tell one of his thousands of stories. (Mr. Mears' stories included an infinite number of details which took his audience from the beginning to the end of each tale, as if the listener were present during the



Mr. Mears

event described.) And then came four o'clock in the afternoon when his best friend Carl Thornton picked him up to go out for coffee. On good days and bad, when Carl arrived, Mr. Mears put on his coat and was out the door.

A man of great passions, Mr. Mears held his family and friends with love, and he never allowed a moment in nature to pass without noticing and expressing gratitude. He was sometimes referred to as a historian of the Eastern Shore, not only because of his storehouse of knowledge but because of his deep abiding love of his home and all that surrounded it.

Other than his wife, he is survived by his son, Otho L. "Lennie" Mears and wife, Suzanne, of Spotsylvania, Va.; grandchildren, Lucy Beadnell and husband, Ray, of Arlington, Va., Katie Pendergrast and husband, Chris, of Charlotte, N.C., Ryan Goodrich and wife Heather of Richmond, Va., and Adam Goodrich and wife, Jenny, of Elkton, Va.; 13 grandchildren; two sisters-in-law, Sydney Davis, of Salisbury, Md., and Norma Fletcher, of Quinby; brother-in-law Brooks Pruitt and his wife, Sharon, of Onancock; and numerous nieces, nephews and many close friends.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, Dec. 15, at 11 a.m., at Zion Baptist Church in Parksley, with the Rev. Andrew Matthews officiating. Interment was private, and reception followed at the church hall.

Arrangements are by Thornton Funeral Home in Parksley.

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

Bonnie Lou Perdue

Ms. Bonnie Lou Perdue, 64, of Richmond, Va., passed away at her residence on Sunday, Dec. 9, 2018.

Born Dec. 30, 1953, in Nassawadox,

Va., Ms. Perdue was the daughter of Alice Mason Perdue, of Parksley, and the late M.J. Perdue. She was a planning operations administrator and clerk to the Chesterfield County Planning Commission.

In addition to her mother, survivors include her daughter, Lauren Perdue, of Chesterfield, Va.; a brother, M.J. Perdue Jr. and his wife, Candy, of Parksley; and a granddaughter, Brooke Perdue.

Funeral services were conducted from the chapel of the Williams-Parksley Funeral Home on Dec. 17, 2018, with the Rev. Alan Layman officiating. Interment followed at the Fairview Lawn Cemetery in Onancock.

Memorial donations may be made to Grace United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 156, Parksley, VA 23421.

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

Arrangements were made by the Williams-Parksley Funeral Home.



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National Science Foundation Continues Support of Eastern Shore-Based Coastal Research

By Stefanie Jackson

For the sixth time in a row, the National Science Foundation awarded the University of Virginia a six-year grant for its long-term ecological research project spanning 36 years on the Eastern Shore.

The Anheuser-Busch Coastal Research Center, in Oyster, The Nature Conservancy (TNC), and the Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS) are among the organizations cooperating to conduct the ongoing research with the

goal of understanding the relationships among the barrier islands, marshes, and coastal bays, said Karen McGlathery, the research project's director.

For example, the barrier islands are protected by the marshes, which are in turn protected by oyster reefs, she said.

The current research trend represents a major shift since the project began in the 1980s, when each ecological area was studied in isolation.

One of the project's most significant recent discoveries is that small storms do the most damage, not the big storms like Hurricane Sandy, McGlathery said.

Cora Johnston, director of the Oyster research lab, previously explained gentle waves lapping against the marsh cause more erosion than major storm surge, which covers the marsh, weakening wave action.

Researchers have also found an abundance of invasive seaweed in the seagrass undergoing restoration in the Shore's coastal bays, but the seaweed is not necessarily a nuisance, because shorebirds are feeding on it, McGlathery said.



Photo by Cora Johnston

Researchers from the Anheuser-Busch Coastal Research Center in Oyster stand in a seagrass bed surrounded by calm waters.

The seagrass restoration project, spearheaded by TNC and VIMS, may play an important role in climate change and what McGlathery calls "marine heat waves" – when water temperature highs rise above normal.

Seagrass removes carbon dioxide from the atmosphere at high rates.

The seagrass restoration also improves water quality and increases biodiversity, she said.

McGlathery has studied coastal wa-

ters and seagrass from Bermuda to Denmark, so her current position is a natural fit. She has worked on the UVA project since 1996 and has directed it for the last 15 years.

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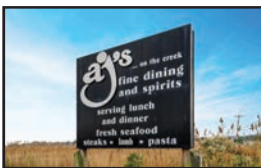
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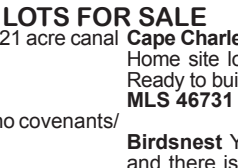


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THE EASTERN SHORE LOSES A LOCAL LEGEND AND STORYTELLER

By Linda Cicaira

Otho Washington Mears was born in a house outside of Parksley and lived there his entire 93 years. The auctioneer, historian, and storyteller, and his wife of 70 years, Violet Mears, were a team for decades at their barnyard sales where people gathered to find treasures, socialize, and eat pound and layer cakes that she made and sold by the slice.

As news of his Dec. 12 death spread across the Eastern Shore late last week, folks from here and across Virginia noted their fondness for Mears and the great loss to the community. Violet Mears declined to speak about her long-time husband as the hurt was too new to bear. But others who loved him had plenty to say about the man whose face would light up with excitement when he told a tale or spoke of an antique hog scale.

Just months ago, Mears was describing Violet Mears' hunting feats with pride and admiration that painted a picture of her in a clearing, raising up a big gun and getting a shot at a deer.

"To me, Otho was one of a kind — great auctioneer, great joke and storyteller, and just a neat, neat person," Samuel Updike Jr., of Fredericksburg, wrote on the funer-

al home's site. "It was my pleasure to call him friend and to enjoy his stories."

"I met him when I first moved to Parksley, living across the street from his mother, Myrtle," wrote Joan Selby, of Chincoteague. "Glad that I got to know him and some of his family. I enjoyed O.W.'s auctions, his stories, and acts of kindness." He was "a true gentleman and a unique Eastern Shore treasure."

"If it wasn't nailed down and he could get money for it, he would sell it," Lennie Mears said Tuesday of his father. "He was quite the historian. He knew pretty much everything about the Eastern Shore and places where old cemeteries were and places that held the oldest buildings."

Some of that information was delivered naturally to Otho Mears as his ancestors came here from England around 1650. Bartholomew Mears was a sharecropper who arrived as an indentured servant and rose up to own "a fair amount of land," Lennie Mears said.

George and Elizabeth Mears, Otho Mears' grandparents, built the homeplace in 1913. Lennie Mears has George Mears' shotgun from 1910. "And still in excellent shape. Dad was a keeper of everything old, well, pretty much everything."

The family is now looking for bronze stars that Otho S. Mears, Lennie Mears' "Pop-Pop," was awarded after being gassed twice while taking cover in foxholes in France during World War I. The information was on discharge papers the auctioneer saved. His father "never told a soul," Lennie Mears said. "I have no idea about it. All my grandfather told me about the war was how much he liked the French women and how much he liked to box."

That love for sports didn't flow over to the son. "My dad wasn't into that at all," Lennie Mears said. "Probably didn't watch a football game in his life. He wasn't interested in that whatsoever. He'd watch old movies and the news at night like 'Gone With the Wind' and old westerns."

"My grandfather started to do this, auctioneering, probably (in the) late '40s, maybe '50s. My father didn't show any enthusiasm about it" at first. "But when you work on a farm, you did whatever you had to do."

The older man had two sales going in one day and thought the first would be over before the second had begun but it didn't work out that way and younger Otho Mears was left to finish the first auction.

"He had never done it before," Lennie

Mears said. But when the father returned, someone told him he need not come back as Otho W. Mears was "better than you. After that, my father started practicing and he became quite enamored with it and did auctions everywhere in Delmarva ... then he started collecting. He was really into the oldest and most obscure things."

Lennie Mears' grandfather got to see two auctions at the Mears' barnyard location. "Back when I was younger, he had some historic auctions. With all the major (decoy) carvers. Mid-1970s decoys were bringing \$1,200 or \$1,600 apiece, which was unheard of at the time."

Lennie Mears didn't come back to the Shore to live after going away to college. "He (his father) was sort of set in stone here and I was in the modern world learning to do things faster ... Only in the last few years, I came to appreciate the older things ... He actually retired in 2000. Probably in the mid to late 1990s, he started doing some things outside of the barn — helped other auctioneers. When he closed the barn down that was the most amazing sale of all." Chester Jackson, of Countryside Auctions, and Zeb Barfield, of ZBB Inc. in Hallwood, worked for Mears. Otho Mears asked his son to take his pick



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before the big sale. He had his eye on a hundred-year-old window from an old post office. Otho Mears had estimated it to be worth \$400 or \$500. "Put it through, I'll bid on it," he told his dad.

"We had the sale at the Owl Restaurant." Lennie Mears said. "Visiting auctioneers were there. When that window came up for auction, the first bid was \$1,000." He said his father looked at him asking what he wanted. "I shrugged, 'do what you got to do.'" The window sold for \$4,000. Lennie Mears had picked out the Mears Railroad sign he admired.

Lennie Mears said a year or two ago, his dad refused to show any antiques to the American Pickers. "He liked the show until they went to a store in Maryland with three stories, flew through it, and didn't do him (the owner) justice."

Carl Thornton, also of Parksley, met Otho Mears when Thornton was about 12 and attended auctions with his mother. "He would take me hunting, which was the love of his life. Of course, I loved auctions ... We just continued to be friends and close. Not many holidays or birthday occasions that we weren't together." One such occasion was just a couple of days before Mears' death. For the last 15 to 20 years, until the Royal Farms closed for refurbishing, the two would go there for coffee. "I would pick him up every afternoon at 4 o'clock ... My afternoon entertainment. He was an entertainer. Believe me."

"I learned many, many things from him historically and otherwise," Thornton said. When they couldn't go to that spot, they would go to the convenience store in Nelsonia instead. "He died on Tuesday. And I took him to coffee the Friday before. On Saturday we celebrated my daughter's birthday dinner, which he and his wife and son attended.

"He got me interested in of all things, local history, and I started collecting items and photos and so forth," Thornton said. "Our friendship never died. It continued on ... He was like a father figure, he really was. ... There was nothing that was uncommon for us to talk about. He had many interests as you know. ... He took me to my first hog killing about a year ago, back of Eastville, a friend of his. That was the last one for them," Thornton said of the friend's family. "They weren't going to raise hogs anymore.

Mears had a butcher knife that hadn't been used in a hog killing for a century. "He used the knife to shave the hog." The knife was acquired at Wachapreague. "He was very proud of that. That he was able to touch a hog with it after a hundred years."



Photo by Carl Thornton
During a hog butchering, Otho Mears uses a knife that had not been used in 100 years.

Thornton talked about Mears' hog scale collection. "He had all different sizes, from 1,500 pounds on down, and memorabilia." Mears bought a bear trap once. "He marveled at how it was made. After that, it was my quest to buy a bear trap for myself. Anything he did like that, I had to try to top it. We had so many common interests, it was easy to become a friend and talk on a daily basis. I saw him every day of my life." Thornton said Mears also came to the Club Car Cafe in the morning "for coffee and to talk — to solve the world problems."

"He had all kinds of decoys go through there, Hudsons and Hancocks, and of course, the auction of Verna Cobb," said carver Grayson Chesser. "Cobb had all kinds of things from the family that came from Cobb Island ... unfinished heads — by Nathan Cobb who was one of the most famous carvers that was — made from holly limbs. Root heads, that was one of the things that he was so famous for. Natural curves that would be really impossible" to duplicate.

"That was a major auction," said Chesser. "I paid \$700 for a stool that had Elkannah Cobb's initial in the bottom, underneath of it. They did that with a lot of things they owned before there was a brand. I bought it for somebody else ... Lord knows we had good times there."

Chesser also went hunting with Mears. "He hired me to take him goose hunting one time years and years ago. He was a heck of an auctioneer. He had a great crew too. Violet could make cakes. Otho killed the first deer, a buck in 1947, during the first open season for deer hunting on the Eastern Shore. There were hardly any deer back then. So, before that, there was no deer season."

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Gym Lifts Weight of the Holidays for Local Families



By Krystle Bono, Submitted Photos

'Tis the season for giving, and Jacob Parks Personal Training and its gym members came together this past week to help make 35 children's holiday a little bit brighter.

The gym held a wrapping party over the weekend to put together the many different items that would eventually make it to the adopted families in need. The gifts were delivered Tuesday afternoon to Occohannock Elementary, where the majority of the children attend school.

Left: Owner Jacob Parks (sitting, bottom right) with the members of his gym during the wrapping party last weekend in Cheriton.

Below: Many gifts were delivered Tuesday to OES. Bottom: Principal Shirley Auguste, presents gym representatives Liz Jones and Helene Doughty with a certificate during the gift drop-off.





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EASTERN SHORE SPORTS

Matthews Formally Commits to UMES Baseball

Story and Photo by Krystle Bono

Chincoteague's Todd Matthews said baseball is something he knew he wanted—and needed—to continue to have in his life, and Tuesday afternoon, he formally signed his commitment to play with the Division I University of Maryland Eastern Shore baseball program.

Matthews, a big fan of the Baltimore Orioles, says he had a rough go along the way, having to undergo surgery, which put a damper on his game. He knew after overcoming that, he had to make the most of his recovery, and do whatever it took to continue playing on the next level.

The future Hawk has played ball since he was T-ball aged, and has loved the sport ever since. He mentioned his time playing with the Ponies as being the most memorable.

"I've really been stuck with baseball my whole life. My Pop-Pop influenced me to be as good as I can in baseball and has just really helped me out. It's just been a long and tough run," reflects Matthews.

Surrounded by his family and friends, Matthews acknowledged the tremendous support he has received, but says his Pop-Pop is especially important to him, and is the main source of his inspiration and motivation to continue playing.



Chincoteague's Todd Matthews formally committed to play baseball at UMES Tuesday afternoon. Pictured (from L-R, sitting): Father Aaron Matthews, Todd Matthews, and mother Rhonda Matthews. Back row (L-R) Larry Chance, coach William Fox, coach Jimmy Bloxom, and Principal Harold Holmes.

Varsity Basketball Action

By Krystle Bono

Last Thursday, the Yellow Jackets hosted the Chincoteague Ponies and retired the boys to a 84-49 final tally.

Leading the Yellow Jackets in the win were Jawaun Bell and Vonte Coston, who each contributed 15 points. Kasai Clark netted 13 in the win.

Jeremiah Major rebounded the team high with seven, and Bell assisted the most for the Yellow Jackets at 10.

The Ponies leading scorer was Trent Clark, who netted 23 points. Ayden Leonard potted 10.

Clark also assisted the most for Chincoteague, tossing eight, and Braden Watson grabbed five rebounds.

Monday night, Chincoteague suf-

fered a road loss to Wicomico, 79-28. They are scheduled to pick up again Jan. 4 at Crisfield High.

The Yellow Jackets fell to Surry County Saturday afternoon in Eastville, 74-54.

Bell paved the way in points for the Yellow Jackets, putting up 16. Corey Smith had the most rebounds, grabbing seven.

Northampton battled Lancaster on their home court Tuesday night in Eastville, retiring the visitors to a 73-68 final count.

Clark led the Yellow Jacket swarm this go-round, hooping 28 points. Bell scored 22 points with 10 assists and Coston posted 18 with eight rebounds and five assists.

The Broadwater Vikings boys team fell to Nansemond-Suffolk Saturday afternoon, 82-43, at the NSA Holiday Classic. They will be back in action after the new year, on Jan. 8, at Portsmouth Christian.

Last Wednesday, the Nandua Warriors defeated the Arcadia Firebirds in Oak Hall by a 51-47 count.

Nandua dropped a 72-36 loss to the Red Devils Monday night at Lancaster.

The Arcadia boys traveled to Snow Hill Monday night, and fell to the Eagles, 68-55. They will be back on the court Jan. 3 to battle the Warriors in Onley.

Chincoteague's girls squad shut-down the Yellow Jackets, 45-32, Dec. 13, in Eastville.

Caroline Thorton led the Ponies in the win, posting 18 points. Alanna Hall and Caroline Shelley notched nine,

apiece, with Hall and Emma Jackson grabbing the team high in rebounds with eight.

Jada Giddens threw the most points in the Yellow Jackets' effort with 18.

The Ponies fell to Wicomico Monday night on Chincoteague, 56-35.

Thorton led the Ponies on the board, tossing 12, with Shelley throwing 11.

Chincoteague will face Crisfield Jan. 4.

The Lady Jackets one-upped Lancaster in a road tilt Monday night, 37-36. They are scheduled to be back on the court Dec. 28 in Crisfield.

Nandua fell to Lancaster Monday night, 56-23, in Onley. They are set for a Jan. 3 game in Oak Hall against the Firebirds.

The Broadwater Vikings girls team are set to play Portsmouth Christian Jan. 8 on the road.

YELLOW JACKETS NAMED TO REGION 1A FOOTBALL TEAMS



Submitted Photo

Seven Northampton varsity football players were recently selected to the 1A All-Region first and second teams. Kasai Clark was a first team defensive pick. Cresencio Sugia (offense), Josh Splawn (offense and defense), Carlton Smith (offense), Tyrone Cephas (defense), Corey Smith (defense), and Trip Wescoat (defense) were all second team selections. Pictured from left to right: Athletic Director Richard Wilfong, Assistant Principal Charles King, Trip Wescoat, Josh Splawn, Corey Smith, Kasai Clark, Cresengio Sugia, Tyrone Cephas, and Head Coach John Edney. Not pictured is Carlton Smith.

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VARSITY GRAPPLERS EARN MULTIPLE WINS

By Krystle Bono

The Nandua Warriors varsity wrestling club defeated Peninsula Catholic, 48-27, and Norfolk Christian Academy, 69-12, Dec. 12 on the road. The boys competed in the King of Beasts tournament last Saturday at Tallwood High School, with Joseph Castiglia placing second, Jaheim Gaskins and David Gastelum earning third, and James Burr bringing home fourth.

The Northampton Yellow Jackets traveled to Norfolk Academy last Saturday to grapple in the Norfolk Academy Invitational, finishing 11th overall in a field of 15 teams.

Individually, Azmani Joseph earned fourth in the 138-pound bracket, Crescencio Sugia finished fifth in the 285-pound matches, and Gary Peart III was sixth in the 170-pound battles.

Wednesday night, the Warriors hosted the Yellow Jackets, Seaford, and King's Fork, in Onley, and defeated all three of their visitors to move their season record to a 12-0 count.

Nandua met Seaford first, and retired them to a score of 51-27.

Warrior Jalik Davis fell to Seaford's Zachary Johnson in the 138-pound match.

Nandua's 145-pounder, James Burr, topped Tashawn Brooks by fall.

Another Warrior win came in the 152-pound match with Cameron Mears

defeating John French by pin.

Nandua's Gastelum topped Seaford's Jeremiah Lofton in the 160-pound match, and Warrior teammate Cooper Leighton won the 170-pound battle over Seaford's David Clagg.

Seaford would claim the 182 and 195-pound matches, with Thane Grimes topping Nandua's Joseph Teasley and Karl-tay Bennefield defeating Damani Baines.

Castiglia claimed the 220-pound battle in favor of the Warriors over Seaford's Taion Jenkins.

The 285 match went to Seaford's William Despaigne over Nandua's Gaskins by a decision of 2-1.

Nandua's Ben Stodghill defeated Daniel Santos by fall in the 106 match.

Joey Prendergast took a forfeit at 113 and Julio Vasquez took one at 120 for the Warriors.

The 126 matchup went in favor of Elton Joseph over Nandua's Matthew Taylor.

Nandua's Dylan Ross over Seaford's Tristan Ruark at 132 by a decision of 8-5.

King's Fork was next, and the Warriors unleashed another win, 54-24.

Nandua's Burr topped Dominic Shepherd, of King's Fork, in the 145 match.

Mears captured the win in the 152 grapple-off for the Warriors over Anthony Bufano.

The 160-pound battle went to Nand-

ua's Gastelum over Andrew Bender.

Kirk Bond Jr. of King's Fork grabbed the win over Nandua's Cooper Leighton in the 170-pound matchup, and King's Fork struck again in the 182 battle with a win by Leo Wethington over Teasley.

Baines took a forfeit for Nandua in the 195 match, and teammate Castiglia grabbed the same at 220.

The 285 round was a win for Nandua, with Robert Misuna topping Da'Jour Lewis, of King's Fork, by fall.

Aydan Mcgathe, of King's Fork, grabbed the 106-pound win over Nandua's Stodghill.

Nandua's Prendergast (113), Vasquez (120), and Carlo Balmoria (126) took forfeits in their respective matches.

Alijah Wyatt, of King's Fork, one-upped Nandua's Ross by fall in the 132 battle, but the Warriors would come out on top in the last matchup against King's Fork, with Tyler Green taking the win in the 138-pound faceoff over George Vazquez, 14-12.

Northampton also battled Seaford and King's Fork; the boys fell 48-21 to Seaford, but defeated King's Fork, 46-18.

Northampton's Trenton Johnson defeated Tashawn Brooks by a decision of 12-11 in the 145-pound match to start off the duel against Seaford.

Joseph earned the win over Seaford's

French by a fall time of 1:35 for the Yellow Jackets at 152.

Seaford's Lofton took the forfeit at 160, but Northampton's Peart grabbed the 170 match win over Clagg by fall of 1:27.

Grimes earned the win for Seaford over Northampton's Gavin Brittingham by a fall time of 4:36 at 182.

Seaford would strike again defeating Yellow Jacket Jeremiah Gonzalez-Demers in the 195-pound match.

Seaford's 220-pounder, Bennefield, topped Northampton's Josh Splawn, and Despaigne pinned Northampton's Sugia in the 285-pound match.

Santos took a forfeit for Seaford at 106, and the 126 battle would ultimately end up in favor of Seaford's Joseph over Yellow Jacket Alonzo Capers.

Northampton's Brandon Odom topped Seaford's Ruark by a fall time of 1:11 at 132, and Seaford's 138-pound grappler, Zachary Johnson, took a forfeit to for Northampton's final matchup.

Peart got things rolling for the Yellow Jackets against King's Fork with a win in his 170-pound battle over Bond by major decision of 13-0.

The 182 match went to Wethington over Northampton's Brittingham, and Gonzalez-Demers and Splawn took for-

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Submitted Photo

Nandua's Joseph Castiglia earned a second-place finish in the King of Beasts tournament at Tallwood High School.



Submitted Photo

Northampton's Azmani Joseph finished fourth in the 138-pound weight bracket at the Norfolk Invitational last Saturday.

~ Wrestling ~ (Continued From Page 21)

feits at 195 and 220 for the Yellow Jackets.

Sugia won the 285-pound match over Portes in favor of the Yellow Jackets by a fall time of 2:43.

The 106 match was a forfeit for Mcgathay of King's Fork, and the 126 match was forfeited to Northampton's Capers.

Odom pinned Wyatt of King's Fork by a fall time of 3:34 in the 132-pound battle.

King's Fork took the forfeit in the next match, and the 145 match followed, with Johnson pinning Shepherd in 27 seconds to take the victory for the Yellow Jackets.

Northampton's Joseph finished things off with the 152 match, pinning Bufano in 47 seconds.

The Yellow Jackets were last on the mat against the Warriors, with the rivals going head-to-head for the first time this season. Nandua came out on top, earning the 51-26 victory over Northampton.

Nandua's Mears won the 152-pound match over Joseph by a 12-7 decision.

Gastelum took a forfeit in the next round, and Northampton's Peart topped Hickman by pin in 36 seconds.

Nandua's Teasley grabbed the 182 win over Brittingham by a fall time of

1:07, and Baines topped Yellow Jacket Gonzalez-Demers by fall of 1:09 at 195.

The 220 match went to Northampton's Splawn over Castiglia, and the 285 battle was won by Yellow Jacket Sugia over Misuna by fall of 2:53.

Stodghill, Prendergast, and Vasquez grabbed forfeits at 106, 113, and 120, respectively, for the Warriors.

Northampton's Capers topped Balmoria by tech fall at 126, and teammate Odem earned the 132 win for the Yellow Jackets over Ross by fall of 2:38.

Nandua's Davis nabbed the forfeit at 138, and the 145 match went to Nandua's Burr over Northampton's Johnson by a fall time of 3:27.

Broadwater's William Wehner also participated, winning by major decision over Seaford's Santos, 14-0, by major decision of 8-0 over Nandua's Stodghill, and by fall over Mcgathay, of King's Fork, in 56 seconds.

The Nandua Warriors and Arcadia Firebirds will compete in the Parkside Holiday Tournament in Salisbury this weekend. The Yellow Jackets are back in action Dec. 28, at Great Bridge for the Colon E. Baker Classic.

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Lessard Lands Citation

Young angler Gregory Lessard caught a 43.5-pound citation rockfish last week in Northampton County.

LOCAL ANGLERS COMPETE IN 6TH ANNUAL MID-ATLANTIC ROCKFISH SHOOTOUT



Submitted Photo

Team Earning Stripes (Captain Greg Allmen, with team members Chad Parks, Mike Lewis, and Richard Buscher) placed seventh overall in the rockfish shootout.



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Team Sho-Nuf with members (from L-R): Kenny Mills, Bill Doughty, and Clinton Lessard, placed second in the biggest fish category of the tournament, landing a 50.7-pound rock.

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by Linda Thistle

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Super Crossword

THAT GNAWING FEELING

ACROSS

- 1 Dry out
 6 Should the necessity arise
 14 Eye, kidney and heart
 20 Informed
 21 Grade on a salary scale
 22 Big chicken brand
 23 Rodent who helps couples end spats?
 25 Forced out of a country
 26 Squeezed (out)
 27 — polloi
 28 Untold millennia
 30 — bean (Old World plant)
 31 Stand for
 33 Rodent causing prices to increase over time?
 40 "— Haw"
 42 Visit briefly
 43 "By the way," on memos
 44 Frothy pie topping concocted by a rodent?
 50 Bit of a tortilla treat
- 55 Spheres
 56 Cliff nests
 57 Seized
 59 Part of CD
 60 Throws in
 61 Actor Arnaz
 62 "Jazz" writer Morrison
 63 Serious rifts
 65 Rodent blurring out secrets?
 69 Shooters' gp.
 70 How cliffs incline
 72 Very bad grade
 73 Rodent who's a pop star?
 77 Fishing boat
 81 Chevy now called the Sonic
 82 Tune for two
 83 Utterances of disgust
 85 Ames' home
 86 Series with Agent 99
 88 Of the eyes
 91 Middle name of Poe
 92 Malia Obama's sis
 93 Rodent who was a U.S. president?
 96 Outrage
 98 Battery terminal
- 99 Massive light
 100 Revelation of all the relevant facts about a rodent?
 106 Nary a soul
 111 Shuffle or Mini
 112 Silvery gray
 113 Silver of film
 115 Special air
 116 Fight against
 118 Rodent-themed hit for Peter, Paul and Mary?
 125 Franklin of soul music
 126 Bolsheviks' theory
 127 Laotian, say
 128 Eye liners?
 129 Infuriates
 130 Idylls, e.g.

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- 1 Turned white
 2 Stirred from sleep
 3 Poe bird
 4 Ideology
 5 That woman
 6 — facto
 7 Muslim ascetic: Var.
 8 Sch. in Manhattan
 9 Manning the quarterback

- 10 Suffix with auction
 11 TiVo is one, for short
 12 Stinging thing
 13 Actress Page
 14 Not in secret
 15 T. — (big dino)
 16 Petty swindle
 17 Old veep Stevenson
 18 New, to Julio
 19 Roomy auto
 24 Actor Charlie
 29 Sin
 32 Just — once
 34 Imitating sorts
 35 Spelling of the screen
 36 Mayberry tyke
 37 Fish parts
 38 Having one sharp, musically
 39 "— that the truth!"
 41 "My word!"
 44 Young guys
 45 Actor Stoltz of "Mask"
 46 Go well (with)
 47 Apple debut of 1984
 48 G.P.'s study
 49 Start of an expiration notice
- 51 Deliberate choice
 52 China's —
 53 Pullets, e.g.
 54 Comics dog
 58 TV and radio stations
 60 "Jack & Jill" actress Peet
 61 Certain baseball hit: Abbr.
 64 — Lanka
 65 Roseanne's mom on "Roseanne"
 66 "Chi-Raq" director Spike
 67 Mo. #4
 68 Advanced deg. for a designer
 70 Arrange for
 71 Pec pic, say
 73 Binges
 74 Iris locale
 75 Filming sites
 76 "A Clockwork Orange" novelist Anthony
 77 Heaved
 78 Entertainer Falana
 79 Moviedom's McGregor
 80 Novelist Ayn
 83 Peptic problem
- 84 With 94-Down, female chum
 87 Inn worker
 88 "Horrors!"
 89 Co. big shots
 90 Language in Lahore
 91 Brit's prefix for plane
 94 See 84-Down
 95 White on "Wheel of Fortune"
 97 Ranch ropes
 100 Like the flu
 101 "Rigolotto," for one
 102 Doesn't win
 103 Piaf of song
 104 Dish with kidney beans
 105 Make blank
 107 Low voice
 108 Navel type
 109 REM activity
 110 Tall stories
 114 Bits of resistance
 117 That woman
 119 Wet lowland
 120 Ltd. relative
 121 Move hastily
 122 Raggedy —
 123 Trash-talk
 124 Hiker's aid

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Winners of Delegate Bloxom's Christmas Art Contest



Ashlyn Mears,
Grade 3,
Shore Christian
Academy



Jack Conrad,
Grade 3,
Broadwater Academy



**Genesis Gonzalez-
Bartolon,**
Grade 1,
Metompkin Elementary
School



Yaritza Lopez-Mendez,
Grade 5,
Kegotank
Elementary School

Honorable Mention

Charlotte Tyler, Grade 4, Broadwater Academy
Rheya Patel, Grade 5, Shore Christian Academy

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'Tis Better To Give Than To Receive, Say Eastern Shore Post Readers

By **Linda Cicora**

Most folks in Accomack and Northampton counties would rather give than receive at Christmastime, according to a survey conducted last week by the Eastern Shore Post. They use bags and paper wrap when readying their gifts, miss their mothers who have passed away, and enjoy getting together with family and friends on Dec. 25.

One hundred percent of those who answered the questionnaire said they call the jolly gift delivery man "Santa."

"I am a giver every day, not just (during the) holiday season," wrote Michael Stephano, of Cashville. He has fond memories of going fishing during the week of Christmas and of taking a ride with his father in the 1970s.

"We visited friends of his and my siblings in various New England college towns," Stephano said. "We dodged the Christmas ordeal at home and hit the road." This year, Stephano asked Santa for peace. His favorite Christmas song isn't from the usual picks. "I remember albums at Christmas time. Elton John (and) 'Yellow Brick Road' come to mind."

Nikki (Shawna) Davis, of Accomack, said if she could spend Christmas with anyone it would be her late mother, Evelyn M. "Sis" Davis, who died two years ago. "A mother's love at Christmas is unexplainable," she wrote. "It's that mother-daughter, mother-granddaughter thing."

The best present that Davis ever received that didn't have a price tag was "love." This year, she asked Santa for health and happiness. Davis leaves cookies out for the jolly man. She uses gift wrap and bags to prepare her gifts and likes both giving and receiving presents. Her favorite Christmas memories involve large family get-togethers. She picked "Happy Holidays," sung by the Whispers, as her favorite Christmas song.

Victoria Riggan-Bundick, of Exmore, chose "Little Drummer Boy" as her favorite song, "as my grandfather used to sing it to me as a child." She got an awesome treat this year. "My daughter bought a carpet shampooer and shampooed all the carpets in our home."

Horntown resident Lisa Cropper

Johnson's favorite Christmas memory is "riding around on Christmas night checking out Christmas lights and decorations across the Shore." She would choose Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. if she could spend Christmas Day with anyone in the world. The reason — "To hear him speak on how to remain passionate in the midst of challenges." This year, Johnson asked Santa for Uggs boots. Her favorite Christmas song is "Silent Night."

"Seeing my grandson's joy at getting a puppy" was the best Christmas present she ever received that didn't cost anything. She uses both bags and gift wrap for the dozens of people to whom she gives gifts. "Giving is by far my favorite," she wrote.

She usually leaves chocolate chip and sugar cookies for Santa. "Plus, in more recent years, my grandson says we have to leave apples for the reindeer." Anthony LoFaso, of Onancock, has the happy memory of being seven and waking up to a brand new 26-inch bicycle on Christmas morning. His favorite Christmas song is "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel," a Christian hymn for Advent and Christmas. The best present that didn't have a price tag was "having an elderly gentleman, whom we called, 'The Major,' have Christmas dinner with us."

LoFaso chooses wrapping presents over using gift bags. "I like to give gifts that I know people will appreciate and I like receiving gifts that show people put some thought and love into it."

"My father had his own business when I was growing up," wrote Robert Doughty, of South Chesconessex. "We could always tell if he made a lot of money that year by what was under the tree Christmas morning." One year, "We got up and it looked like half of the Sears & Roebuck catalog was under the tree."

Doughty would choose Shelby Foote to spend Christmas with if he could pick anyone. "His knowledge and story-telling about the Civil War were legendary." The best Christmas present was when his "mother came home two days before Christmas" after having major surgery. "I much prefer giving to receiving," Doughty said. He also chose

“Deck the Halls” by Mannheim Steamroller as his favorite Christmas tune.

Doug Hollingsworth, of Painter, prefers gift wrap to bags for presents. He would always pick his family to spend Christmas with and chose “Jingle Bells” as his favorite holiday song. Sometimes he leaves beer out for Santa.

Kimberly Perry, of Greenbush, remembers “waking up super early on Christmas morning, after Santa left presents. My sisters would take the presents and put them against heaters and try to pull off the tape and peek at the presents. It did not work so well, not like we planned anyway.”

She would like to spend another Christmas with her grandparents. Perry asked Santa for maternity clothes, boots, some DVDs, and a few books this year. Her favorite song is “Blue Christmas” by Elvis Presley. She prefers to wrap presents and likes giving them. “Although receiving is nice, I love the expressions on people’s faces when they open their gifts.” She leaves peanut butter, shortbread, and chocolate chip cookies with milk for Santa on

Christmas Eve.

Jennifer Bradford Sayers, of Belle Haven, said her favorite memory of the season is “coming home from school to our Mom waiting with a steaming cup of hot chocolate, slicing and baking cookies, and our Christmas tree lighted and waiting for my younger brother and me to decorate it. We always loved decorating the tree even if Mom made ornament adjustments after we went to bed.”

Sayers wishes she could spend Christmas with her mother. “She passed away five years ago this January and we all miss her so much.” Sayers asked Santa to pay her bills for “at least a month or so.” Her favorite song is “Jingle Bell Rock.”

“I try to wrap all the presents we give. Santa leaves his gifts unwrapped.” The best present doesn’t have a price and is “having the entire family together. I know it sounds cliché but as you get older and loved ones pass on, it really is those moments of togetherness that you treasure the most, those family traditions and celebrations.”

She typically gives gifts to 18 peo-

ple. “I love to give gifts though being on the receiving end is always nice too,” wrote Sayers. “We leave the traditional milk and cookies, but my husband has been petitioning for us to leave beer and nuts for the jolly guy.”

Cara Burton, of Parksley, fondly remembers “singing ‘Silent Night,’ in Belle Haven Presbyterian Church at the candlelight service with our small white candles with the white paper, even though I always got burned by the wax.”

She would pick Raif Badawi, the Saudi writer who has been held prisoner and flogged in Saudi Arabia since 2012, to spend Christmas with. “It would be because he is finally freed and can be reunited with his family.” Burton, director of the Eastern Shore Public Library, asked Santa for “a new regional library.” Her favorite Christmas Carol is “O Holy Night.” The best present is spending the day off with her children.

“My family re-uses wrapping paper each year, trying to see how many Christmases a piece can be reused,” wrote Burton. “Yes, we used to save and reuse icicles as well ... We

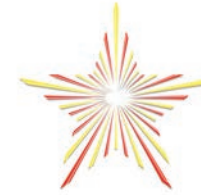
always left Santa a grilled cheese and glass of milk. I later learned it was because my Dad had worked all day at the hospital and needed nourishment before putting the toys together and having to get up and be on call the next day.”

Angie H. Crutchley, of Exmore, had a hard time naming one Christmas memory. “When I was a teenager, in the 90s, there was a great big snow/ice storm. We were snowed in for days. I loved the coziness of that and spending time with mom playing with our presents.” She picks her mother and her husband, Doug, for her Christmas companions. She asked Santa for “cold hard cash” his year. Crutchley’s favorite song is “Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer.”

“Everyone can be as noble as they want ... I LOVE getting presents,” she wrote. “There’s no shame in my game. Presents are exciting because of the mystery. I love surprises ... but seriously, I just love the dinners and laughter I have with the family.”

Beverly Lynch, of Painter, remem-

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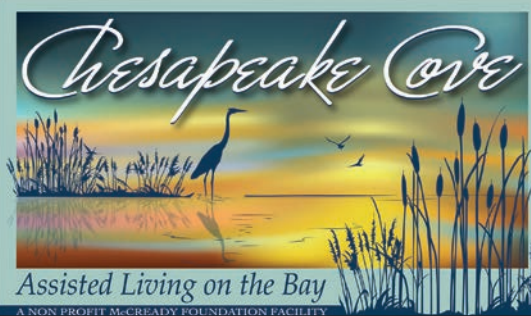
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bers getting a pony for Christmas. She hates Christmas songs, hasn't asked Santa for anything, and wraps and bags presents.

Sally Tuttle, of Wachapreague, longs for her mother's cookies, "Cherry Winks." If she could choose any Christmas guests, it would be "my whole family past and present." Tuttle asked Santa for a new light for her foyer. Her favorite Christmas song is "Silent Night." She wraps and put gifts in bags and believes giving is better than receiving.

Carrie Jacobson, also of Wachapreague, said her favorite Christmas memory is "attending a midnight service with my husband, years ago, in Connecticut. The church was small and plain, and there weren't many people there, but we sang and prayed, and I remember feeling strongly a feeling of celebration of the birth of Christ." She would love to spend Christmas with her mother. "She has passed, but she loved Christmas more than anyone, took a

delight in the whole thing, from the spiritual to the commercial to the decorative. Our house always looked lovely, we always had a crazy number of great presents and piles of fabulous food, and the spirit of the season, somehow, too."

Jacobson has asked Santa for a new roof. "Ours is leaking." Her favorite Christmas song is the Roches' version of "Good King Wenceslas." The best present was "when my husband, Peter, made me great pins and earrings ... The pins are shaped like fish, and the earrings are like the flies he ties for fishing." She wraps her presents. "My favorite thing is finding or making the right, great gift. My second favorite is receiving."

Denise Bowden, of Chincoteague, remembers "paying off my grandmother's furniture from Feldman Bros. one Christmas. She cried and cried over that and my heart felt so good to be able to help her out. I miss her so very much." She wishes she could spend Christmas with her late dad. "He made Christmas so special ev-

ery year. I miss his big Christmas breakfast that he would make for us." Bowden asked Santa for health and happiness this year. Her favorite song is "Silver Bells." "Seeing my loved ones' faces this time of year is the best gift ever," she said. "I detest bagging but sometimes it's necessary." Giving is "definitely" what she loves doing.

Judy Hunt, of Captain's Cove, has great memories of her family gathering to play games at Christmas. Her favorite song is "Let There Be Peace on Earth." The best present she ever received that didn't cost anything was "a gingerbread ornament my daughter made in kindergarten." She likes "giving."

Nicki Tiffany, of Cape Charles, remembers singing carols with her family. Her favorite song is "Mary, Have You Heard?" The best no-cost gift was a surprise visit by some faraway family members. She wraps her presents and loves giving,

David Martin, of Onancock, has favorite Christmas memories from when

his sons were toddlers. He would always choose to be with family for the holiday "because I love them." He asked Santa for another year of life. Martin's favorite Christmas song is "Santa Is Back In Town" sung by Elvis Presley. He wraps presents he grows — loofahs.

Diana M. Davis, of Craddockville, remembers "little things, driving to Wachapreague with my face pressed against the window to see the stars, my grandmother's three-tiered candy dish, her silver tree, Daddy putting the lights on the tree and fussing, Mama and Daddy's party on the 24th, which was always a blast, Gran's pile of tiny packages, the children and I making cookies, my husband giving me 30 minutes to pick the perfect tree cuz the football game was coming on, being with my loved ones, a candlelight service, reading the Bible, Luke to the kids, and John, on Christmas Eve."

The artist asked Santa for watercolor paper this year. Her favorite song is "O Holy Night." The best present was "hugs and my grandmother's loaded eggnog — but they did not drink."

Davis calls the jolly man who gives presents, Bill Schmidt. She is referring



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to the local artist who paints on oyster shells that he gives away. Davis bags her presents. She said, "Eating cookies," when asked if she would rather give or receive presents.

One year, on Dec. 23, the first child of Bruce MacMaster Jr., of Onley, was born. So it is a favorite Christmas memory. He asked for health and prosperity for his children and grandchildren. MacMaster's favorite song is "O Holy Night." He prefers giving.

For Stefanie Jackson, of Pungoteague, a vivid memory was a couple of years ago when it was so warm they had to turn on the air conditioning on Christmas Day opening presents in shorts and T-shirts. "If I could spend Christmas Day with anyone in the world, it would be my husband and two kids, because they mean the world to me."

"What Child Is This" is the most hauntingly beautiful Christmas song ever," Jackson said. "I am willing to admit that getting presents is my favorite ... but giving presents is my most IMPORTANT thing ... I'd rather get no presents and see my kids get the things they asked for."

"I always remember the one time ever that it snowed on Christmas Day," said Krystle Bono, of Cape Charles. "It

just made the day so Christmas-y feeling, if that makes sense. I think I was middle-school aged. I'll also always remember my daughter's first 'real' Christmas when she was old enough to know what was going on and could open her presents. That was the best. ... Children just add a whole new element to the meaning of Christmas."

Bono's daughter, Bella, "canceled" her entire wish list after the family's dog died recently. Instead, she requested "a miniature schnauzer puppy. She has been having a hard time because not only does she miss our dog terribly, but she said the house feels so empty ... I've asked Santa to leave a little extra funds under the tree so I can get one after the New Year." Bono said. She also favors "O Holy Night" and added, "Stopping to relax and enjoy spending quality time with family is always the best, free gift."

"We leave milk and cookies" for Santa, Bono said. "We always make the peanut butter cookies with Hershey kisses on top, as well as chocolate chip and sugar cookies every Christmas Eve" for Santa.

Sharyn McQuaid, of Melfa, picked "Silent Night" and "Away in the Manger"

for her favorite songs. "Although I have no problem with 'Baby, It's Cold Outside' and think the people who are aghast with its non-politically correct importuning have not listened to the lyrics of

a multitude of contemporary music. 'Baby' is endearing by comparison."

"I wrap, but Santa does not," she continued. "I have wrapped lidded boxes that I have used for years."

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Review the proposed project plans and the National Environmental Policy Act document in the form of a Programmatic Categorical Exclusion (PCE) at VDOT's Hampton Roads District Office located at 7511 Burbage Drive, Suffolk, VA 23435, 757-965-3000, 800-367-7632, TTY/TDD 711. You may also review the project information at VDOT's Accomack Residency Office located at 23096 Courthouse Avenue, Accomack, Virginia 23301, 757-787-5856. Please call ahead to ensure the availability of appropriate personnel to answer your questions.

If your concerns cannot be satisfied, VDOT is willing to hold a public hearing. You may request that a public hearing be held by sending a written request to Mr. Jesse Allen, Virginia Department of Transportation, 7511 Burbage Drive, Suffolk, VA 23435 on or prior to **January 3, 2019**. If a request for a public hearing is received, notice of date, time and place of the hearing will be posted.

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Santa Trades Cookies for Seafood in New Local Book

By Stefanie Jackson

Santa is sick of cookies this year, but not to worry, one local child will not rest until he finds some delectable Eastern Shore seafood to leave out for the big guy on Christmas Eve.

“Santa’s Sick of Cookies” is the first published book of Eastern Shore native and Northampton schools’ Division Teacher Mentor Karen Foley.

Foley treated students and parents to a reading of her new children’s story followed by a book sale and signing at Pungoteague Elementary School’s Title I night on Dec. 13.

In the story, a little boy’s mind wanders up and down the Shore’s working waterfront towns, from Chincoteague to Bayford, wondering what type of seafood he will find for Santa.

The answer is a secret, served with Tabasco sauce.

Foley was inspired to write “Santa’s Sick of Cookies” by a shopping trip across the Chesapeake Bay where she found herself in the children’s section of the Barnes and Noble surrounded by books plastered with images of Santa and dozens of Christmas cookies.

He must get sick of cookies, Foley thought. She wondered what would happen if a child wanted to leave Santa something else for a Christmas Eve snack. The idea simmered in her mind all the way home, she said.

It took just one weekend to draft the story. Since it was her first book, and the story is based on the Eastern Shore, Foley decided to submit it to a regional publisher.

Even dealing with smaller publishers, Foley was faced with a lot of competition. “It’s a gamble” trying to get a book published, she said. The publisher that accepted her work, Belle Isle Books, chooses only 35 out of 900 manuscripts per year, she said.

Foley wanted the illustrations to be colorful, whimsical, bold, and fun, but “not too realistic,” she said.

She chose illustrator Jessica Gibson from a list provided by the publisher. Even though Gibson is from Detroit, Foley felt Gibson’s style fit the story and its setting.

Foley, who currently resides in Eastville, reflected on why so many local authors write about their Eastern Shore home instead of fantasies or fairy tales.

“The Eastern Shore is unique,” she answered. “The teachers, the area, and the people are all a part of me.”

It also goes back to writing about what and who you know, Foley said. She chose Willis Wharf as the story’s

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Photos by Stefanie Jackson

Right: Northampton schools Division Teacher Mentor Karen Foley visited Pungoteague Elementary School on Dec. 13 to read her first published children’s book, “Santa’s Sick of Cookies.” Below: Pungoteague Elementary second graders decked in their best PJs and most festive holiday headgear sing a selection of modern kids’ Christmas songs for a full house at the school’s Dec. 13 Title I night, under the direction of music teacher Amanda Lawrence.



~Santa~

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setting because that's where her father's family is from. Like Willis Wharf, the other places name-dropped in the narrative are known for their aquaculture, the industry in which her son works.

She understands that a lot of kids on the Shore "just can't wait to see the big, wide world," and her story serves as a little reminder of what their home has to offer. "I love it here," Foley said.

Foley's career before writing her story included 18 years as a middle school English teacher. She earned her National Board Certification and became an assistant principal at Northampton Middle School before becoming Northampton's division teacher mentor.

Her decision to become a teacher and writer was influenced by her father, educator George Young, who was the superintendent of Northampton schools for 20 years and recently became the first inductee into the Northampton High School Hall of Fame.

Foley said there are "more stories in me," and she's already planning a sequel to her Santa tale for next year. She also wants to write a story set on Hog Island.

Foley likes writing Eastern Shore-themed stories because local kids can relate to the setting. She wants to encourage kids to read for pleasure, not just to pass a multiple choice test. Her goal with her books is to give children the "joy of reading."



Photo By Linda Cicaira

Sheriff's Office Delivers Toys To Tangier
 Captain Todd Wessells of the Accomack County Sheriff's Office hands a bicycle to Accomack Commonwealth's Attorney Spencer Morgan just before a trip to Tangier to deliver toys collected in the sheriff's annual toy drive. Looking on is Deputy Tom Willett.

Start the New Year With a Walk in the Park

It has been said that whatever you do on New Year's Day, you will do throughout the year. How about starting the year with a walk in Kiptopeke State Park?

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Two contests give visitors two opportunities to win gift certificates valued at up to \$500. For complete contest details, visit <https://vasp.fun/2019firstdayhikes>.

Ranger Stan Osmolenski will lead a 1.5 to 2- hour hike through Kiptopeke at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m., beginning at picnic shelter #1 by the first parking lot.

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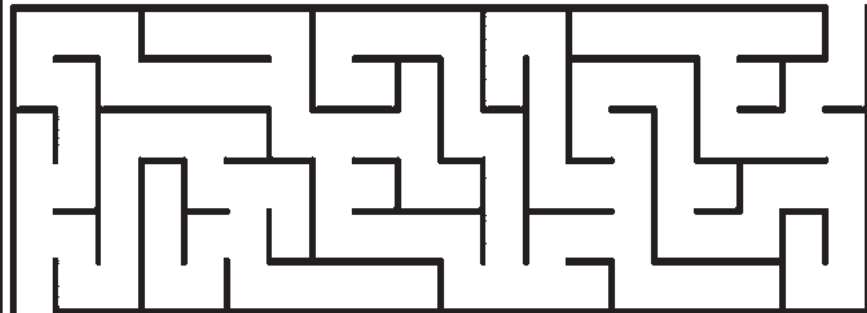
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Kids' Puzzle Page

Kids' Maze



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SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the CAPITAL letters below to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word to complete the gag!

- Burdened
- ELAND**
- Switch
- TRIVED**
- Succeed
- LOFLOW**
- Aim
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TODAY'S WORD

"It's called the 'Chef's Delight' because he uses only _____."

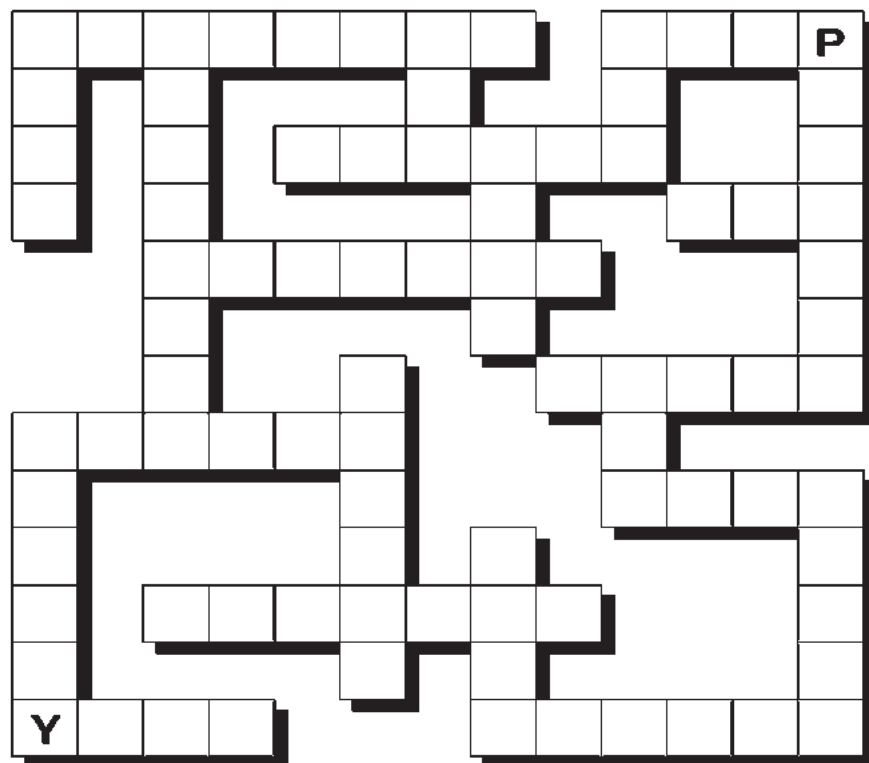
Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

CRISSCROSS – THE HOLIDAY SEASON

Each word will fit into one spot in the grid. Use the starting letters as a guide and fit each word into its spot. All words will be used, so cross off each one after you put it into the grid.

- 3 Letters**
ELF
LOG
PIE
TAG
- 4 Letters**
FOOD
GIFT
NOEL
SNOW
TRIP
YULE
- 5 Letters**
DECOR
FEAST
- 6 Letters**
EGGNOG
SLEIGH
TINSEL
TURKEY
WINTER
- 7 Letters**
PAGEANT
SINGING
STICKER
- 8 Letters**
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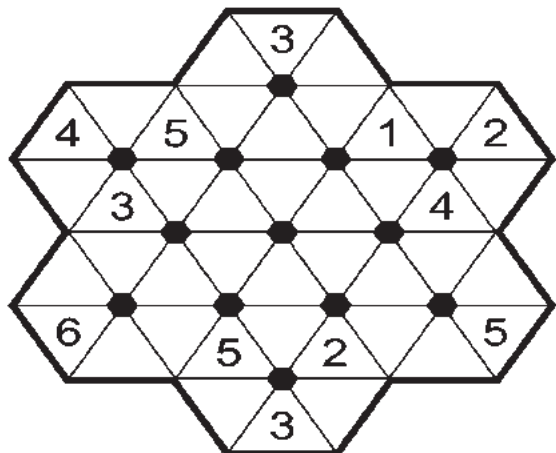


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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

RIDDLE CARD

- How do locomotives hear?
- What nut is like a sneeze?
- What fish is definitely out of place?
- What can be right but never wrong?
- Why is the letter "N" like a pig?



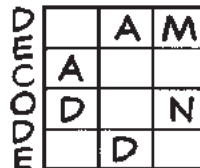
Answers: 1. Through their engineers (engine-ears) 2. Cashew nut 3. A perch in a bird's cage 4. An angle 5. Because it makes "a sty" - "nasty!"

A PERFECT PUZZLERS' BREAKFAST! Can you solve this AlphaMath puzzle before our order comes? You must replace the letters in the menu with the digits 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 so that you have a correct addition problem. The same letters get the same digits.



Our Answer: H=8, A=7, M=9, D=2, E=1, G=6, S=5, (873 + 792 = 1665).

FIND THE SEVEN WORDS PUZZLE! In the word square at the right, we've removed six of the letters to spell out the word "DECODE." See if you can replace these letters in the squares so that you will have four 3-letter words across and three 4-letter words down. The time limit is 60 seconds.



Answers: (Across): Darn, ace, den, odd, (Down): Dado, aced, mend

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

A PAR FIVE PUZZLE!



PUTT
PUNT
PUNK
SUNK
SINK

Solve these five word puzzles and win the Junior Whirl Word Open! In this type of puzzle, you are given a word that must be changed into another word in a series of moves. During each move, you must change one letter in the previous word so as to form a new word. In our example, we changed PUTT to SINK in four moves. See if you can change the following five words in four moves.

- HAND to PICK
- JUTE to MILL
- SLIP to KNOT
- MILE to POST
- SLOB to NEAT

Illustrated by David Coulson

Answers:
1. HAND, HANK, HACK, PACK, PICK
2. JUTE, MUTE, MITE, MILE, MILL
3. SLIP, SNIP, SNIT, KNIT, KNOT
4. MILE, PILE, POLE, POSE, POST
5. SLOB, SLOT, SLAT, SEAT, NEAT

FRUITY CAKE

From Linda Cicoira's Kitchen

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Add dry ingredients from your favorite butter cake recipe or Duncan Hines butter cake mix to a large mixing bowl.

Add:

3/4 cup juice from a can of pineapple

1 cup crushed pineapple

3 eggs

A half-stick of softened butter

Beat well.

Using a food processor:

Pulverize a small bag of sliced almonds and a handful or two of coconut. Add to mix but do not continue to beat.

Slightly pulverize a handful or two of frozen cherries, coat with flour and add to mix.

Pulverize half of a small container of candied pineapple or the whole container, if you love sugar. Add to mix.

Add 1 or 2 oz. dried cranberries.

Gently stir all ingredients by hand and fill two greased loaf pans with the mixture. Bake for 25 minutes or until golden brown.



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2 egg yolks	1/8 teaspoon salt.

Cream butter and sugar. Add egg yolks, vanilla, and cream. Beat well. Add salt and flour, a little at the time, stirring well. Chill dough for a short while. Put in cookie press and press cookies into an ungreased cookie sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 12 to 15 minutes.



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Northampton High School Names Students and Teacher of Month for November

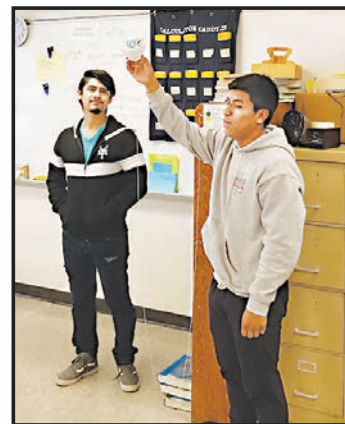
Northampton High School announced its students and teacher of the month for November.

Teacher of the Month is Denise Topping, pictured above left with NHS Assistant Principal and CTE Coordinator Dr. Charles King and NHS Principal Mike Myers.

Students of the Month and staff are pictured at right (back row, from left) NHS Assistant Principal Heather Marsh, Cameron Glennon, Heather De-Marino, Charlotte Henderson, Vonte Coston, and Kasai Clark; (front row, from left) Jazmina Manley, Briona Feltes, and Principal Mike Myers.

NHS STEM Project Winners

Northampton High School student Conner Henderson won the STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) zip line challenge in his trig class taught by math teacher Sandra Lewis. Students had to set up a zip line in class and modify a cup to carry a marble down the zip line. At the end of the zip line students had to drop the marble out of the cup to hit a target. Conner's marble hit the target three times in three attempts.



(l-r) Alejandro and Hernandez

Calculus students Ramiro Alejandro and Eduardo Mateo Hernandez won the challenge in their class.



Henderson

Community Notes

Cape Charles

The first of the Cape Charles Memorial Library Celebration Fridays series event will be Friday, Jan. 11, from 7 to 8 p.m., at the Cape Charles Memorial Library. The presenter will be author and contemporary impressionist painter Jeanette Darnell Treadwell sharing her book, "The Poulsons of Onancock Creek."

On the second Friday evening of each month, a diversified, informative, and entertaining group of speakers will share a presentation. These events are free with complimentary refreshments.

Chincoteague

An estate planning workshop will be Thursday, Jan. 10, at 10 a.m., at the Museum of Chincoteague Island. Attorney John P. Custis will discuss the importance of estate planning. The basic estate planning documents, including the last will and testament, durable general power of attorney, and

advance medical directive will be discussed, along with other estate planning topics such as a revocable trust and charitable giving.

For more information, call Maria Grenchik at 336-6117.

Kiptopeke

The First Day Hike will be Tuesday, Jan. 1, at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m., at Kiptopeke State Park. Ranger Stan Osmolenski will be leading a 1.5- to 2-hour hike through the park. The hikes will begin at picnic shelter #1 by the first parking lot (second left after entering the park).

Weirwood

A documentary viewing party about Giddens' Do Drop Inn will be Friday, Dec. 28, at 7:30 p.m., at Giddens' Do Drop Inn, 8204 Bayford Rd. DJ Satch will play music from 9 to 11 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres will be served and donations are welcome. For more information, call 442-2139 or 804-513-0532.



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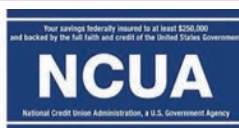
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- Dec. 21: 5-8 p.m.—Festive Fridays: Harbor String Quartet, Santa & Mrs. Claus—Cape Charles
- Dec. 21: 6-8 p.m.—The Snow Queen & King Visit—Lemon Tree Gallery, Cape Charles—Free Hot Chocolate And Cookies
- Dec. 21: 7 p.m.—\$5 Movie Night: "A Christmas Carol"—Island Theatre, Chincoteague
- Dec. 21: 8 p.m.—Movie Night: "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation"—Historic Palace Theater, 305 Mason Ave., Cape Charles—Free
- Dec. 22: 2 p.m.—Community Pre-Christmas Dinner—Antioch Baptist Church, Treherneville
- Dec. 23: 9:30 a.m.—Christmas Cantata—Assawoman Methodist Church, Atlantic
- Dec. 23: 10:30 a.m.—Children's Christmas Program—Pungoteague Community Church—Christmas Caroling At 5 p.m. Will Begin At The Church
- Dec. 23: 11:30 a.m.—Christmas Cantata—Downing's Methodist Church, Oak Hall
- Dec. 24: 11 a.m.—Christmas Eve Service—Smith Chapel UMC, Quinby
- Dec. 24: 6 p.m.—Christmas Eve Candlelight Service—Trinity UMC, Cape Charles
- Dec. 24: 6 p.m.—Greenbackville Charge Christmas Eve Candlelight Service—Union UMC, Greenbackville
- Dec. 24: 7 p.m.—Christmas Eve Service—Downing's UMC, Oak Hall
- Dec. 24: 8 p.m.—Christmas Eve Mass—St. Andrews Episcopal Mass, Princess Anne, Md.
- Dec. 24: 9 p.m.—Christmas Eve Service—Craddockville UMC
- Dec. 31: 9 p.m.—Midnight Muskrat Dive—Northside Park, Ocean City, Md.

Times may vary. Please check with venue.

**FRIDAY
DEC. 21** ★6 p.m. - **Celebrate Recovery Group mtg.** - Onancock Baptist Church
★7 p.m. - **Life Teach Series** - Rachel/ Leah Covenant Ministries Center - 787-2486
★7:30 p.m. - **Bingo** - Exmore Moose Lodge, Belle Haven

**SATURDAY
DEC. 22** ★2-4 p.m. - **Empowering Girls' Group** - ESTACI, Exmore - 757-656-3460
★7:30 p.m. - **Bingo** - Eastville Vol. Fire Co.

POST TIMES December 21-27

**MONDAY
DEC. 24** ★1-3 p.m. - **Community Bingo** - Chincoteague Cultural Alliance, 6309 Church St., Chincoteague
★1-4 p.m. - **CIAO Presents Gameplay Monday** - Theatre Annex, Chincoteague
★5-6 p.m. - **Al-Anon mtg.** - Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Onancock
★6 p.m. - **Accomack Cty. NAACP mtg.** - Abba's House, Mary N. Smith Cultural Ctr., Accomac - 757-709-3753
★6 p.m. - **Bingo** - Elks Lodge, Tasley
★6:30 p.m. - **Cub Scout Pack 300 mtg.** - Grace UMC, Parksley
★6:30-8:30 p.m. - **Free English for Speakers of Other Languages** - Metompkin Elementary School, Parksley - 789-1761
★7 p.m. - **AA mtg.** - Christ Episcopal Church, Eastville

**SUNDAY
DEC. 23** ★noon - **Social Luncheon** - Calvary Bible Church, Accomac
★12:30 p.m. - **Bingo** - Vietnam Veterans' Bldg., Main St., Onley
★7:30 p.m. - **AA mtg.** - Grace UMC, 18484 Wilson Ave., Parksley

**TUESDAY
DEC. 25**

Merry Christmas

from all of us at the Eastern Shore Post!



Bayside Chiropractic Rehabilitation & Laser



Dr. Ed Bull and Janet offer treatments for:

- Sciatica
- Plantar Fasciitis
- Mortons Neuroma
- Shoulder and Knee Pain
- Tennis/Golfers Elbow
- Sinus/ Allergy Symptoms

- Degenerative Disc Disease
- Peripheral Neuropathy
- Carpal Tunnel
- Fibromyalgia

- TMJ
- Sacroillitis
- Headaches/Migraines
- Arthritis/ Osteoarthritis
- Spinal Stenosis
- IT band syndrome

And many other musculoskeletal conditions

Please call our office if you would like to schedule an appointment
757-331-1190

**WEDNESDAY
DEC. 26**

★7:45 a.m. - **Kiwanis Club of Accomack mtg.** - Sage Diner, Onley
★10 a.m. - **TOPS mtg.** - Market St. UMC, Onancock - 787-4718
★10 a.m.-2 p.m. - **Veterans' Employment Representative Avail.** - ESCC, Melfa - no appt. needed
★10:30-11:30 a.m. - **Overeaters Anonymous mtg.** - Rock Church, Onley - 757-655-4834
★11 a.m.-1 p.m. - **Soup Kitchen** - Corner Stone Seventh Day Adventist Church, 3431 Main St., Exmore
★5-7 p.m. - **Soup Kitchen & Clothes Closet** - Grace and Truth Ministries, 19 Boundary Ave., Onancock - Donations: 789-5369
★5:30-6:30 p.m. - **Free Meals for the Hungry** - Epworth UMC, 4158 Seaside Rd., Exmore - 442-6391
★6-7 p.m. - **Prayer Line Open** - St. Matthew's Church, Onley - Call 665-7403, 387-7021 or 894-1521 w/prayer requests
★6:30-8:30 p.m. - **Free English for Speakers of Other Languages** - Metompkin Elementary School, Parksley - 789-1761
★7 p.m. - **AA & Al-Anon mtgs.** - Franktown UMC
★7:30 p.m. - **Bingo** - Painter VFC

**THURSDAY
DEC. 27**

★9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. - **Veterans' Employment Representative Avail.** - Chincoteague Town Office - no appt. needed
★10:30 a.m. - **Story Time** - Cape Charles Memorial Library
★5:30 p.m. - **Shore Losers mtg.** - Drummondtown Baptist Church, Accomac - \$1/wk.
★5:30 p.m. - **TOPS VA-550 mtg.** - Zion Baptist Church, Parksley - 787-7099
★6-8:30 p.m. - **GED Class** - ESCC, Class A-51, Melfa
★6:30 p.m. - **Kiwanis Club mtg.** - St. Andrew's Catholic Church, Chincoteague
★6:30 p.m. - **Al-Anon. mtg.** - Trinity UMC, Cape Charles
★7 p.m. - **Celebrate Recovery Group mtg.** - Chincoteague Church of God, 5252 Woodland Dr.
★7 p.m. - **NA mtg.** - Painter Garrison UMC
★7 p.m. - **AA mtg.** - Christ UMC, 6253 Church St., Chincoteague

Classified Ads, Real Estate Ads, Auctions & Legal Notices

Eastern Shore Trading POST

Announcements

INVITATION FOR BID - PORTABLE WASH UNIT
 Invitation for Bid (IFB)
 Issue Date: December 14, 2018 IFB #: STAR121418
 Title: Portable Vehicle Wash Unit
 Issuing Agency: Star Transit
 21250 Cooperative Way Tasley, VA 23441
 Initial Period of Contract:

Star Transit (Star) is seeking bids for one tethered portable vehicle wash unit. Bids can be received by mail or hand delivery to 21250 Cooperative Way Tasley, VA 23441 until 2:00 p.m. January 25, 2019. Submitted bids will be considered lowest and best price and should include all fees, labor and materials. Star Transit is exempt from all sales tax related to this procurement.

Star Transit reserves the right to reject any and all bids. If beneficial, Star Transit may award contracts to bidders for the item mentioned below. All bidders and products must abide by the following FTA clauses (see attachment).

Note: Star Transit does not discriminate against faith-based organizations in accordance with the Code of Virginia (2.2-4343.1D) or against any bidder because of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, age, disability, or any other basis prohibited by state law relating to discrimination in employment.

All Inquiries For Information Should Be Directed to Bill Moore 757-787-8322 bill@mystartransit.org (757) 787-8322 bill@mystartransit.org mystartransit.org

In Loving Memory
 VALICE RAY
 HARMON

January 3, 1983 ~
 December 13, 2016

*Merry Christmas in Heaven Ray...
 The Christmas tree took effort,
 to put it up today. And ornaments
 got wet from tears, I shed
 most every day. I never will
 get used to this, you being gone
 from me. It's changed the way
 I look at life; it's changed our
 family. And so I'll try to focus on
 the day we'll be together. And I'll
 continue missing you and loving
 you forever and forever.*



In Loving Memory of
 Etta (Granny) MacDowell

In Memory

Those we love remain with us, for love itself lives on. Cherished memories never fade, because one loved is gone. Those we love can never be, more than a thought apart, for as long as there's a memory, they live on in our heart.



Love,
 Your Children

Connie Morrison,
 We are so proud of
 you for the success
 of your newspaper.

*Love,
 R and M*

LOST PET: Reward for Flynn



3-year-old neutered male, 80 lbs., brown and white springer spaniel.

CALL:
 757-787-0901 or
 757-630-5427.

Help Wanted

T THERAPEUTIC INTERVENTIONS



Now Hiring

Therapeutic Interventions, Inc. is seeking qualified individuals for their Office Manager/Administrative Assistant position serving the Eastern Shore area. Work experience required.

Duties include:

- Must be able to provide great customer service
- Must be proficient with Microsoft Office
- Must be skilled in the use of all office equipment
- Must possess organizational and office management skills
- Must possess record keeping skills
- Must have excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Must be able to multi-task effectively
- Must be able to lift 40lbs
- Must be able to take direction from various supervisors

Position is a full-time position and includes a full benefits package.

To apply send resume to:
abuscher@therapeuticinterventions.com

T THERAPEUTIC INTERVENTIONS



Therapeutic Interventions, Inc. is currently seeking full-time employees for our School-based, Therapeutic Day Treatment program.

Have a degree in a human service field? Apply now!

- Qualified applicants must possess:
 - o At least a Bachelor's degree in a human services related field or special education from an accredited college; this can include:
 - Psychology
 - Social Work
 - Counseling
 - Early Childhood Development
 - Nursing, etc.

To verify that your degree is on the approved list, email your questions to the address below.

To apply send resume to:
abuscher@therapeuticinterventions.com

Locally Owned, Locally Operated

Help Wanted (Cont'd)

Multifaceted Organization Seeking Qualified Administrative Person

Locally owned and operated business seeks individual with general and technical office skills. All applicants applying should be experienced in the following areas. Accounts Payable, Accounts Receivable, Billing, Collections, Human Resources and Payroll (including required filing of all Federal and State reporting). Additionally, the candidate should be knowledgeable in IFTA requirements and reporting along with multiple state reporting of sales and use tax. The successful candidate must be strongly versed in Word, Excel and Quick Books. If you like working in fast paced environment and enjoy being challenge daily and being equally rewarded for your efforts, please send your resume with salary requirements to: Successful Candidate, P.O. Box 1137, Exmore, VA 23350.

Northampton County is accepting applications for a full-time Code Compliance and Building Inspector. The essential function of this position is to enforce violations for abandoned cars, grass complaints, dangerous structures, and solid waste and perform building inspections. Performs customer service relative to above duties and enforcement of municipal codes.

Requires high school diploma or GED, supplemented by trade, apprentice, or vocational school programs in one or more building construction disciplines, and experience as a property maintenance inspector, building inspector or in one or more areas in the construction field; or equivalent combination of education and experience.

Requires valid Virginia Driver's License.

Excellent communication skills are essential. The minimum salary for this position is \$36,118 plus benefits.

Please refer to Northampton County's website online for further job descriptions, requirements and county's application form www.co.northampton.va.us/jobs.html. Please submit completed County application form with cover letter to Human Resources P. O. Box 66, Eastville, VA 23347 by January 18, 2018. Northampton County is an EOE.

Northampton County is accepting applications for a full-time Zoning Administrator. The essential function of the position is to enforce zoning ordinances and is responsible for knowledge and enforcement of County zoning ordinances, related inspections, and preparing reports.

Conducts inspections for compliance with County zoning ordinances; resolves non-compliance issues. Serves as Subdivision Agent.

Requires Bachelor's degree in public administration or a closely related field.

Requires valid Virginia Driver's License and a Virginia Association of Zoning Officials' certification.

Excellent communication skills are essential. The minimum salary for this position is \$48,400 plus benefits.

Please submit completed County application form with cover letter to Human Resources by email by December 21, 2018. Northampton County is an EOE.

EASTERN SHORE RURAL HEALTH SYSTEM, INC.
is currently recruiting

Controller for the Corporate Office

Must have at least 5 years accounting and finance experience and an advanced degree in accounting. CPA preferred. Requires thorough knowledge of accounting principles and procedures, experience with creating financial statements, general ledgers and accounting software. Supervisory experience preferred.

Individual must be energetic, flexible and self-motivated with strong attention to detail, communication, teamwork, customer service and computer skills.

This is a full-time position with benefits.

If you are a mission-driven person looking to make a difference, email an **application** to hr@esrh.org before noon on December 28, 2018. Applications can be obtained from www.esrh.org. Resumes may accompany the application but will not be considered if sent alone.

Eastern Shore Rural Health offers a competitive benefits package and our campuses are Tobacco-Free Workplaces. EOE/M/F/Disability/Vet



Full-Time and Part-Time R.N.s and L.P.N.s - 3 p.m. til 11 p.m. shift and Part-Time Weekends R.N.s and L.P.N.s 7 a.m. til 3 p.m. shift

Full- and Part-Time G.N.A.s - 3 p.m. til 11 p.m. shift and Part-Time Weekends 7 a.m. til 3 p.m. shift

Please apply on line at www.hartleyhall.org or apply in person at: Hartley Hall Nursing & Rehab Center, 1006 Market Street, Pocomoke City, MD.

OFFICE COORDINATOR

Northampton County is accepting applications for a full-time Office Coordinator in the Planning, Permitting and Enforcement Department.

The essential function of the position is to assist the Director of Planning, Permitting and Enforcement with the timely execution of legally mandated duties. The position is responsible for coordinating administrative support for the enforcement of County Codes relevant to the Department and issuing permits. This includes preparing agendas, public notices required by law and production of minutes for groups including but not limited to Planning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, Wetlands Board, and the Agricultural Forestal Committee.

Excellent communication skills are essential with two years' experience in customer service. Requires high school diploma or GED, and one year of college or vocational school education in business administration or a closely related field.

This position is starts with a minimum salary of \$25,666.

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ACCOMACK COUNTY Virginia

Deputy Clerk I | F/T with benefits | Open Until Filled
Salary: \$24,625 - \$26,125 based on experience

Accomack County is currently recruiting for a full-time Deputy Clerk I position in the Commissioner of Revenue's office. The position is responsible for performing a variety of clerical and customer service duties for the Commissioner of the Revenue's Office. Employees in this classification perform skilled clerical work. Duties involve assisting taxpayers with questions concerning their accounts, data entry, file maintenance, and processing corrected assessments, routine abatements and refunds.

Minimum qualifications are high school diploma or GED; supplemented by vocational/technical training in business or secretarial science; supplemented by one (1) to three (3) years previous experience and/or training involving administrative, clerical or data input work; or an equivalent combination of education, training, and experience. Preferred qualifications: bilingual capabilities; three to five years of experience in real estate, tax prep or banking work environment.

Satisfactory completion of a background check and pre-employment drug screen are required prior to employment. Job description and details are available online: <https://www.co.accomack.va.us/home>. Review of applications will begin Thursday, January 3, 2019.

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ACCOMACK COUNTY Virginia

Code Enforcement/Building Inspector
Full time with benefits | Range: \$37,338 - \$41,538

The County of Accomack is seeking applications for a full-time position of Code Enforcement/Building Inspector, in the Building, Planning & Economic Development department.

The position is responsible for enforcement of state, federal, & local laws and regulations, codes and ordinances related to residential and commercial structures, in a uniform and systematic manner. *Applicants must be able to perform field work and may be assigned to do inspections in any location within the County.*

Minimum qualifications: A high school diploma or GED; the ability to read and interpret building plans and specifications; Experience with enforcing building and zoning codes and ordinances; Ability to perform basic mathematical calculations. Preferred qualifications: Bilingual capabilities and ability to use mobile devices and platforms.

Possession of a valid Driver's License and the satisfactory completion of a criminal history, drug screening and DMV records checks are required prior to employment. Job description and details are available online: <https://www.co.accomack.va.us/home>. Review of applications will begin Thursday, January 10, 2019.

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all of us at The Eastern Shore Post

ACCOMACK COUNTY Virginia

Appraiser I or Appraiser II
F/T w/benefits | Salary Range: \$ 37,338 - \$45,738
 (depending on experience)

Accomack County is recruiting for a full-time Appraiser. The position is responsible for identifying, locating, evaluating, and appraising real property in the County for taxation purposes. The technical appraisal work performed by the position requires the ability to interpret, utilize, and correlate a wide variety of data and information. Duties include field inspections to collect & record property data. Duties also include inputting property data; reviewing & analyzing data; discussing assessments and changes in value with property owners; Applicants must possess communication skills as well as a strong aptitude for mathematics including the ability to interpret and perform statistical calculations; be proficient and knowledgeable in the use of computer systems; and, experience in serving the general public.

Minimum qualifications: a high school diploma or GED; supplemented by vocational or technical training in real estate, real estate law, ethics and business; 3 to 5 years' directly related experience; or an equivalent combination of education, training and experience. Preferred qualifications include: Associate's degree or higher in business, or related field and demonstrated ability to use mobile devices and platforms.

Possession of a valid Driver's License and the satisfactory completion of a criminal history, drug screening and DMV records checks are required prior to employment. Job description and details are available online: <https://www.co.accomack.va.us/home>. Review of applications will begin Thursday, January 10, 2019.

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Accomack County Sheriff's Office is accepting applications for the following position: **Full-Time Certified Law Enforcement 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, January 7, 2019, at 5:00 p.m. Accomack County Sheriff's Office is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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)
 - Emergency Services Clinician
 - Mental Health Facility Technician
 - Part-time Driver
- Residential Counselor

For more information or to apply, please visit the ESCSB's website at www.escsb.org



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For Classified or Legal Advertising CALL Angie at 757-789-POST.

Help Wanted

GENERAL Dentist office in Accomack, VA, looking for a part-time Dental Hygienist and part-time receptionist. Please send your resume to 93murphy@comcast.net
FT-BROADBAND INSTALLER Experience preferred but not required, we are willing to train. Must be willing to work outside, climb ladders, and work well with public. Must be a licensed driver. Please email resumes and references to careers@chesbaycommunications.net
DRIVERS NEEDED for ready mix concrete, must have CDL. See Craig Wilbert at T&W Block, 21075 Washington Street, Onley, VA.
NEEDED: VIRGINIA INSPECTOR/MECHANIC Top dollar for individual with state inspectors license. Contact Ross Kool at Kool Ford 757-787-1209.

Boats, Etc.

14-FT. BOAT TRAILER FOR SALE - \$750. Call 442-4923.

'90 22-FT. SEAPRO CUDDY CABIN - Rebuilt OMC 225. 160-gal. fuel tank, 22-ft. aluminum trailer w/brakes (Grady White clone). \$10,300 REDUCED: \$6,000. Pat-757-442-4635.

1997 EAGLE CENTER CONSOLE - Fiberglass, '04 Loadrite trailer, '02 90 hp Yamaha w/150 hrs., VHF, depth finder, all fishing gear, 3 elec. winches, internal bilge pump & gas tank, \$4,000. 757-336-5256 or 410-404-6066 (ask for Bob).

'79 18-FT. COBIA - 115 h.p. Mercury, radio, depth finder, fish finder, safety equipment, EZ Load trailer (roller type), Reduced: \$2,750 OBO. 757-442-5019.

MERCURY OUTBOARD PROPELLER SS 22-PITCH - Like new. \$450. 757-710-0070.

DOUBLE-SCRAPE LICENSE - \$1,500 OBO -757-709-8854.

WALKER BAY 8-FT. DINGHY with oars and inflatable tubes. One tube needs patching. \$200. Call 757-787-7493.

'98 SUNBIRD CUDDY CAB - 130 h.p. Evinrude, 222 hours, w/trailer. \$3,500. 757-709-2371, leave msg.

BOAT WHEELS - 4-blade, 1 pair, 19" x 23-1/2" shaft. REDUCED \$400. Call 757-999-3437 & leave msg.

16-FT. REBEL SAILBOAT - boat and trailer: \$1,900. 757-787-3130.



'79 FORMULA 233 THUNDERBIRD - 23-ft. 5-7 350 V8 (less than 50 hrs.) New stern drive (less than 10 hrs.) Great open deck, Cuddy Cabin, Loadrite trailer w/ pwr. winch, well kept, exc. cond. **\$12,900.** 757-710-7146.

'02 CATAMARAN - 18', 75 h.p. Mercury eng. & trailer. Bought new in 2002. Low engine hours & exc. cond. \$8,000 OBO. 331-1319

25-FT. C-HAWK W/NEW FLOOR & STERN - New Alum. trailer. \$14,000 OBO. Call 757-709-8854.

HOBIE 16' WITH TRAILER - Blue sails & white trampoline. Good condition, ready to sail. \$1,200 Call (757) 710-2086.

5-HP MEYERS SUBMERSIBLE WATER PUMP - Includes electrical box. Used less than 30 hrs \$950. 442-7677 & leave msg.

'00 MAXUM 2800 SCR twin 4.3L V6 engines. Exc. cond. w/recent (2014) maintenance record. Many extras. \$16K OBO. Call 540-287-5047.

'01 18' TROPHY - Very good cond. + extras. Can be seen at K & E Marine, across from Perdue plant. \$11K. 757-678-3622.

'72 16-FT. BOSTON WHALER - 60 h.p. Mercury motor, just overhauled, teak console & bench, always kept inside, \$16,000 firm. 410-957-3259.

'11 CAROLINA SKIFF 258 DLV 175, Suzuki 4-stroke, Garmin GPS, radio, Bimini top, custom covers, tandem trailers, garage kept. 757-678-7529 or 757-414-3556.

FREE 26-FT. RANGER SAILBOAT in cradle w/ sails, rigging, cushions. Needs to be moved & repaired. 757-331-0315.

'90 22-ft. BOSTON WHALER - Orig. owner; w/150 h.p. 4-stroke Honda still under warrantee (less than 50 hrs.) Alum. trailer, T-top, 2-GPS/sonar units, \$22,000 firm. Will take older 15 to 17 ft. BW on trade. 434-821-9027 or 434-665-9260.

1983 Pro-Time 20-ft. Cuddy Cabin, 2006 150 HP Yamaha V-WAX, 2009 float-on trailer, and many extras, exc. cond. \$15,000 OBO 518-369-9458

'03 AQUASPORT OSPREY - 19-ft. 4-in. CC, 115 h.p. Johnson (low hrs.), EZ Loader trailer, new upholstery, must see! \$7,200. OBO. Call 757-678-6098.

CLASS A FISHING LICENSE - \$3,000 CALL 757-709-8854.

LUND \$3,800 - Alum. hull open fishing boat with Merc, 25hp 4 stroke OB on a Load-Rite galv. trlr. with elec. winch. Extras: trolling mtr., depth finder, rod holders, live well, cover, more. 757-824-4782 oystercarvr@aol.com

'87 26-FT. SHAMROCK - With anchor puller, never been used, lots of extra equipment. Call 757-891-2426.



'93 26-ft. Bayliner - 175 h.p. Mercury, fish finder, New Bimini top, potty. Fiber pontoon & trailer & new winch. **PRICED REDUCED: \$5,000 OBO.** Call Don at 757-787-2595.



'01 Shamrock Center Console - complete new engine with less than 100 hours, 5.7 liter multi-port injected, fresh water cooled, outriggers, new in 2015 Raymarine chartplotter/depth finder, older Raymarine depth finder, Garmin GPS, Uniden VHF radio, anchor pulpit with anchor & rode, swim platform w/ladder, T-top with rod holders & lights, three piece cockpit enclosure, triple axle aluminum trailer in great shape, **REDUCED: \$25,000. \$27,500.** Contact: karica2@verizon.net for further details.



1999 23-ft. SEA ERA \$10,500 - Upgrades; great condition; 150 hp Oceanrunner Johnson; live well; new wiring; Garmin; new canvas top; Price negotiable. (757) 665-1904.

CHARTER BOAT \$15,000 OBO - 34' Delta-ville Dead-Rise \$15,000 obo - Charter Fishing Boat. 2012 Re-Power Cat 3208T (757) 678-3718.



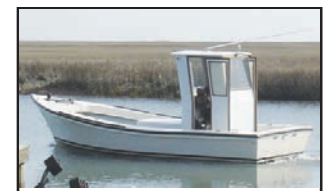
'86 27.2-FT. O'DAY SAILBOAT - 9.9 Yamaha, 4-stroke. Sails good, sleeps 4. Galley & toilet. Trailer & new winch. Draws 2'11". **PRICE REDUCED: \$5,000 OBO.** Call Don at 757-787-2595.



1988 Grady White 20', 225 h.p. Yamaha, 2 axle trailer. Ready to go. **REDUCED: \$7,000.** Call 757-824-5748.



'88 BOSTON WHALER 22' Offshore Cuddy, 225 h.p. Yamaha w/new water pump & trailer w/new tires. \$7,500 OBO. Can be seen at Pasco in Exmore. **757-442-7773.**



'84 21-FT. KEN CRAFT - Pilot house, fresh water cooled, V8 inboard, pocket drive w/galvanized trailer. \$10,500. **757-665-6564.**

34' DELTAVILLE DEAD-RISE \$28,500 OBO - Charter Fishing Boat. 2012 Re-Power Cat 3208T (757) 678-3718. dat556@verizon.net www.ltbaycharters.com
'87 18-FT. WINNER Center Console Boat with a 150 h.p. Mariner motor on a 1999 Star trailer. REDUCED: \$2,900 OBO. Call 757-710-3726.

Farm & Lawn Equipment

2010 CUB CADET LAWN TRACTOR - Shaft drive, 50" cut, needs engine, \$300. 757-894-5912.
1953 ANNIVERSARY JUBILEE 600 FORD TRACTOR - \$3,500. 442-7507.

Feed & Seed

HORSE HAY - \$5 per bale.
STRAW - \$3.50 per bale. Call 757-824-3930 or call 757-894-1339 (cell).

Firewood

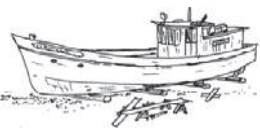
PLENTY OF SEASONED OAK AND CHERRY FIREWOOD CUT 16"-18" - 757-678-2566.

Livestock

2 HORSES FOR SALE - 1 Thoroughbred Gelding (grey, 8 yrs. old) and 1 American Morgan Mare (palomino, 7 yrs. old). Rideable English or Western style. Would like to sell as a pair to a good home. Call 757-787-7992 & leave msg.

Misc. - For Sale

20-YR. COLLECTION OF FRESHWATER FISHING Tackle & memorabilia. Selling "The Fish Room." Rods, reels, antique lures, etc. Call for info.: 757-710-8387.
COMPLETE DJ SYSTEM - Can be used for home use also. Includes Numark 2-CD mixer, speakers, stands, amplifier, & subwoofer. Call for price: 757-442-2718.
FISHER WOODSTOVE FOR SALE - \$400. Call 757-710-8034.



Sell your car or boat for only \$30!
CALL 789-POST

FOR SALE: ANTIQUE CHINA CLOSET. \$200 OBO. Call 757-787-7307.
4 DECK ROCKER CHAIRS - Soft spring matching cushions. \$100. In Silver Beach. 442-4761.
ENTERTAINMENT CENTER - Includes 42" flat tv (Pioneer 5.1 surround sound), receiver, Sony compact disk player, Bose speakers. All sold as 1 unit: \$800 OBO. 757-693-2154.
LIKE NEW: 2 INDIAN HEAD PENNIES - \$6 a set. Call 757-442-4252.
1986 HONDA BIG RED 250 3-WHEELER - 1-owner, extra seat, baskets, hitch, service manual, good cond., perfect deer drag. 665-5348.
DISPLAY CASES - Three display cases are 6 ft.; two are 3 ft.; one corner. Will sell separately or together. Call for pricing. Pick up only. 757-442-5873.
SONY WEGA 55-INCH LCD REAR PROJECTION TELEVISION - REDUCED: \$275. \$375. Call 757-709-0813.
LARK ENCLOSED TRAILER 5'x8' - Like new, built-in shelf, used 1 time. 665-4424. \$1,700.
30KW KOHLER GENERATOR - 4-cyl. diesel, 3-phase or 1-phase. \$3,500. Exc. shape. 787-1469.
PERFORMANCE INCREASE POWER PROGRAMMER - Instant horsepower, improved economy, easy installation, lifetime warranty. 4.8, 5.3, 6.0 & 8.1, '99-'06 GM trucks. Pd. \$400 for it and only asking \$200. 787-4674.

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This newspaper will not knowingly accept advertising for real estate that violates the fair housing law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis. For more information about Virginia's Fair Housing Law or to file a fair housing complaint, call the Virginia Fair Housing Office at (804) 367-8530. Toll-free call (888) 551-3247. For TDD users, please call the Virginia Relay by dialing 7-1-1.



Mobile Homes

BIRDSNEST AREA - 3BR trailer, W/D hookup, refrigerator & range included, porch. Dep. req'd. Sec. 8 welcome. No pets. 757-678-7483 leave name & number.

BIRDSNEST - Mobile home for rent. 2BR, 1BA. Quiet, peaceful neighborhood. Call & leave msg. 757-789-7654.

2BR MOBILE HOMES IN NORTHERN ACC. CTY. FOR RENT - Section 8 approved. Call 757-710-8894.

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 New Church, VA 23415

2- & 3-BDRM mobile homes rent starts at \$600 per month. Refrigerator/range/washer/dryer hook-up. Weekly trash pick-up, water/sewer, lawn care are included in rent. Transit Bus Service. No pets.

(757)824-0315

Real Estate

EXMORE - 2BR house & 2BR trailer on one acre lot. \$60,000. 442-7507.

BRAND NEW!!! 3BR, 2BA home, ready to move into. Located in Sussex County. Call for details: 302-846-9100.

Rentals - Apts.

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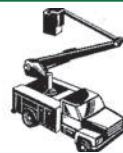


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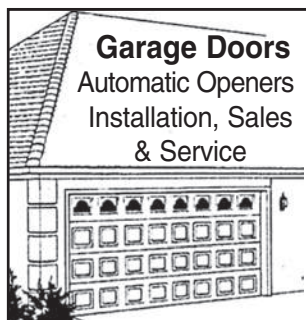
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Plaintiff
CIVIL CASE NO. CL18-313-00

vs.

The heirs and devisees of JOHN THOMAS HARMON
GEORGE L. HARMON

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

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

All that parcel of land near Exmore Station, Northampton County, Virginia, containing six acres, more or less, and designated as tax map number 10-A-111A.

standing in the name of John Thomas Harmon, pursuant to Section 58.1-3965 et seq. of the Code of Virginia.

And an affidavit having been filed that due diligence has been used to ascertain the names and location of all of the heirs, devisees and successors in title of John Thomas Harmon; that there are or may be other persons having an interest in the real estate forming the subject matter of this suit whose names and last post office addresses are unknown, namely, the unknown heirs, devisees and successors in title of John Thomas Harmon; and that George L. Harmon is a nonresident of the state of Virginia, whose last known post office address is 2935 Fielder Way, Rex, GA 30273.

It is ORDERED that this Order be published once a week for two successive weeks in the Eastern Shore Post and that the parties named herein appear on or before January 18, 2018, at 9:30 a.m. in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for the County of Northampton, Virginia, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this suit.

ENTER: This 12th day of December, 2018
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NOTICE OF OYSTER GROUND APPLICATION

Kathryn Sterling, (2018151) has applied for approximately 4 +- acres of oyster planting ground in Millstone Creek situated in Accomack City/County and described as follows: **North By: Vacant, East By: MLW, Vacant, South By: MLW, Vacant, West By: Vacant, Lat/Long: N37-34.3418 W75-39.7779**

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Tucker Terry and NANDUA SELECTS, (2018156) have applied for approximately 30 +- acres of oyster planting ground in Bradford Bay situated in Accomack City/County and described as follows: **North By: Accomack PG 37, Vacant, East By: Accomack PG 40, South By: Stratton PF #14759, Paul PFs #12817 & #13658, West By: Vacant, Lat/Long: N37-35.5765 W75-41.1390**

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By Linda Cicoira

The holidays can cause a lot of stress and depression for a variety of reasons. Money and missing loved ones are biggies. The experts from the Mayo Clinic say there are things we can do to avoid or ease the feelings of despair.

"If someone close to you has recently died or you can't be with loved ones, realize that it's normal to feel sadness and grief," staff at the clinic suggested. "It's OK to take time to cry or express your feelings. You can't force yourself to be happy just because it's the holiday season."

Try reaching out when feeling lonely or isolated. "Seek community, religious or other social events. They can offer support and companionship. Volunteering your time to help others al-

so is a good way to lift your spirits and broaden your friendships."

The clinic also reminded us to be realistic. "The holidays don't have to be perfect or just like last year. As families change and grow, traditions and rituals often change ... choose a few to hold on to, and be open to creating new ones. For example, if your adult children can't come to your house, find new ways to celebrate together, such as sharing pictures, emails, or videos."

Here's a good one: "Set aside differences ... until a more appropriate time for discussion ... and be understanding if others get upset or distressed when something goes awry. Chances are they're feeling the effects of holiday stress and depression, too."

Stick to a budget when spending for presents. Ugh! I hate that one. Try donating "to a charity in someone's name, give homemade gifts, and start a family gift exchange."

"Plan ahead," the clinic people said. Well, there goes my plan, which is to never plan. I like taking life as it comes.

"Set aside specific days for shopping, baking, visiting friends, and other activities," the clinic staff agreed. "Plan your menus and then make your shopping list. That'll help prevent last-minute scrambling to buy forgotten ingredients. And make sure to line up help for party prep and cleanup."

"Learn to say no." Yes!

Don't overeat, get plenty of sleep, and exercise during the holiday season. Hello? Am I the only one thinking this is a little unrealistic? See paragraph four. The sweets are staring at me. I've got a lot to do and no time.

"Take a breather." Well, shopping does that for me but I realize that doesn't do it for everyone. The clinic suggested talking a walk at night and stargazing, listening to soothing music, getting a massage, or reading a book. Hey, we'll have suggestions for that last one in our annual book survey in an upcoming edition. Yippee!

"Seek professional help if you need it," the clinic stated. "Despite your best efforts, you may find yourself feeling persistently

sad or anxious, plagued by physical complaints, unable to sleep, irritable and hopeless, and unable to face routine chores. If these feelings last for a while, talk to your doctor or a mental health professional."

Despite that we are almost in the year 2019, there is still a stigma about getting professional help. It's wrong not to seek help.

And last but not least, "Take control of the holidays. Don't let the holidays become something you dread. Instead, take steps to prevent the stress and depression." They suggested learning to recognize your triggers like financial pressures or personal demands before you have a meltdown. Great idea!

I vote for positive thinking in the effort to find peace and joy all the time. But it's not that simple or easy. "Research has shown that when people focused more on kindness and other good works, they not only felt happier but also developed a stronger ability to fight off disease." Now that's a big, big Yippee! Have a calm and relaxing holiday season and thanks for reading the Eastern Shore Post.

Safely Selecting Securities

By Richard L. Saunders

Special to the Eastern Shore Post

In light of the \$100,000 investment loss of the Community Fire Co. Inc., of Exmore, the following are steps that organizations and individuals should consider taking before deploying their hard-earned money.

Know all you can about the person trying to sell you a financial product or security. All individuals and firms selling such items must be registered with the state. Check with the Virginia Securities Commission (www.scc.virginia.gov/srf/). If there is any question regarding the person's registration, run as far as possible from him/her.

The product itself must be registered. While securities of companies traded on major exchanges are obviously registered, there are a lot of far less transparent securities, notes, and CDs being marketed that may not be registered. This may have been the case in Exmore. Also, any "guaranteed" rate of return well in excess of what is commonly available should be a red flag.

You can find out a lot about the person soliciting your business by going to www.finra.org and using their broker-check feature. FINRA stands for the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority. It is a self-policing body, but generally quite good. You will be able to see:

- The employment history (a person holding many jobs in a few years may be someone to avoid)

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- Disciplinary actions filed against this person, the nature of the complaint(s), and the outcome(s)
- Securities companies can be checked the same way. Financial "advisors" can be sometimes checked through www.adviserinfo.sec.gov Ultimately, what you do with the data you gather is your call, but informed decisions generally work out better than uninformed ones.

One might be approached by an individual with an alphabet soup of initials after his/her name trying to sell you financial products. Do not be snowed by supposed credentials. Some sets of initials represent designations that require rigor to obtain and maintain (e.g., CFP for Certified Financial Planner). Other designations can be purchased for \$99 on the internet. This whole area is not centrally regulated. A table at www.finra.org lists most of the commonly used abbreviations along with what it takes to obtain and maintain the various designations.

Like any other decision one makes as a consumer, information is power. You are always the best defender of your own financial well-being.

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Thank You for Holiday Help

Dear Editor:

To all of our community partners, Northampton Salvation Army, faith based groups, volunteers and individual donors, who give of themselves and resources to make Christmas a little brighter for children and seniors in Northampton County, we say thank you.

Words sometimes fall short of expressing the difference that you make in the lives of others. On behalf of the board of directors and staff at Northampton Department of Social Services, we wish you and your loved ones a very merry Christmas and hope for a wonderful new year.

Mozella Francis, Director, Northampton Social Services

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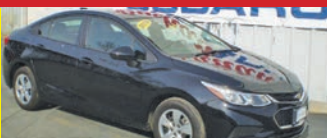
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